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Graystone fifth-graders enjoy their end-of-the-year party. Photos by Kama Fletcher

Mayor Liccardo releases June budget message

Mayor Sam Liccardo released his June budget message last week, and will present it to the City Council for consideration June 9.

"This budget reflects our community's top priorities, in improving public safety, and making carefully targeted investments in our future. In addition to safety, those investments focus on our children—for after-school programs, libraries, and summer jobs for teens—to our street infrastructure and jobs-creation," Mayor Liccardo said. "We'll continue to tighten the belt on other spending to live within our means."

The Mayor's June Budget Message focus-

es scarce City dollars on two overarching priorities: a safer, smarter San Jose, and investing in San Jose's future.

Safer, smarter San Jose

Hiring Police and Firefighters: committing more than \$6.5 million for recruiting and hiring police officers, and another \$1.95 million to add 14 firefighters with the expected approval of a federal SAFER grant in August.

Leveraging Technology: adding to those investments identified in the March budget message (data analytics software, mobile data computers, next-generation 911 capabilities, LED streetlights, a crime camera



Mayor Sam Liccardo

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Skip's Tire saves the day for Almaden's Graystone Elementary School

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

When Graystone Elementary School's fifth grade class came up short for their end-of-the-year party on June 3, Skip Lightfoot, owner of Skip's Tire, stepped up to sponsor it.

"We are so fortunate to have Skip's Tire sponsoring this special event for our fifth grade students," said Graystone Elementary School Principal Allison Long. "The party is a celebration of the students' hard work, as well as their last big event of elementary school. It is so much fun for the fifth graders and the teachers. We very much appreciate the support of Skip's to make this last event a memorable one!"

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Skip Lightfoot poses with Graystone Elementary principal Allison Long during the festivities June 3.

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Choirs from three schools in Almaden Valley, Almaden Country School, Allen at Steinbeck School and Simonds Elementary School, performed May 14 for the Kids Choral Festival.

Almaden Valley Kids Choral Festival hits a high note

More than 120 elementary and middle school children attended the third annual Almaden Valley Kids Choral Festival at Westgate Church, South Hills Campus on May 14.

Participating schools included Almaden Country School, Allen at Steinbeck School and Simonds Elementary School. This Spring Sing was created and coordinated by Mrs. Terry Bermudez to provide a non-competitive forum for

school children to sing to each other purely for the joy of singing.

Each school prepared songs to sing to each other and then Mr. Phil Robb, choral director at Los Gatos Christian, conducted the

combined choirs as they sang "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing."

This Almaden Valley Kids Choral Festival is made possible by a generous grant from the Almaden Valley Women's Club.

Leland and Pioneer earn their high school diplomas; valedictorians announced

This week, more than 2,000 San Jose Unified School District students will become graduates as they walk across the stage and receive their high school diploma, including Almaden's prestigious high schools, Leland and Pioneer.

The graduation ceremonies celebrate the culmination of academic careers in which teachers and counselors challenged, guided, and supported students turning them into successful graduates.

"We know that this year's graduating seniors have worked very hard to earn their diploma," said SJUSD Superintendent of Schools Dr. Vincent Matthews. "We applaud the Class of 2015 and their many accomplishments," he said.

"This is only the beginning of the many more rewards they have ahead of them, as the vast majority of our graduates will con-

tinue their education at higher education institutions.

Matthews personally thanked teachers and counselors for the work they have done preparing students for college and career

success. "We're also appreciative of their parents and families for supporting their senior from home as we all worked together to see this day," he said.

More than 40 percent of Leland's graduates are

graduating with honors, and nearly 30 percent of Pioneer's graduates. Leland High's graduates earned close to \$2 million in college scholarships, an exceptional accomplishment.

Leland valedictorians are:

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Fei Yu Chen
Stephanie Chen
Mason T Higginbotham
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Pioneer valedictorians are:

Wasay Anwer
Claire Bang
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Alicia Kim
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Juliana Ng
Florence Tam
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Leland High's Liu named a National Merit Scholar

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has named Leland High School senior Stacy Liu a National Merit Scholar.

As a National Merit Scholar, Liu receives a scholarship for \$2,500.

Liu joins a group of distinguished students nationwide judged to have the strongest combination of accomplishments, skills, and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Liu plans to attend the University of Pennsylvania where she will major in business management.

The National Merit Scholars were selected by a committee of college admissions officers and high school counselors from a pool of more than 15,000 finalists in the 2015 National Merit Scholarship Program. The committee reviewed each student's academ-

ic record including difficulty level of subjects studied and grades earned; scores from two standardized tests; contributions/leadership in school and community activities; an essay written by the student; and a recommendation written by a high school official.

The competition began when more than 1.4 million students, who at the time were high school juniors, took the 2013 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test, which served as the initial screening for program entrants. The highest scoring participants in each state were then selected as semifinalists. From the semifinalist group, 15,000 met the very high academic standards and other requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competition.

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registry, and firefighter deployment software), the June Message identifies funding for body-worn cameras, facial-recognition software, a pawn-slip database, license plate readers, and other tools that can make officers more effective in their daily work.

Expanding Civilian Roles to Enable More Effective Policing: doubling the number of Community Service Officers, and adding crime data analysts, fingerprint analysts, and crime prevention staff will improve our crime response. This will make our officers more efficient to focus on their most urgent priorities.

Crime Prevention: launching San José Works, which will enable hundreds of teenagers living in gang-impacted neighborhoods to obtain summer jobs, due to partnerships between the City and the County and with community-minded employers such as Lowes, Target, Pacific Gas & Electric, Bank of America, Microsoft, and Home Depot. The June message increases programs funded through the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force to an all-time peak of \$5.6 million, because San Jose has already benefited from the results of these programs, through lower rates of gang-involved crime.

Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety: pursuing our Vision Zero campaign, San Jose seeks to eliminate pedestrian and cyclist deaths. In addition to the March Budget Message's commitment of \$500,000 for neighborhood traffic calming improvements and citywide

deployment of LED street lights, the June message funds a "road diet" on Branham Lane, improved lighting on Foss Avenue, and supplemental traffic calming efforts in West San José.

