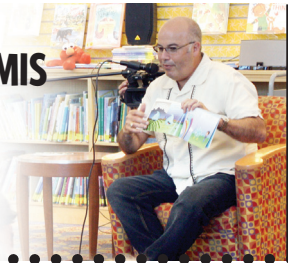


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### SJPD Chief Larry Esquivel to retire

By William Bellou  
Publisher

San Jose Police Chief Larry Esquivel will retire effective early next year after 30 years of service to the San Jose Police Department.

Esquivel, who has served as police chief since January 2013, said he will forever be thankful for the loyal support given to him and his department.

"It's been an incredible journey over the past three decades, and I couldn't imagine being anywhere else but here as a member of San Jose Police Department," said Esquivel.

Esquivel, who faced many challenges during his career, was promoted to sergeant in 1997, lieutenant in 2005, and captain in 2010



Esquivel

when he served as Foothill Division Commander. He became a deputy chief in 2011 and was appointed Acting Chief of Police upon the retirement of former Chief Chris Moore in January 2013. He was officially confirmed as Chief of Police in December 2013.

"It has been an honor to serve and protect while wearing this badge, and I will forever be thankful for the support given to this department and me," said Esquivel. "We have incredibly talented men and women at SJPD that we can be extremely proud of."

Esquivel said that he believes that its time for the next generation to lead, which he believes will open up leadership opportunities for others." I'm  
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### Almaden Valley Women's Club celebrates 50 years of giving to the community

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

The Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC) was founded in 1965 to stimulate interest in the social, civic, and cultural improvement of the community. Fifty years later, they are still going strong.

"Fifty years is a long time, and I'm super proud," says AVWC President Dawn Clarkson. "It's about building relationships and partnering with the community. Our club was started by women who wanted to do that, so they bought a piano for migrant workers."

Clarkson, who has been a member for about 12 years, joined AVWC because she wanted to volunteer in the Almaden Art &  
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AVWC Board of Directors (counterclockwise from bottom left): President - **Dawn Clarkson**, Secretary - **Nicole Gittleson**, VP Membership - **Denise Myrick**, VP Programs - **Brittney Weinerth**, Treasurer - **Carina Beal**, VP Fundraising - **Carina Armann**. *Photo courtesy of AVWC*

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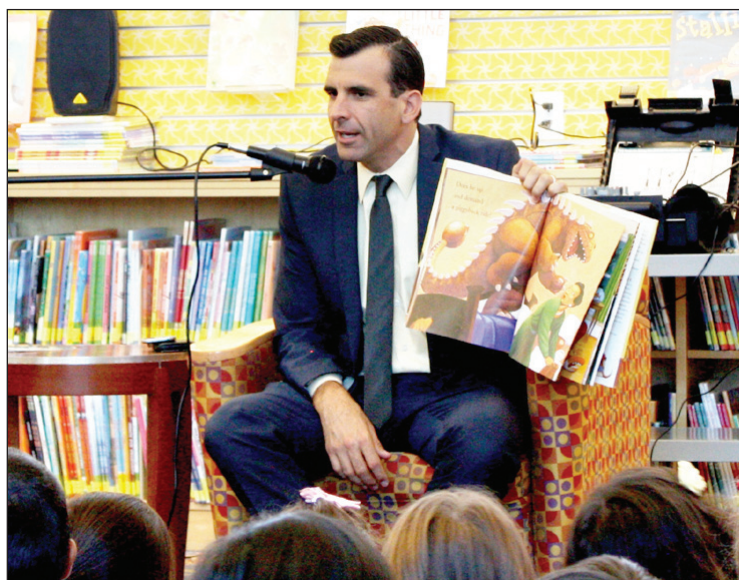
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# Valley Currents

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## Liccardo, Khamis celebrate extended library hours with 'Story Time'



San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo** (left) and Almaden District 10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** celebrated extended San Jose Library hours with a special story time at the Almaden Library on July 16. Liccardo read from "How do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?" while Khamis read from "Costi and the Raindrop Adventure."

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Almaden Councilmember District 10 Johnny Khamis celebrated extended San Jose Library hours with a special story time at the Almaden Library on July 16.

After a special puppet show for the kids, Liccardo and Khamis both read a book to children 3-5 years old at a special "Celebrate Story Time" at the library.

Khamis read a book he authored called "Costi and the Raindrop Adventure." Khamis wrote the book to appeal to four-to-eight year old readers and parents who want to begin educating their children about science and nature. The book is filled with colorful scenes and action-packed adventure and is full of animals and adventure which captures the imagination of both children and parents.

Liccardo read the book "How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?" It's an entertaining book teaching good bedtime behavior combined with children's fascination with dinosaurs and Mark Teague's irresistible, humorous illustrations. The first half of the book shows dinosaurs acting up at bedtime and the second part shows dinosaurs saying goodnight nicely.

### Voters extend library hours with Measure B

Four years ago, during the Great Recession, library services were slashed to four days a week, with half of the branches closed on Saturdays.

Voters overwhelmingly approved Measure B last year - which

renewed for 25 years a city library parcel tax that was originally approved in 2004 and was set to expire in 2015.

Mayor Liccardo, as part of the March Budget message, recommended restoring funding for San Jose's Libraries to open six days a week.