II. Investing In Our Future

Our Children: The Mayor's March and June budget messages emphasize investment in the most critical resource, our children, by:

- reviving City investment in after-school programs for youth, through the San Jose Learns initiative, in partnership with foundations, universities, tech companies, school districts, and charters.
- opening the City's 23 public libraries six days a week beginning on July 1st.
- launching the San Jose Works. It is an innovative youth jobs initiative with a goal of increasing youth employment and expanding access to job training through partnerships with foundations, universities, local academies, school districts and charter schools. They will begin conducting interviews at San Jose City College on June 11.
- expanding internet access through Wi-Fi investments in community centers serving low-income neighborhoods, and through East Side schools in partnership with the East Side Union High School District
- boosting resources at youth centers on the East Side, at Berryessa and Alum Rock
- activating several gang-impacted East Side parks with summer programming, and launching a major park master planning process in Alviso.
- providing seed capital for the Family

College Success Center, to facilitate college readiness and attendance in our low-income communities

Streets and Roads: The Mayor proposes an unprecedented 50 percent increase (\$8 million) in the level of funding for street paving and repair, from the \$16 million proposed by the City Manager. Prioritizing road repair today will save much more costly road replacement later, which can cost six to 10 times as much. Other funds anticipated in this fiscal year, such as ending fund balance, and the state's "Triple Flip" payment, will also be prioritized for street pavement, supplementing the \$24 million expenditure this year.

Jobs: In this budget, the Mayor proposes several modest, targeted job-creation strategies, focusing on those opportunities for less-educated or lower-income residents to improve incomes and career prospects.

In the March Budget Message, the Council approved \$200,000 for a modest manufacturing initiative, and another \$250,000 to support activation of vacant storefronts by small businesses. With this June document, the focus turns to seed funding to launch a Business Improvement District in East San Jose, to support the Berryessa Business Improvement District, an Office of Immigrant Affairs that can assist immigrant business owners, translation services in our permitting department, and a jobs marketing strategy for San Jose.

You can find the June Budget Message at the following link: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=2710>

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Times **Community News****'Life's Little Moments' slated for June 28-30 performances**

A dinner presentation of "Life's Little Moments" will be performed by the Almaden Senior Association at the Almaden Community Center on June 28.

Written by Almaden resident Mary Sheehan, there will be plenty of characters to keep you laughing. The performers say that laughing at ourselves makes us live longer. Whether true or not, they said "why take chances?"

Dinner including wine is included in the performance \$10 for members, and \$12 for non-members. The dinner performance will be on Sunday, June 28 at 4 PM.

Tickets will be sold at the senior association table in the community center lobby on the following dates (from 8:30 until 10:00 AM) on Friday June 5; Monday June 8; Wednesday June 10; Friday June 12; Monday June 15; and Wednesday June 17.

Two additional performances have been added; a popcorn matinee on Monday June 29th at 2 PM, and an ice cream matinee on Tuesday June 30 at 2 PM. Admission price for matinees: \$5 payable at the door.



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Great Oaks Water Company proposes simplified rationing plan

The Great Oaks Water has proposed a "fair and simpler" rationing plan in comparison to the proposed San Jose Water Company's flat cap.

Here's what the plan does: Instead of a flat cap, water use by each home is limited to 70 percent of that home's usage in 2013.

If the homeowner exceeds the limit, the fine is \$4.66 per HCF, compared to a top fine of \$7.13 per HCF for San Jose Water Company.

To protect families that already reduced their water usage, there will be minimum water allocations for each home, and an appeals process for people who feel their allocation is unfair.

Mustangs in Central Coast Section playoff

The Pioneer Mustangs are in the Central Coast Section Division I playoffs, and many are saying they are playing their best baseball of the 2015 season.

The Mustangs tied for third with Willow Glen in the Mt. Hamilton Division of the Blossom Valley Athletic League with an 8-6 record. They took a 15-11 season mark into the playoffs and put together back-to-back wins to advance to the semifinals.

The Mustangs were joined in the CCS D-I playoffs by local rival Leland Chargers. However, the Chargers lost 5-4 to Piedmont Hills in the quarterfinals after opening with an 11-6 win over No. 8 Watsonville.



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- ◆ Guest bath with tile floors and spacious vanity with double sinks, Glass enclosed tiled shower and tub
- ◆ Stately master bedroom roomy enough for spacious sitting area, wide crown molding and glass slider which opens to one of the many patio areas
- ◆ Large master bathroom features double-wide tile vanity with his/her sinks, doorless walk-in tile shower with dual shower heads and jetted tub, heat lamps, bidet, tile floors, walk-in closet with Cedar floors and windows fill the room natural light
- ◆ Impeccably manicured grounds feature refreshing pool and spa, built-in brick barbeque, vast multiple covered patio's stretch across the back of the house with lush greenery provides privacy making alfresco dining a favorite way to share a meal with family and friends



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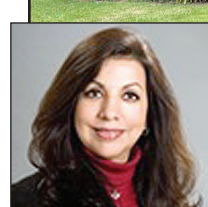
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Times Feature

Are schools failing students when it comes to money matters?

By Sean Eastwood
Special to the Times

Something may be missing as high school seniors across America accept their diplomas this graduation season.

Those years of K-12 learning likely provided them opportunities to learn about historic figures, find Canada on a map and dissect a frog.

But superintendents at most school districts across the country have failed to include required classes in the core curriculum that would help ensure the teenagers are prepared to handle money wisely after they graduate.

The teens' financial illiteracy could prove costly throughout their lives as they make – or fail to make – decisions about purchasing an automobile, borrowing for college, taking out a mortgage, saving for retirement and racking up credit card debt.

It's a potentially disastrous scenario just waiting to unfold, says Jim Chilton, founder and chief executive officer of the non-profit Society for Financial Awareness.

Most of our schools do little or nothing to teach students about financial literacy, even though it's a practical skill that will serve them all their lives," says Chilton, whose organization's mission is to "eliminate financial illiteracy, one community at a time."

SOFA does that by conducting free workshops and seminars for corporations, small businesses, government agencies, community colleges, libraries, churches or organiza-

tions.

Chilton says the need for his organization's services is great because so many adults, uneducated in the ways of money, struggle to understand finances and are prone to making decisions that prove costly to their bank accounts, retirement funds and investments.

What's especially frustrating, he says, is that the situation could easily be changed for the nation's future adults if schools made financial literacy a priority.

"Financial literacy really needs to be part of the core curriculum for every high school in America," Chilton said. "It's a subject our young people will have to deal with in life, whether they are prepared or not."

State education departments are making progress, but in fits and starts, and certainly not with the urgency that is called for, Chilton says. For example, New Jersey now requires that high school students take a course in economics and financial literacy to earn a diploma. The requirement began with the class of 2014.

"New Jersey has the right idea and is to be applauded," Chilton says. "But the education systems in most states are nowhere near where they need to be if we hope to have a nation of financially literate adults."

A 2013 study by the Center for Financial Literacy at Champlain College in Vermont gave 11 states an F because they had few or no requirements for personal finance education in high school.

California, is among the F states, which to

him is further demonstration of just how crucial SOFA's services continue to be.

"That's downright appalling," Chilton says. "We really need to turn the situation around. You can look at the spending and saving habits of so many Americans and the need for financial literacy just jumps out at you. People take on too much credit card debt. Many of them don't set aside money for emergencies. And about one-third of Americans have no retirement savings at all."

Just seven states earned an A in the Center for Financial Literacy study. Those top-performing states – Georgia, Idaho, Louisiana, Missouri, Tennessee, Utah and Virginia – require a standalone personal finance course or require that personal finance be part of another mandatory course. New Jersey earned a B in the study, which happened before that state's new graduation requirement kicked in.

The study noted that "we would not allow a young person to get in the driver's seat of a car without requiring drivers education, and yet we allow our youth to enter the complex financial world often without any related education."



"Change needs to happen in our education system," said Chilton. "And it can't happen soon enough."

Jim Chilton is the founder and chief executive officer for the Society for Financial Awareness, or SOFA (www.sofausa.org), a non-profit public benefit corporation with a mission to provide financial education across America. SOFA conducts free financial workshops and seminars to individuals, companies, and organizations on such topics as "Getting Fiscally Fit," "Financial Blunders," "Exploring Your Options for a Quality Retirement" and "Solving Debt."

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Times Feature

Filing of will with court mandatory after passing

By Donald J. DeVries

Special to the Times

This week's question:

My husband is not doing well physically and I was wondering about this will after he passes on. If everything is in our living trust can I just keep the will at our house? It's really no one else's business.

Nancy N.
Almaden Valley

Dear Nancy:

You emailed in a very interesting question, Nancy, and a good one. It makes sense to just keep the will at home if everything is in your and your husband's living trust.

However, the California probate code is very clear on our duties after one passes on.

Whoever is in possession of a will after one passes on is called a "custodian" of the will in the California Probate Code. Duties of a "custodian" are covered in §8200, as follows:

"8200. *Delivery of Will.* (a) Unless a petition for probate of the will is earlier filed, the custodian of a will *shall*, within 30 days after having knowledge of the death of the testator, do both of the following:

(1) Deliver the will to the clerk of the superior court of the county in which the estate of the decedent may be administered.

(2) Mail a copy of the will to the person named in the will as executor, if the person's

whereabouts is known to the custodian, or if not, to a person named in the will as a beneficiary, if the person's whereabouts is known to the custodian.

The current filing fee for filing a will is \$50.00. So, when you file the will at the courthouse, you would want to bring a check or cash for the filing fee as well as an extra copy of the will so the clerk can mark it "Received" and give you a stamped copy.

In that way, you have complied with the law in all respects. The will becomes part of the public record, but that is deemed best for all parties concerned.

Of course, until a person passes on, the will is usually able to be changed, i.e., modified, amended, or revoked. Thus, when a person is still living, his or her will is normally kept in his or her possession or in a safe deposit box.

You will note above that the law provides that the custodian of a will *shall* do two important things. The word "shall" usually means mandatory, and in this case that is very true. The word "may" is not used, since the filing of a will after the person has passed on is definitely not discretionary.

Just in case a person would "forget" the filing requirement or choose to ignore the law, California Probate Code §8200(b) provides as follows:

"A custodian of a will who fails to comply with the requirements of this section *shall be liable for all damages sustained by any person injured by the failure.*"

When you stop and think about that provision, the possible damages could be staggering. For example, if one of the beneficiaries named in the will did not receive the family home in Almaden because of the custodian's wrongful conduct, it could be a loss of over one million dollars. Very easily.

Almaden Times readers can easily review the basic Probate Code provisions on their own by going to their favorite search engine. You would enter California Probate Code Section 8200. And if you enter California Government Code Section 70626(d) you can see that the filing fee at the courthouse is \$50.00.

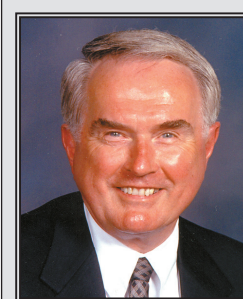
So, you can see, Nancy, that even though all of your family assets are in your living trust, the will needs to be filed at the courthouse if your husband should pass on.

It is very good to have those assets in the trust since that typically means that the assets bypass the probate process and therefore saves the family thousands of dollars in probate executor fees and attorney's fees.

And it is good to know that the trust is not filed at the courthouse—only the will, after the passing. This usually allows for maximum privacy for the family.

Donald J. DeVries
Almaden Valley

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Rice named to University of Vermont's dean's list

William Rice of Almaden Valley has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at the University of Vermont. Rice is a Sophomore Computer Science major at the university.

To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.



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Times **Local News**

Imobersteg earns Eagle Scout rank with troop 233

John Imobersteg (right) recently obtained his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 233. He joined the scouts when he entered first grade at Los Alamitos.