All 23 branch libraries are now open six days a week, including Saturdays, providing a safe learning environment for thousands of people.

On July 11, all 23 San Jose public library branches were open, with nearly 17,000 visitors.

## Almaden Hills church hosting backpack drive for National Night Out Aug 4

Almaden Hills United Methodist Church will be providing backpacks stuffed with school supplies to students in the Hoffman-Via Monte area on National Night Out on August 4.

According to church officials, the backpacks will be stuffed with school supplies. Congregants will stay after services on Aug. 2 to help fill the backpacks.

The church is seeking financial donations for the backpack program; checks should be made out to AHUMC with "backpack" as a note.

To volunteer, contact Bruce Eshleman at [bruceeshleman@yahoo.com](mailto:bruceeshleman@yahoo.com) or (408) 267-3314. The church is located at 1200 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose, CA 95118. Phone: (408) 269-2345.



## Mailbox



### Fireworks pose unnecessary risk

Editor,

President John Adams said, "Honor your nation's independence in the best way that you know how."

Looking down from above, he must have had a very big smile on his face as he viewed the Fourth of July Parades giving recognition to deserving veterans, individuals, and organizations in cities and towns across this great nation.

Suddenly, that broad smile

must have changed to a wide-eyed look of horror on his face when he looked down and saw the needless deaths; injuries; loss of eyesight, fingers, and limbs; house fires; forest fires; grass fires; explosions; toxic waste, and pollutions caused by fireworks.

It's time for the President of the United States, the Surgeon General, the National

Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Association of Police Chiefs, the Sierra Club, the Humane Society of the United States, and other responsible national and local organizations to mount an educational campaign that could be entitled, "PARADES, YES; FIREWORKS, NO!"

Thomas Roy Harney

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Times **Community News**

## Police Chief

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confident we're now on the right path toward stability and growth under our current leadership teams, and I know I'm leaving our department in very capable hands," said Esquivel.

For the past three decades Chief Esquivel has served in almost every function of law enforcement as he was promoted through the SJPD ranks. He was hired as a police reserve officer in 1984 and was appointed as a sworn police officer in January 1986. Over his career he has worked in patrol, narcotics enforcement, Special Operations - MERGE Unit, investigations, field training, internal affairs, and administration.

"Chief Esquivel's strong leadership and commitment to collaboration has steered our police department to keep our residents safe — with the lowest rate of violent crime of any major city in America during some very difficult years for a workforce that lost hundreds of officers," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo.

"He will be missed. I congratulate and thank Larry for his long, successful career in service to the people of San Jose," said Liccardo.

"The past several years have been among the most challenging in the Department's history, and Chief Esquivel has provided strong and collaborative leadership to guide the men and women who serve and protect our community and to achieve greater stability for the Department in the face of daunting difficulties," said City Manager Norberto Dueas.

"Throughout his career and the many years I've known him, Larry has served as an excellent role model in the department, and he has earned the respect and trust from his fellow officers and our community while he opened productive communications channels, encouraged new ideas, and inspired top performance."

Dueas announced that he will name Assistant Chief Eddie Garcia to serve as Interim Chief after Esquivel steps down next January. Chief Garcia has served with the Department since 1992, and he has been Assistant Chief since January 2013.

"I'm confident both Larry and Eddie and their management team will continue to provide stability, continuity, and effective leadership to guide the department effectively during this transition," said Dueas.



**Garcia**

## 'National Night Out' set for August 4 in Almaden Valley

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

Almaden neighborhoods are preparing for this year's Annual National Night Out which takes place on Tuesday, August 4.

The 32nd National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department.

Several neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Some additional event ideas include ice cream socials, disaster preparedness, games, and contests.

"If you haven't experienced a National Night Out event, you're missing a fun time," said Johnny Khamis, District 10 Councilmember. "I've had the privilege of visiting several National Night Out events and I've met some fantastic neighbors — all involved in making our local neighborhoods safer by getting to know each other a little better," he said.

National Night Out gatherings include long tables of homemade potluck dishes, and small gatherings in a driveway with take-out pizza in the newest and oldest subdivisions.

This year more than 38 million people across the country are expected to participate.

- National Night Out is designed to:
- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
  - Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime prevention efforts
  - Strengthen neighborhood spirit and



Neighborhood fun was evident for the Almaden residents that live on the Mallard Ridge streets at their National Night Out celebration in 2014. *Photo by Shane Patrick Connolly*

police/community partnerships

■ Send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back

"No two National Night Out events are alike, but they all seek to accomplish the same goal — to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer and better place to live by looking out for one another," said Khamis.