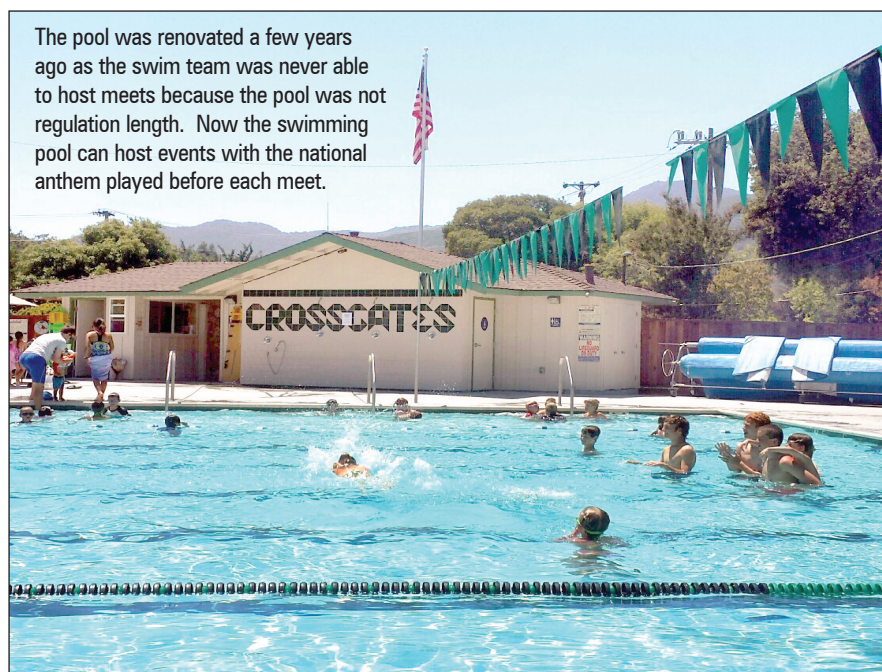
Imobersteg's Eagle Project was installing a 30 ft. flagpole at the Crossgates Swim Club in Almaden. "The pool was in need of a flagpole to honor our country at swim meets," said Imobersteg. More than 1,000 lbs. of cement was laid to hold the flagpole in position. Imobersteg has been on the gators swim team since he was 5 years old.

The pool was renovated a few years ago as the swim team was never able to host meets because the pool was not regulation length. Now the swimming pool can host events with the national anthem played before each meet.

Imobersteg raised money from a fundraiser night at Blue Rock BBQ and from family and friends donations. He will be graduating from Pioneer High School in June and attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo in the fall.



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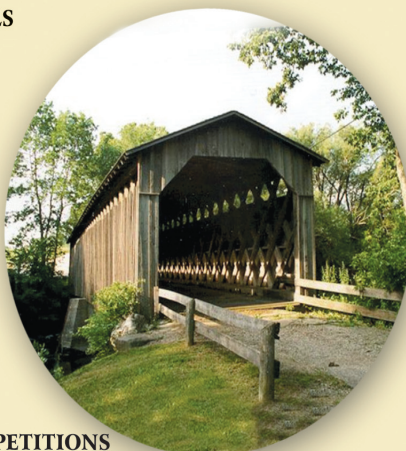
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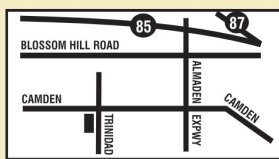
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Silicon Valley is home to one of the largest unsheltered homeless populations in the nation.

Photo courtesy of Economic Roundtable

Report : ‘Getting homeless off the streets makes economic sense’

Homeless advocates say getting people off the street is the humane thing to do, and now a new report says it makes economic sense as well.

A new study that bills itself as the “most comprehensive” of its kind has put a price tag on homelessness in Santa Clara County: a whopping \$520 million a year. Someone living on the streets costs taxpayers, on average, \$62,000 a year; that figure drops to \$20,000 if they’re placed in housing.

More than \$200,000 was shelled out by Santa Clara County to fund the study. The estimate comes from a report titled, “Home Not Found: The Cost of Homelessness in Silicon Valley,” which was released last week.

Researchers from Economic Roundtable located Southern California analyzed more than 25 million records relating to 104,206 county residents who lapsed into homelessness between 2007 and 2012.

The report showed the region spent \$3.1 billion during a six year period on medical and mental health treatment and jail stays. The study found that the county spends about \$83,000 a year each on 2,800 chronically homeless individuals, who cycle in and out of local hospitals and jails.

Silicon Valley currently has 7,567 homeless people—the seventh-highest count of any metro area in the nation and one of the highest rates of unsheltered homeless individuals.

New tree identification guidebook offered by Arbor Day Foundation

The Arbor Day Foundation has a book that helps people identify trees with a simple, step-by-step process. The book, *What Tree Is That?*, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinct characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide a must-have, user-friendly resource. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail and depict natural colors, shapes, and textures so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this book to help people identify trees in California and throughout the Western region of the United States. *What Tree Is That?* uses a unique

step-by-step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures, and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds, and bark.

“Our *What Tree Is That?* pocket guide is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees,” said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. “The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that.”

What Tree Is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name, address, and \$5 for each guide to “*What Tree Is That?*” Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at arborday.org.



Seven hundred students participate in Burnett Speech and Debate Tournament

By William Bellou

Publisher

The seventh annual Burnett Speech and Debate Tournament awards have been announced for participating students in sixth to eighth grades.

More than 700 students participated in the event from 40 local schools, making the Burnett Speech and Debate Tournament one of the largest in the U.S which was held on May 16-17. Schools as far as Langley, British Columbia participated in the event.

The tournament offers two divisions for each debate event: Regular division for students who have never competed in a high school debate tournament in a debate event. Experienced division is for students who have previously competed in a high school debate tournaments.

The top ranking students in each event received trophies. Special awards were also given at the tournament director's discretion to recognize exceptional effort or behavior.

The "tab room" (ballot tabulation room) and Judge's Room (ballot distribution room) was entirely run by Leland High School students. Leland High School and Burnett Middle School have worked together organizing and producing the program since 2006.

"One of my favorite parts of the speech and debate contest is watching the high school students run the contest and interact with the middle school students," said Lisa Aguerria, Burnett Middle School Principal. "The weekend tournament is all about students (both middle and high) applying learned 21st century skills that will take them far beyond their years in college."

Students participated in any of six speech events: Persuasive, Expository, Autobiographical Narrative, Duo Interpretation, Impromptu Speaking and Oral Interpretation of Literature, Public Forum, and Lincoln-Douglas.

"The Burnett speech tournament is one of the many ways in which Leland Speech and Debate students serve as positive role models for younger students within San Jose Unified," said Dr. Deepa Mukherjee, Principal, Leland High School. "I am proud of the way in which they have fostered the speech program at Burnett, selflessly volunteering their time to provide experiences for younger students to practice and improve their speaking and presentation skills, she said."