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### 2015 Water Savings by Major Retailers

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San Jose Water Co.	30%	52,065	36%	35%	22%
Santa Clara (City)	30%	8,650	26%	29%	15%
Sunnyvale	30%	7,792	38%	36%	23%
San Jose Municipal	30%	7,783	39%	33%	22%
California Water Service	32%	5,031	40%	40%	27%
Palo Alto	24%	4,886	46%	36%	27%
Mountain View	16%	4,421	38%	33%	24%
Great Oaks	30%	4,417	38%	37%	24%
Milpitas	30%	4,264	31%	24%	16%
Gilroy	30%	3,280	34%	33%	22%
Morgan Hill	30%	2,805	35%	35%	26%
Purissima Hills Water <sup>1</sup>	2	610 <sup>1</sup>	37%	1	1
Stanford <sup>1</sup>	3	763 <sup>1</sup>	44%	1	1
<b>Total</b>		<b>106,767</b>	<b>36%</b>	<b>35%</b>	<b>22%</b>

<sup>1</sup> June 2015 data not available as of July 22, 2015

<sup>2</sup> 2-day/week water restrictions

<sup>3</sup> No percent reduction targets for domestic use

## June water savings show positive trend

The Santa Clara County water savings numbers for June are encouraging. The Water District reports that residents and businesses used 35 percent less water in June 2015 than they did in June 2013.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District board of directors set the 30 percent target in March, based on local conditions – how much groundwater we had left after the “winter season” and how much imported and local reservoir water we have to replenish it. They also called for a limit on watering landscapes to no more than two days per week.

Local water providers, both public and private, also adopted the 2-day-a-week watering limit, with a schedule that allows those with odd-numbered street addresses to water on Mondays and Thursdays and those with even-numbered addresses to water Tuesdays and Fridays. This limit, as well as increased media attention and public outreach, is helping us continue on our positive trajectory.

At a news conference today, water district officials, as well as elected officials and staff from cities and water providers around the county, thanked residents and businesses for their hard work in cutting back on their

water usage, and urged them to continue, especially during these warm summer months.

“I want to say thank you to everyone who is doing their part,” said water district director Richard P. Santos. “We are all in this together, and your efforts to save water will help our whole community, he said. “I also want to thank our local water providers, each of our cities and the county, who have worked with us to spread the message of conservation and achieve this impressive number.”

Santos said although there is talk of a strong El Niño this winter, there is no guarantee that it will bring rain or snow to Northern California. “Even if it does, we still will be short of the amount of water we need to make up for what we have already used, and to replenish our precious groundwater basins,” said Santos.

According to water officials, putting water back into our aquifers helps not just with the water supply, but guards against subsidence, or the sinking of land, which can cause costly damage to infrastructure, leave communities more susceptible to flooding and allow salt water to enter into our drinking water supply.

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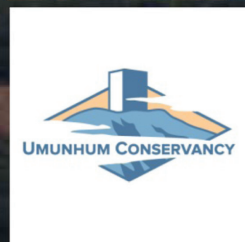
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## Mary Kelly new president of Super Lions

Mary Kelly has been elected president of Almaden Super Lions, an international service organization that prioritizes eye health.

Almaden Super Lions are currently completing a Back Pack Project for elementary kids and planning their Miniature Golf Fundraising event which is being held on September 17 at Golfland on Blossom Hill Rd. Funds from the Miniature Golf event pay for eyeglasses for students and low income adults as well as back packs and other community service projects.

Super Lions began in 1917 and is working on its 100 year birthday celebration. The International organization has a member-



ship more than 1.4 million.

Editor's note: Almaden Super Lions meet every Wednesday morning at 7 am at Denny's at 1140 Hillsdale. For membership information call John at (408) 910-6597.

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Times **Features**

# 'Breaking the Bonds' organization to curb human trafficking; founded by high school student

A team of high school students and youth leaders are trying to help reduce the number of children involved in human trafficking. The organization, called "Breaking the Bonds," was founded this year by high school student Rhea Basarkar.

"In many parts of the world, the violation of children's human rights through labor trafficking, street exploitation, and sex trafficking are common and accepted," explained Basarkar. "Globally, 5.5 million children are trafficked and exploited for labor and/or commercial sex annually."

The organization's goal is to aid in the reduction of the number of children involved in these practices as well as help those kids who are recovering. "We feel that all children should grow in an environment where they can be educated and safe," said Basarkar.

Basarkar said she was inspired to start the organization when she experienced an incident that happened to her five years ago. "We were visiting India when I was 10, and a little boy, maybe 12 at the time came to my dad and asked him for money," said Basarkar. "My dad shook his head to say no, but I can still remember the look of sadness and hopelessness on the boy's face."

Basarkar said she revisited the memory of her dad speaking to the boy five years later. "My dad told me that the boy was probably involved in street exploitation, where people abduct kids from villages and force them to beg in the cities," she said. "To this day, I don't know who the boy was or if he even



Breaking the Bonds organization team (left to right) **Rebecca Koshi**, founder **Rhea Basarkar**, **Rachel Dunkley**, and **Julian Sanghvi** hosted a bake sale to benefit a local shelter.



was involved in these practices, but it really sparked something in me to give back and contribute for these kids, who are not as fortunate as I am."

"Breaking the Bonds" had a fund raising event last month which included a bake sale. The proceeds will be going to a local shelter in India called Don Bosco Navajeevan. ([www.dbnjhyd.org](http://www.dbnjhyd.org)), a shelter and rehabilitation center for street exploited children and child laborers.