Speech and Debate Tournament Results Bret Harte Middle School

Eura Choi undefeated in Lincoln-Douglas Debate

Annie Borders – 3rd place in Expository Speaking

Jacqueline Paredes-Kao – 4th place in Expository Speaking

Eura Choi – 7th place in Expository Speaking

Sonali Chellappa – 6th place in Oral Interpretation of Literature

Leo Zhang – 7th place in Oral Interpretation of Literature

Dhruv Khokhani – 8th place in Oral Interpretation of Literature

Hannah Lee – Director's Award for Debate (for displaying outstanding personal character)

Almaden Country School

Aly McIntyre – 4th place in Autobiographical Narrative

Maeve O'Brien and Madurya Suresh – 4th place in Duo Interpretation



Above left: Burnett Assistant Principal, **Dr. Neil Eckardt**, is shown welcoming students to the debate portion of the two day tournament on Sunday, May 17th. Above right: The ballot tabulation staff enters competitor information into the tabulation software (Left: **Rian Diaz** (Burnett); Back to front: **Bill Lee** (Leland), **Ken Tanaka** (Leland), **Stacy Liu** (Leland)).



Tournament Director **Stacy Liu** (center) with Burnett Middle School Director's Award recipients **Joseph de'Angelo** (Burnett) (left) and **Jazmin Pena** (Burnett). Below: Bret Harte and Almaden Country School award winners (Front row from left to right: **Connor Cormier** (ACS), **Leo Zhang** (Bret Harte), **Dhruv Khokhani** (Bret Harte); Back row from left to right: **Sonali Chellappa** (Bret Harte), **Eura Choi** (Bret Harte), **Ritika Choudhary** (ACS), **Carol Gao** (Leland - Bret Harte Middle School Program Director)).

Sophia Scott and Rebecca Day – 7th place in Duo Interpretation

Connor Cormier – 1st place in Expository Speaking

Sophia Barwegan – 2nd place in Expository Speaking

Nicholas Shaw – 5th place in Expository Speaking

Vivek Veluvali – 5th place in Oral Interpretation of Literature

Ritika Choudhary – 1st place in Persuasive Speaking

Reece Pasquinelli – Director's Award for Speech (for displaying outstanding personal character)

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Times Feature



"The event not only gives the children and families so many memories to cherish but also provides a new dimension to their educational experience," said co-chair Kalpana Menon.

'Heritage Day' celebrated at Williams Elementary School

By Mani Parkhe
Special to the Times

Students, teachers and parents of Williams Elementary celebrated Heritage Day recently, bringing together diverse cultures in one colorful harmony.

The black top which usually is bustling with light blue and white uniform school kids exhibited colorful clothes, delicacies, and traditions from sixteen different cultures around the world.

Kids got their Heritage Day passports stamped while the crowd bounced across timezones and continents while taking in musical treats. The principal, Dr. Blizzard accompanied the school choir on his electric guitar. Dances around the world were performed by Williams Elementary students.

Geeta Abhay who co-chairs the event agrees. "I have loved every minute of the three years I have chaired this event. It's a fantastic opportunity to bring our communi-

ty together."

Kalpana Menon, event co-chair and parent of a fourth grader and a middle school child considers it a rewarding experience. "It not only gives the children and families so many memories to cherish but also provides a new dimension to their educational experience," said Menon.

Teachers were just as eager to participate—Ms. Tsigaris and her second grade class represented Greek culture, Mrs. Benson choreo-

graphed a Jamaican dance and Mrs. Schubert's class folded the crowd into the mix for some "Pop See Ko".

As the sun dropped low, crowds waited for the grand finale: The 'Circle of Friendship' started with kids who participated in all sixteen performances linked hands to form a chain, while parents followed their children's lead to create a united colorful mélange at Williams Elementary School.



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Silicon Valley luxury home sales climb 19% in April according to Coldwell Banker

Silicon Valley luxury home sales climbed more than 19 percent last month and the median sale price rose as well, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

The latest figures are based on Multiple Listing Service data of all homes sold for more than \$1.5 million last month in Santa Clara County.

A total of 278 luxury homes sold in April, up 19.3 percent from 233 high-end sales in April 2014. The number of luxury home sales last month was also up solidly from March 2015's level of 238 transactions.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury home in Silicon Valley in April climbed to \$2,137,500, up 4.3 percent from a year ago when the median stood at \$2,049,000. Prices were down slightly from February's \$2,173,500 median.

The upper end of Silicon Valley's luxury market continued to be the strongest segment last month with 150 sales over \$2 million, up from 124 during the same month last year, and 53 sales over \$3 million, nearly double the 29 sales at that level a year ago.

"Silicon Valley's luxury home market remains very strong, thanks to a robust economy, especially in the tech sector, gains in the stock market, and a growing number well-heeled buyers who want to move up to bigger homes," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "The biggest chal-



lenge we've had is getting enough inventory to meet the robust buyer demand, and we're gradually seeing a few more high-end listings coming on the market."

Some key findings from this month's Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage luxury report:

Homes sold in an average of 18.2 days on the market compared to 19.6 days a year and 17.3 days the previous month;

Sellers received an average of 110 percent of their asking price, the same as last year but down from 111 percent the previous month.

Editor's note: The *Silicon Valley Luxury Housing Market Report* is a monthly report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, a specialist in high-end real estate sales. Through its internationally renowned Coldwell Banker Previews® program, Coldwell Banker is recognized around the world for its expertise in the luxury housing market.

Almaden 'Senior Recognition' event recognizes group's numerous philanthropic contributions

The Almaden Valley chapter of the National Charity League (NCL) held its annual Senior Recognition event at Summit Center in downtown San Jose recognizing six years of philanthropic contributions to the community.

Senior Recognition is a tradition that honors young ladies and their mothers for their dedication, heart, and the hard work they have given to the community and NCL. It was a very special evening for extraordinary contributors to the community. The Senior Class of 2015, which gives to the community and the NCL organization, chose the theme "Oh the Places We'll Go".

Over their 6 years in NCL, the Class of 2015, has volunteered nearly 5,000 hours to local charities by supporting a wide variety of philanthropic organizations, such as Innvision, Cityteam Ministries, San Jose Family Shelter, and Sunday Friends, to name a few.

The Class of 2015 selected a project that would help the elderly. Organization members said the elderly are an underserved segment of our population. The class researched several facilities and decided on Carlton Plaza, a senior living facility. The next step was making a presentation to the Chapter NCL board of directors in



order to get the facility approved. At Carlton Plaza, the class provided support for ongoing activities, and planned and put on a very well received Valentine's Day Tea for the residents.

NCL Class of 2015 Seniors (pictured) include: **Therese Marie Abely, Elona Ashorina Bebla, Monica Marie Boss, Kate Cezar,**

Jillian Morici Duran, Ashley Gates, Kristin Reilly Gill, Stephanie Elizabeth Holden, Ashley Josephine Kirchick, Brooke Elise LaVelle, Carley Ann Madsen, Kaite McKim, Emily Anne Milburn, Kaitlyn Paige Schuster, Caitlyn Rose Tenczar, and Tanera van Diggelen.

NCL is a national mother/daughter

philanthropy group that does charity work throughout the community. The Almaden/Blossom Valley Chapter is one of 200 chapters nationwide in an organization that boasts more than 55,000 members. Although philanthropy work is an important pillar of the organization, NCL also focuses on two other core pillars for its young members: leadership development and cultural

experiences. Girls are given opportunities to develop important leadership skills and are exposed to cultural experiences to help broaden their thinking and also teach them to be poised in social situations. Girls may join NCL starting in the seventh grade and continue in the organization until they graduate from high school. For more information visit www.nclabv.org.

REVIEW: Disney's 'Tomorrowland' ambitious, visually stunning

By Steven Leonard

Tomorrowland is ambitious and visually stunning.

Hugh Laurie, famed for his portrayal on the television series as Dr. House, makes a compelling villain in the story. He's the genius leader behind the world Tomorrowland, and believes that humans who believe that nothing is possible deserve their fate and amplifies their negative thoughts through his witty inventions.

He's Dr. Evil – but much smarter. His arguments that humans are like moths headed for the flame makes us believe that perhaps he may be right. The destiny of humans throughout history reveal to us that we're on a collision course with our own negative self-fulfilling prophesies. Our belief system is what's slowly destroying our earth.

The people in Tomorrowland believe that nothing is impossible. They believe that our mind can take all of our creative thoughts and ideas and turn them into a physical reality. In contrast, the gatekeepers of civilization, i.e. science, government and religion believe that nothing is possible. These two worldviews have opposed each other since the beginning of time. Tomorrowland was created as a last hope and refuge for creative and positive thinkers. The problem arises when these creative geniuses give up all hope of saving the rest of humanity bent on self-destruction and suicide.

A war is waged between people with positive thoughts and people with negative

thoughts and impulses. Who but a true optimist like Casey (Britt Robertson), a bright, optimistic teen bursting with scientific curiosity fix the problem? She embarks on a danger-filled mission and journey to unearth the secrets of the enigmatic place somewhere in the time space continuum known only as "Tomorrowland." Can she restore our hope in humanity or will all be lost forever?

Open up your creative mind, submit uncritically to the spectacle as well as the in-the-moment rush. Soon the movie is whizzing off into the past and future with the wide-eyed expectation of a theme-park ride

Brad Bird's film plays like a giant roller-coaster ride, complete with thrilling peaks and turns, appealing to all ages with its genuine sense of fun, originality and brilliant structure.

"Tomorrowland" is a lovingly crafted beacon of cinematic hope.

TOMORROWLAND

Rating: PG (for sequences of sci-fi action violence and peril, thematic elements, and language)

Genre: Science Fiction & Fantasy

Written By: Jeff Jensen, Brad Bird, Damon Lindelof

Runtime: 1hr. 47 min



Above: Concept art from Disney's "Tomorrowland." Below: **George Clooney** (left), who stars in the film, appears at the world premiere of Tomorrowland at the Disneyland Resort. **Brad Bird**, the director, also met fans before the premiere. Photos by Jeff Baham; concept art ©Disney.





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The 'Aloha Fifth Graders' party, held at the Almaden Cabana Club, features a Hawaiian luau theme complete with tiki torches. In addition to swimming, activities included making friendship bracelets, a nail decoration and temporary tattoo table, black jack, ping-pong, and a volleyball tournament.

There was also a time capsule project; students can write notes about what's important to them, who their friends are, and their hopes for the future. A DJ from Los Angeles is flying in for the party, and the students have submitted their song requests with everything from AC/DC to Frank Sinatra. Students will also receive memory books with pictures of them in every grade from kindergarten on, which their friends can autograph.

This year, that party almost didn't happen due to a change in fundraising policy. Previously, when the students were in fourth grade, they held fundraisers (selling candles, chocolate, wrapping paper, cookie dough, etc.) to raise money for fifth grade Science Camp and the graduation party. However, last year, the San Jose Unified School District initiated a policy that all funding raised must be shared equally by the entire fifth grade class.

"Instead of tracking what each student raised individually, and allocating that money toward their own individual expenses, all the funds, regardless of student participation were split across the entire class," says parent Kama Fletcher. "The result of this new policy was that not as many families participated in fundraising and the money raised in fourth grade was not nearly enough."

For Long, there was no question where the money raised by the class would go first and foremost. "Science Camp is the most important event for our fifth graders," she says, "and therefore it is our first priority. It is often the first time the students are away from home, building their independence, while they experience hands-on science for an entire week. We wanted to be sure that our students could experience this no matter what."