For more information, visit *Breaking Bonds'* website: [breakingthebonds.org](http://breakingthebonds.org). Instagram: @breakingthebonds, Twitter: @BTB world. Email: [breakingthebonds10@gmail.com](mailto:breakingthebonds10@gmail.com)

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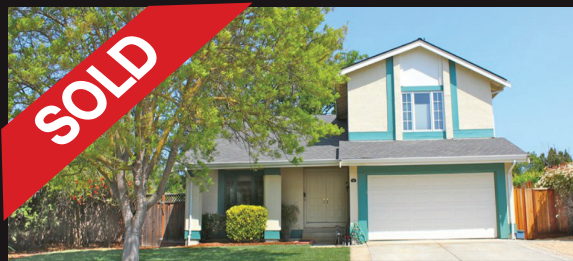
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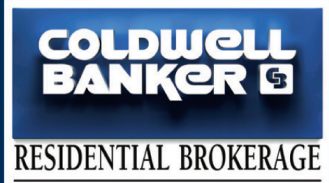
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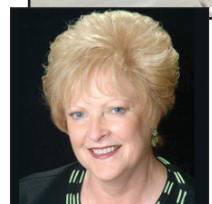
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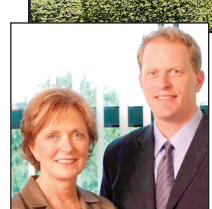
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## Times Feature

## Guidelines for your children's guardian, just in case

By Donald J. DeVries

*Special to the Times*

This week's question:

My husband and I have three children, ages 12, 10, and 6. We are thinking about drawing up some papers so that our children are cared for by a guardian just in case something happens to us. Do you have any ideas on just what to include?

Susan S.

*Almaden Valley*

Dear Susan:

It is a very good idea to have some papers drawn up for a guardianship, just in case something happens to you and your husband. In fact, I think it is very, very important. And many couples just do not seem to get this done.

You will want to see your own attorney about this topic, since it clearly calls for legal advice.

You would call your document "Nomination of Guardians of Our Minor Children", or something close to that.

Of course, you will need to name a person as Guardian or perhaps a couple as Co-guardians to serve as guardian if you and your husband are not with us any longer. That person or couple would in effect raise your children if it became necessary. It would be good to secure their OK to serve in that capacity ahead of time.

Your Nomination of Guardians would state your family information. It would, of course, state the names of guardians. (No prior experience is necessary, but stability and common sense are.)

You would probably provide that if it is a couple that the survivor of them would serve alone. The Superior Court would have jurisdiction over the children, but it is a rare case where your "Nomination" would not be followed by the Court.

The Guardian would have physical and legal custody of your children. The Guardian would also have the right and responsibility to make all decisions relating to the health, education, maintenance, support, and welfare of your minor children.

You would want to make it clear that the cost of raising the children, including health insurance, would come from your funds and not out of the Guardian's pocket. This needs to be made very clear from the outset.

I would state that it is my wish that the children remain residents of California, but that the Guardian may move the children to a different state if necessary.

It would also be good to state that frequent and continuing association between your children and both your families is in the best interests of your children. Also, I would state that the Guardian shall encourage visits by your children's relatives.

As the children become older, their physical custody may be shared among family members, and I would so state. Your family and the Guardian's family should be allowed to communicate with your children, and your children should be allowed reasonable oppor-

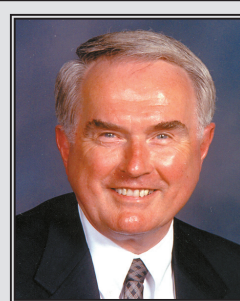
tunity to communicate and visit with their relatives.

It would also be good to provide that the statement of your wishes concerning the raising of your children and their contacts with the two families is not intended to, and shall not, create legal rights in the two families.

I would also include a statement to the effect that the Guardian is encouraged to consult with your family on material matters affecting the health, support, education, and welfare of your children, taking into account the best interests of the children, and where possible, the children's desires and your desires for the children.

Situations where such consultation may be appropriate are undergoing non-emergency medical treatment for serious illness or injury, obtaining orthodontic care, obtaining psycho-

logical counseling or treatment, becoming involved in court actions, obtaining a driver's license, entering into legal contracts, and changing schools, quitting school, or obtaining special education.



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It is a very good idea to have some papers drawn up for a guardianship, just in case something happens to the parents.

I would also have a provision to the effect that the Guardian is encouraged to provide religious training for your children, similar to what has been practiced in your home.

You would also be wise to have alternate guardian or co-guardians names listed just in case something happens to your first choice.

You would also want to state that any prior nominations of guardian are rescinded or canceled, so as to cover any prior wills or trusts that you and/or your husband may have signed. This is easy to overlook.

Your document would waive the requirement for the posting of any bond. This is something like an insurance policy that may not be needed in that situation, thus saving some cost.

At the end of the document you would be signing a Declaration under penalty of perjury that the document is true and correct.

So, there you have some guidelines, Susan, just in case it becomes necessary. Again, this is a very important topic.

Donald J. DeVries

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# Drones and wildfires: helpful or dangerous?

By **Debbie Miley**  
*Special to the Times*

There has been much discussion about how drones might be used to help in the fight against wildfire, but no one saw the potential for extreme danger that recreational drones might pose to firefighters.

As the use of recreational drones expands, how to regulate their usage in situation like this will need to be dealt with. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has recently stated that people that operate drones illegally could be fined but there has been a lot of controversy by those that want to use drones in commerce. The FAA has put a temporary flight restriction around wildfires. If the owner of the drone is contacted by the FAA and continues to operate it in an unsafe manner, they could face fines anywhere from \$1,000 to \$25,000.