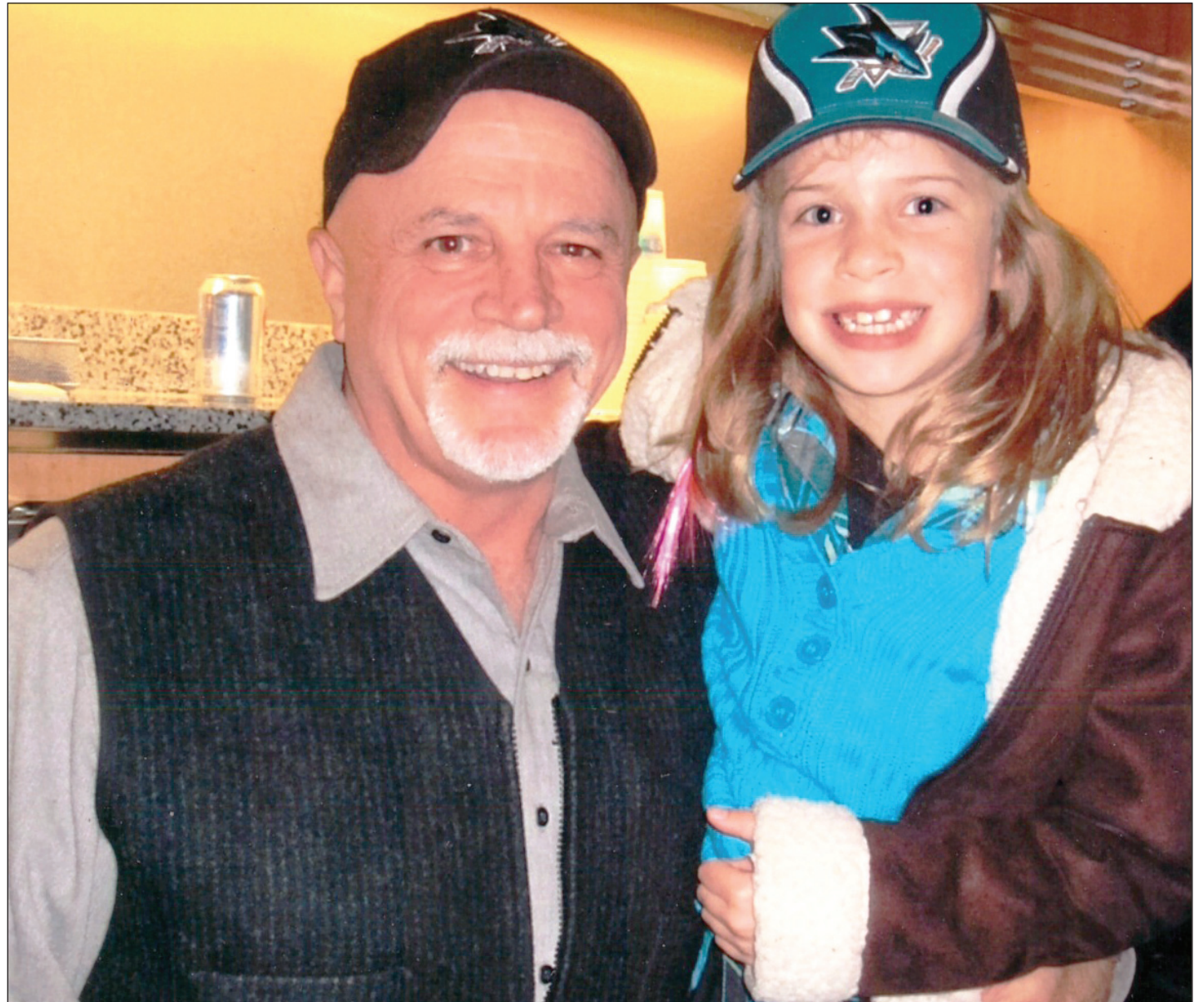
"We spent all that we raised on Science Camp," says Fletcher, "and were left with nothing for the typical \$3,000 expense of the end-of-year party." The cost associated with the party includes the use of the Almaden Cabana Club, school district insurance, decorations, signage, paper goods, food and more.

As the Chair of the fundraising activities, Fletcher decided it was time to look for a corporate sponsor.

"Lightfoot has been a friend of our family for a number of years, and has always been known to be a generous philanthropist to the local community," says Fletcher. "Therefore, I decided to pitch the idea of having Skip's Tire be designated the underwriter for the party."

In exchange for sponsorship, she offered him a full-page ad in the Memory Book, a banner highlighting Skip's support of the party to be hung at Graystone the week of the event, publicity, and asked Lightfoot to attend the party (where she intended to present him with a plaque).

"For me, personally, it's come full circle," says Fletcher. "My daughter, Faith, met him when she was a kindergartener, and to have



Faith Fletcher formed a close relationship with Skip Lightfoot from the time she was a little girl. Photo courtesy Kama Fletcher

him step up for this party when she's leaving Graystone is very special. I wouldn't have thought to ask him if it wasn't for her."

"Faith is kind of a weakness for me," says Lightfoot. "She's the sweetest thing. Anything she participates in, she knows to ask so we can donate."

Lightfoot met Faith (then age 5) at Starbucks one day.

"We're big Sharks sponsors and I was wearing my Sharks hat," says Lightfoot. "She and her mom came in, and Faith walked up to me and said, 'Hey, are you a Sharks fan? I'm a Sharks fan.' She just started to carry on a conversation and we had a rapport right there."

The two often spoke as there was half an hour between when Fletcher dropped off her son at Leland High School and took Faith to kindergarten, so they'd stop at Starbucks to pass the time.

"My daughter loved to talk to him," says Fletcher. "One day he gave her an autographed Sharks hockey card. Everyone seemed to know him and say hello to him. Finally, one day, we started talking and he said, 'My company sponsors the San Jose Sharks. Your daughter's an amazing little girl and knows everything about them.' I figured out who he was and our families became friends."

When Faith turned six, Lightfoot arranged for her to ride on the Zamboni during intermission at one of the Sharks' games.

"I love kids," says Lightfoot. "Parents know if they want to get something out of Skip's, you send in the kids."

"Skip also has a soft spot for the Almaden

community, given the amount of plaques I see on his wall," says Fletcher, "so it's clear to me that philanthropy and community are important to him. I hope other local family-owned businesses will also want to partner with our schools. I look at the tech companies in our backyards and wonder why they don't sponsor science camps. The parents work so hard at our many fundraisers, and if we could get more corporate sponsors that would be so helpful."

Resident Shana Moore agrees. "When I know companies are supporting our community, I'd rather shop there," she says. "I'd rather shop where they do no evil and do some good."

A sense of community

Skip's Tire has been in business since 1977. They started with a store where Whole Foods is at Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Road and another on Blossom Hill Road.

"We've been in Almaden a long time," says Lightfoot. "We had two stores within a half mile from each other, and they were my two biggest stores. That's how much our community supported us, so we really support South San Jose."

As he was involved in coaching T-ball, baseball, softball, and soccer teams through the years, Skip's Tire has sponsored many sports teams. Lightfoot says they've received so many plaques during his 38 years in business, he's thought of building a home or office out of them.

They also are strong supporters of the Sharks Foundation and the Almaden Art & Wine Festival and take pride in helping out

at a recent fundraiser at Britannia Arms for fallen Officer Michael Johnson's family.

"We worked it all day," says Lightfoot. "People donated silent auction items, and Britannia Arms kicked in their proceeds, and we raised more than a hundred thousand dollars for the Police Officers' Association and his family. We had no idea we'd raise so much money. We were really proud of that, and it goes back to people. You support people, and they'll support your causes."

Looking back

Lightfoot says he came from 'The School of Hard Knocks.' In high school, he worked for free on Saturdays on sprint cars at West Capital Raceway in Sacramento because his boss couldn't afford to pay him. But he loved what he did and wanted to learn.