As we heard during the North Fire last week in Los Angeles, the agencies were unable to dispatch water drops over the cars on fire on the Freeway that day for at least 20 minutes due to recreational drones flying over the scene trying to obtain that "one great video."

As an organization that represents over 10,000 boots-on-the-ground firefighters during the height of wildfire season, the National Wildfire Suppression Association is concerned about the issue of recreational drones because our number one priority is keeping people safe.

Not only is the danger to the folks flying

those air tankers and helicopters, but also the responders on the grounds who are working to extinguish the flames. Aviation resources provide valuable support to the emergency personnel on the ground in a wildfire, and it is a strategically coordinated effort. Therefore, if these drones put a cog in the wheel, they are also putting the lives of the folks on the ground at risk, as those responders are depending on water or retardant drops.

"If a drone is detected flying over or near a wildfire, we will stop air tankers from dropping fire retardant; helicopters from dropping water; and other aerial firefighting aircraft from performing wildfire suppression missions. We stay stopped, until we can confirm that the drone has left the area, and we are confident it won't return," said Steve Gage, a Forest Service Representative from the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, ID.

The same scenario is true for wildland firefighters battling any fire, if an incident occurred where there was an entrapment on the ground, and aviation water/retardant drops could save those firefighters from death. Let us hope that a recreational drone is not getting that one great shot at the sake of the lives of our firefighters.

Is that one great video worth risking lives?

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# The Founding Fathers would embrace energy independence

By **William L. Schachte, Jr.**  
*Special to the Times*

The United States is closer than ever to fulfilling the vision of our Founding Fathers. By achieving energy independence, we can achieve freedom from foreign influence.

Yet on the basis of alarmist claims, the Obama administration is balking on two key elements of this new energy security: hydraulic fracturing — or fracking — and offshore drilling on the Atlantic Outer Continental Shelf.

By doing so, the administration is proving itself unworthy of the legacy and pioneering spirit of our nation's forefathers.

America's founders took huge risks when they crossed the Atlantic Ocean in search of a better life — and they took an ever bigger risk when they declared independence from an oppressive and very powerful king. They were bold and intrepid, and their indomitable spirit led to the founding of a great nation.

Were they alive today, our forefathers would be ashamed to see the cowardly reluctance to embrace fracking and offshore drilling — despite the proven safety of both and the clear economic and national security benefits.

Environmental activists have trumpeted the supposed risks of these techniques. Critics assert that they risk air and water quality, and endanger workers, local communities, and wildlife.

But these claims are baseless.

A recent report from the Environmental Protection Agency concluded that fracking poses no risk to drinking water. Studies from the Department of Energy and the U.S. Geological Survey have supported the EPA's finding.

Current energy development is safer than ever. New research has led to better well designs and improved sub-sea equipment. Offshore pipelines include computers and sensors to detect structural weaknesses. And marine vessels, terminals, and storage tanks have all been upgraded.

Activists forget that nothing worthwhile is ever entirely risk-free. In fact, our country's history is full of individuals with the courage to seek great achievement — despite grave risk.

Our current approach is anything but courageous and pioneering; it's hesitant and weak-kneed. If George Washington had acted similarly, he would have told his troops to fold their tents and go home during the horrible winter at Valley Forge in 1777 — if he had ever taken on the role of commander-in-chief of the Continental Army in the first place.

When it comes to U.S. energy development, we need to stop giving risk more weight than it's due.

Developing the OCS would result in a \$24 billion gain for the U.S. economy and 280,000 new jobs. Unfounded fears about risks should not stand in the way of what could be an even bigger boon for our country: true U.S. energy independence.

Although the Obama Administration has issued a draft proposal for a new 2017 to 2022 oil and gas leasing program for the OCS, its approach is overly cautious. This is typical of an administration that allows its agenda to be driven more by emotion than by reason.

U.S. energy policy should not be determined by the warrantless claims of environmentalists. Instead, America should fully embrace the development of U.S. energy resources — including by

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fracking and offshore drilling.

In doing so, we can fortify the economy, reduce America's dependence on dangerous foreign sources of oil, strengthen our national security — and live up to the great heritage of American Exceptionalism established by our Founding Fathers.

*Editor's note: William L. Schachte, Jr., a retired U.S. Navy rear admiral, is chairman for Vets4Energy.*



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# 4-H Club to show livestock at Santa Clara County Fair this weekend

Traditional offerings of corn dogs, cotton candy and carnival rides will be selling briskly at this year's Santa Clara County Fair returning to San Jose for a four-day run starting July 30.

Entries from Almaden members of the local 4-H Club and Future Farmers of America (FFA) organizations will be shown and an auction is planned for Sunday, August 2 at 9 a.m.

According to fair promoter Steve Stagnaro, there is a renewed interest in the livestock and agricultural offerings at the fair. "We are seeing a resurgence and local entries are on the increase," he said.

4-H Club and FFA Youth will



Country music performer **Austin Webb** and hypnotist **Michael Mezmer** will entertain the crowds at the fair.

offer over 150 quality animals (steers, lambs, goats, hogs, rabbits,

chickens, and turkeys) for auction to the highest bidder in a real, old-

fashioned, live auction.

Children raising animals outside



of the organizations are also welcome to enter the showing contests in hopes of a blue ribbon.

## Pigs entertain

This year's Fair will feature the new All-Alaskan Pig Races, where fuzzy pigs pack a lot of power sprinting down a flat track at 15 mph.

For car disaster buffs, there's a car demolition derby which really packs a punch this year on August 1.

The Bay City Bombers co-ed roller derby team will take on the American Roller Skating Derby All Stars.

Hypnotist Michael Mezmer is back by popular demand. He will attempt to mesmerize the audience with his hilarious antics.

New this year is a sea lion exhibit for those who like up-close and personal encounters.

Heading up the entertainment lineup will be country music performer Austin Webb.

Twinkle Time, a group that offers a bilingual high-energy pop concert, will also perform.

*The Santa Clara County Fair runs from July 30 to Aug. 2. Entry is \$8/adults and \$5/youth and seniors. Discounts are available online at the-fair.org.*

## SJ Learns launches after-school program funding opportunity for San Jose K – 3 students

The Request for Proposal (RFP) for SJ Learns, an initiative by Mayor Sam Liccardo to expand high-quality after-school programs, went live on Fri., July 24.

SJ Learns provides an opportunity for organizations to apply for funding up to \$500,000 to support innovative after-school programs in San José elementary schools for K – 3rd graders. The RFP is being administered by Silicon Valley Community Foundation and can be found at <http://www.siliconvalleycf.org/other-funding-opportunities>. San José school districts, charter school networks, and established elementary school coalitions are encouraged to submit a proposal to participate in the program. "We know that third-grade reading proficiency strongly correlates with high school graduation rates and remains a challenge for too many of San José's children," says Mayor Sam Liccardo. "Since the 1990s, our residents have recognized the need for City-funded after-school programs that, if well designed, can deliver consistent achievement gains. This is a first step in re-engaging the City of San José in supporting these critical programs that, after a decade of budget cuts, were all but eliminated." An informational conference call about the RFP and application process will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, from 3 to 4 PM. To register for the call or learn more about SJ Learns, go to [www.sanjoseca.gov/SJLearns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/SJLearns). The proposal submission deadline is August 21, 2015 at 5 PM. Applicants will be informed of grant decisions in October 2015. "The grants available through the SJ Learns initiative will help San José's young children—especially low-income kids with working parents—get the opportunities they need to succeed in school," said Emmett D. Carson,

Ph.D., CEO of Silicon Valley Community Foundation and one of the co-chairs of the SJ Learns Working Group. "I'm proud to be a part of this timely effort that will have a positive effect on so many children and their futures." SJ Learns will work with partners to explore strategies with the potential to further expand high-quality after-school programs. SJ Learns' priorities were established by a working group of leaders in the education and youth development fields throughout San Jose.

## International Technology University signs tuition reduction agreement

International Technological University (ITU) is offering full-time employees of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce members a 25 percent reduction in tuition in an effort to expand university ties with the local community.

"We are truly excited to be working with the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce on this partnership," said ITU President, Dr. Greg O'Brien.

"Silicon Valley businesses are a vital cog in the US economy and we are thrilled to offer their member company employees this opportunity to expand their horizons with an ITU education," said O'Brien.

The tuition reduction agreement applies to all of ITU's Master Degree Programs starting with the university's Fall trimester and extend through the Spring 2017 trimester. Active employees of Chamber member companies will be able to apply their 25 percent discount tuition discount to ITU as a full-time or part-time student, or upon enrollment through the university's Open Campus program.

"One of Silicon Valley's competitive advantages is its highly-educated, high-skilled workforce," said Matt Mahood, President and CEO



International Technological University President **Dr. Greg O'Brien** signs an agreement with **Matt Mahood**.

of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce. "Our partnership with ITU allows our member company's employees a great incentive for them to continue to expand their knowledge and expertise so they become more productive employees," said Mahood.

"ITU's partnership with us also demonstrates their commitment to the community and willingness to support our local economy."

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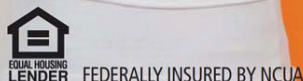
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AVWC members joined Councilmember Johnny Khamis at a Santa breakfast at Almaden Community Center. Photo courtesy of Dawn Clarkson.



The Almaden Art & Wine Festival celebrates 39 years this September. Mayor **Sam Licarrdo**, Councilmember **Johnny Khamis**, and former Vice Mayor **Pat Dando**, pictured with AVWC members **Carina Johnson** (Festival Chair), **Dawn Clarkson** (AVWC President), and **Bonnie George** (past President), are great supporters of the event. Photo courtesy of Dawn Clarkson.



AVWC Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Board: (l to r): **Yvette Fodor-Walsh**, **Ellen Hudson-Snyder**, **Brittney Weinerth**, **Carina Beal**, **Mythili Varadarajan**, **Carina Johnson** - Festival Chairperson, **Rebecca Stene**, **Christina Bullard**, **Wendy Banas**, **Sue Datta**, **Eileen Elam**, **Dawn Clarkson**, **Beth Swartz**. Photo courtesy of AVWC.

**AVWC**

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Wine Festival and give back to the community. As President, she has worked to rebuild the club's relationships with the city and non-profits.

Last year, AVWC received a commendation from the city presented by Mayor Chuck Reed, Councilmember Johnny Khamis and former Vice Mayor Pat Dando, in recognition of their good works and the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival, which at 39 years, is one of the oldest continuously run festivals in California.

"The AVWC is committed to serving the needs of the Almaden Valley community and those of greater San Jose, through donation funds raised at the annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival," reads the commendation.

"It was amazing and truly an honor," says Clarkson.

The city also presented the AVWC with a \$12,000 grant, which contributes towards expenses for the Festival.

"We are so fortunate to have exceptional support from Councilmember Johnny Khamis," says AVWC Public Relations Director Linda Stone, "which has resulted in allowing us to expand our scholarship and grant award programs to those in need of our sponsorship. We are looking toward a bright future."

All proceeds from the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival are awarded as community grants to educational facilities, and non-profit community organizations, as well as Academic & Service Scholarships to graduating seniors living in Almaden Valley.

Among those organizations receiving AVWC grants are local schools, Almaden Valley Counseling Services, Assistance League of San Jose, Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, Family Supportive Housing, Furry Friends, Hospice of the Valley, Kara, Loaves & Fishes, Martha's Kitchen, Next Door Solutions, Sunday Friends, and Turning Wheels for Kids.

Especially close to Clarkson's heart is Kara, a grief organization that assists people who've lost family members. "I know how important Kara is, as I lost both of my parents when I was very young and didn't have those support services," she says.

Funding varies from year to year depending upon the proceeds from the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival. Last year, \$8,000 was bestowed in scholarships and \$10,000 the year before. Scholarships are awarded to students residing in Almaden Valley on the basis of academic achievement and community service.

In addition to awarding grants and scholarships, AVWC volunteers in the community throughout the year. They make dinners for Fire Station 22 and volunteer at the Harvest Festival and Santa breakfast at the Almaden Community Center.

"It's all about community," says Clarkson.

**Almaden Art & Wine Festival 2015**

AVWC's signature fundraising event, the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival, will take place this year on September 20 from 10AM to 6PM at Almaden Lake Park. An Almaden Valley tradition since 1976, the festival features local artisans, boutique wines, gourmet food trucks, a Kids-Zone with crafts, carnival games, and rides, a silent auction, and more.

Entertainment includes popular bands and

Almaden Spirit Athletics, Cheer and Dance Teams, Dance Attach, Kendama Demonstration, Little Gym, School of Rock, and Shaolin Kung Fu Zen Academy.

"It's a community event that people look forward to every year," says Cheryl Ryan, a previous AVWC member. "Young kids learning to dance and doing other activities can participate in the festival, as can local artists and bands. It's so much bigger than just a fundraiser."

"The festival is so much fun," says Clarkson. "We all work together and there's great energy there. It's a small group of women who volunteer hundreds of hours."

"It's amazing how much work goes into making the festival what it is," says Ryan. "It takes a lot of planning and couldn't work financially without volunteers. You're exhausted at the end of the day, but it's incredibly gratifying."

"It's very fulfilling," says Clarkson. "Volunteering and giving back is a great thing."

**Sisterhood**

AVWC is a diverse group of fun-loving women who live or work in 95120, share in the spirit of community giving, and take great pride in volunteering together to give back to the community.

"Our club is rich not only in history, but in sisterhood, too," says Stone. "Many of our past members are still active in service today, such as former San Jose Vice Mayor Pat Dando. We work hard volunteering in our community, but we do manage to have lots of fun with gatherings and events. When a woman joins our club, she immediately gains a great group of friends."

"Our goal is to make people feel comfortable and welcome," says Clarkson.

"You build trust, relationships, and friendships, and that's huge," says Clarkson. "It's a collaborative effort. We take care of each other and are there for each other. One of our members had cancer, and we brought her dinners. I've made some great relationships, and I'm grateful for that. It's a sense of family for me."

Ryan first joined the organization as a way to connect with the community. "I had never joined a woman's group, so I didn't know what I was getting into," she says. "What I found was talented community-driven women who were good leaders."

Through AVWC, Ryan says she learned leadership and management skills from running committees, as well as event planning, and how to work with the city. Through participating in fund distribution, she also became knowledgeable about local non-profits, women's issues, and school projects (AVWC contributed to putting in a dance floor at Castillero Middle School, in addition to many other school-related enterprises).

It was the people that kept Ryan involved for more than 15 years in AVWC. "I met some of the nicest people through AVWC," she says. "Women who had a lot to offer. We had strong leaders who managed conflicts well. Their intention was for this to be a group that did good work, and this came through in everything they did. Every time I go to the store, or for a walk in Almaden, I see people I got to work beside in the Women's Club to make our community better. In addition to making money, it strengthens the social ties in our community, which is always a good thing."

To find out more, or to donate to the Almaden Valley Women's Club online, visit [www.almaden-wine.org](http://www.almaden-wine.org).



# Eco-friendly pest control ideas for your garden

By Melinda Myers  
Special to the Times

Spots on tomatoes, wilting stems, and holes in leaves means insects and diseases have moved into the garden.

Don't let these intruders reduce the beauty and productivity of your landscape. Work in concert with nature to prevent and control these pests and you will be rewarded with a bountiful harvest and landscape filled with beautiful blooms.

**Monitor.** Take regular walks through the landscape. Not only is it good exercise, but it will improve your mood and you'll discover problems earlier when they are easier to control. Look for discolored leaves, spots, holes and wilting. Inspect the underside of the leaves and along the stems to uncover the cause of the problem.

**Identify.** Once you discover a problem, identify the culprit. Your local extension service, garden center or reliable internet resource can help. Once identified, you can plan the best way to manage the culprit.

**Invite the Good Guys.** Toads, lady beetles and birds help control many garden pests. Attract them to the garden by planting herbs and flowers to attract beneficial insects, adding a house for the toads, and birdbath for songbirds. Avoid using pesticides and learn to tolerate a bit of damage. A few aphids or caterpillars will bring in the ladybeetles, lacewings, birds and toads that are looking for a meal.

**Clean up.** Many insects and diseases can be managed and prevented with a bit of garden cleanup. A strong blast of water from the garden hose will dislodge aphids and mites, reducing their damage to a tolerable level. Or knock leaf-eating beetles and other larger insects off the plants and into a can of soapy water.

Pick off discolored leaves, prune off diseased stems and destroy. Be sure to disinfect tools with 70% alcohol or one part bleach to nine parts water solution between cuts. This will reduce the risk of spreading the disease when pruning infected plants.

**Adjust care.** Reduce the spread and risk of further problems by adjusting your maintenance strategies. Avoid overhead watering that can increase the risk of disease. Use an organic nitrogen fertilizer like Milorganite (milorganite.com) which encourages slow steady growth that is less susceptible to insect and disease attacks.

Mulch the soil with shredded leaves, evergreen needles or woodchips. This will keep roots cool and moist during drought, improve



Floating row covers allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

the soil as they decompose, and also prevent soil borne diseases from splashing onto and infecting the plants.

**Non-chemical Controls.** If the problems continue, try some non-chemical options for insects. A yellow bowl filled with soapy water can attract aphids, a shallow can filled with beer and sunk in the ground will manage slugs, and crumpled paper under a flower pot for earwigs are just a few ways to trap and kill these pests.

Or cover the plants with floating row covers. These fabrics allow air, light and water through, but prevent insects like bean beetles and cabbage worms from reaching and damaging the plants.

**Organic products.** Organic products like insecticidal soap, Neem, horticulture oil and Bacillus thuringiensis can be used to control specific pests. And even though these are organic, they are designed to kill insects or disease organisms, so be sure to read and follow label directions carefully.

**Take Note.** Make notes on the problems and solutions in this season's garden; Refer to your notes next year to help you do a better job of monitoring and managing garden pests. And when shopping for new plants, select the right plant for the location and choose resistant varieties whenever possible.

A little eco-friendly gardening can go a long way in creating a beautiful and productive garden.

*Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books. She is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, features gardening videos, podcasts, photo galleries and monthly tips.*

# Get ahead of back-to-school season with a food storage plan

As much as 30 to 40 percent of all food in North America is wasted, according to the United Nations Environment Programme.

That's about 20 pounds per person every month! In terms of money, that's an alarming \$165 billion in wasted food annually, according to the Natural Resources Defense Council.

A smarter freezer storage plan, coupled with buying in bulk, saves time, money, decreases waste and makes for a more organized home. You can maximize the value of your freezer and ensure your hard-earned dollars don't go to waste with these five easy tips to help keep your family and freezer organized for a smarter school year.

**Make room to save more.** Consumers annually save \$750 on their food bill when buying in bulk. A freezer provides additional storage space, giving you the flexibility to store larger quantities of food out of the way while you keep items for immediate use close by. A great option is the Frigidaire freezer,

which boasts ample storage capacity, superior organization and peace of mind. Plus, it's ENERGY STAR qualified and is more than 22 percent energy efficient than standard freezers.

**Designate a meal prep day.** Free up your busy weeknights and save money with a little planning. You can ensure you always have healthy, home-cooked meals on hand by taking a few hours once a week to prep and cook your meals. Meals that you'll eat early in the week can be kept in the fridge until mealtime. Dishes you plan to eat later in the week can be placed in storage containers and frozen until use. After some practice, you'll be able to work efficiently and prep meals that work best for your family.

**Prepare for the unexpected.** Let's face it, things happen: storms roll in and the power goes out. Your freezer can be your biggest ally to combat food and money loss due to unexpected and uncontrollable events. To protect the investment you just made to your family's meal plan,

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**Find a bulk buddy.** While you may not need a 10-pound bag of cheese, you probably have a friend or neighbor who would split the cost with you. Make it a date; buy in bulk together then split the goods with the proper food storage containers.

**End Freezer Burn.** Reduce excess air in storage bags or containers, which toughens textures and worsens flavors. Note, however, that you'll need to leave space in containers that hold soup or sauce as liquid expands when frozen and could potentially crack your storage containers.

To find out how you can save more with a secondary freezer, visit [www.frigidaire.com](http://www.frigidaire.com).

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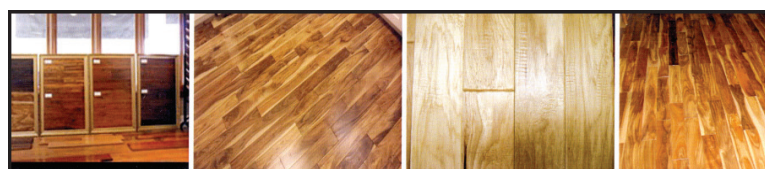
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