"In life, you get out what you put in," he says. "That's what made me so successful."

One day at the racetrack, he told his friend that he needed to get a job.

"My dad will probably hire you," said his friend, whose father owned OK Tires in Sacramento.

His friend told his dad that Lightfoot knew how to mount tires, although Lightfoot had never mounted tires in his life. Lightfoot was told to come to the store on Monday, so on Sunday his friend opened his dad's shop, they sneaked inside, and his friend taught Lightfoot how to mount tires. On Monday morning, he showed off his new skill and got the job. Later on, he almost went into the service, but his boss told him that if he stayed, Lightfoot could run one of his stores, so he did.

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At 19, Lightfoot wanted to start his own business. He had saved up some money, so he went to Goodyear and told them he wanted to buy a franchise. They turned him down, saying he was too young. At 20, he went back to them, and this time he was approved, and opened his first store. Today, Skip's Tire has six retail centers and a wholesale store that caters to car dealerships.

"This has been my whole life," he says. "I don't know if I could do anything else."

Lightfoot says that it's his relationship with customers that makes it all worthwhile.

"Meeting people, and taking care of them. That's what I love," says Lightfoot. "When people walk away with a smile, and they say, 'Thank you. You really helped me out,' it's amazing."

"When we first started, I'd give people my home phone number, and I still have people call me late at night. A lot of my customers have my numbers at all my stores and they call me. It's not like a big corporation where they can't get to the top. We develop relationships."

Today, Skip's Tire serves three generations.

"We started out with grandparents doing business with us, and now their grandchildren are,



Skip with his grandson **Austin**, **Faith** and **Kama Fletcher**.

Photo courtesy Kama Fletcher

and that's pretty special," he says. "We've been around a long time. We're honest and fair, and we're smart at what we do. We take care of people and they take care of us."

"Skip has never been anything but a positive impact in my and Faith's lives," says Fletcher, "and now in the lives of all the kids at Graystone. I'm personally grateful for his willingness to step up to do this."

Long also appreciates Lightfoot's and school parents' efforts. "A huge thanks to Skip's Tire for their sponsorship," she says, "and to Kama Fletcher for organizing the fifth grade party, and to all of the fifth grade parents for their volunteering and support this year. Graystone is so fortunate to have such an

amazing school community!"

Fletcher and Long both wish the fifth graders well.

"I'm deeply proud of all of them," says Fletcher. "I've been a Project Cornerstone reader since first grade, and watching these kids grow up has been a real privilege. I'm grateful to have been a part of their lives. I'm very proud of them, and I wish them the best of luck."

"I am so proud of this fifth grade class," says Long. "They were third graders when I began at Graystone, and it has been such a pleasure watching them grow and mature. I know they will all be very successful in middle school and beyond, and will do a fantastic job representing Graystone as respectful and responsible alumni!"

Almaden adult ESL classes marks 12th year anniversary

This year marks the 12th anniversary of the sponsorship of Adult ESL Classes held at and sponsored by Westgate South Hills Church in Almaden Valley.

All teachers are volunteers, and many are credentialed or retired teachers. Classes cover speaking, listening, vocabulary, grammar and American culture.

Six classes, from beginner to advanced, meet every week. One group meets on Monday at the WestGate South Hills Campus (6601 Camden Ave), and the other meets on Wednesday at Cornerstone Church (5655 Gallup Dr). The program of 30 classes is

free, with the exception of a \$10 registration fee. Some of the classes use a textbook, which costs about \$27 and is charged to the student.

A new addition in September 2015 will be an American English pronunciation class. The pronunciation class will be taught by Paula Gallay, MS, CCC-SLP, a speech-language pathologist specializing in accent modification.

The two programs run independently, however students may attend both days if they wish.

For more information contact Westgate South Hills church at 408-997-1750 or email staff@westgate-church.org.

Lion King returning to San Jose

Disney Theatrical Productions and Broadway San Jose returns with its hit show The Lion King scheduled September 10 through October 4 at the Center for the Performing Arts.

In San Jose, THE LION KING will play Tuesday through Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.;



Friday evenings at 8 p.m.; Saturdays at 2 and 8 p.m.; and Sundays at 1 and 6:30 p.m. There is an added matinee performance on Thursday, September 17 at 1 p.m. Premium Ticket Packages, which include a prime seat location, a commemorative souvenir program and an exclusive merchandise item, are also available.

Beginning Sunday, May 31, tickets (\$33-\$98) will be available online at www.ticketmaster.com. To charge tickets by phone, call Ticketmaster at 800-982-ARTS (2787). The Center for the Performing Arts Box Office (255 S. Almaden Blvd.) will be open on Monday, June 1 from 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. for in-person orders. Orders for groups of fifteen (15) or more may be placed by calling (408) 792-4131.

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How to deal with the hot housing market

By Sean Eastwood
Special to the Times

The weather seems to be a bit cooler than usual this time of year, but if you're a home buyer, you know it's really hot out there.

Nearly half the homes sold by real estate brokerage companies during the past three months had multiple offers, and nearly one-third of all U.S. properties sold in March and April were sold at or above the asking price, according to the National Association of Realtors.

How do you emerge the winner in a bidding battle for the home of your dreams?

1. Get your financial house in order—and get as much cash as you can carry

Start by getting preapproved for a loan. If you can, bring cash to the table. Sellers are worried about appraisals coming in low and loans not closing, so be ready to cover the difference with cash.

2. Come in fast and strong

Be the first offer, and don't insult the homeowner, in other words this is not the time to low-ball; not with the lack of listings. Nothing turns a seller off more than someone undervaluing their prized possession. Rather, come in either at or just slightly below asking, so they know you're serious. Research shows the first bid has the greatest change for a successful close.

3. Escalation clause

An escalation clause offer is when a buyer states that a certain amount of money is offered to increase his/her offer if there are other bids. For example, let's say the purchase price of the home is \$900,000, but the buyer is capable of increasing the offer to as high as \$930,000. The buyer can put an escalation clause saying he is willing to go as high as \$930,000. Make sure the clause also says the seller can only take the winning bid up to a level just above competing offers. In other

words, if your competitors only go as high as \$928,000, the seller will only expect you to pay \$929,000.

4. Pre-inspection

A pre-inspection may cost you a few hundred dollars that may not come back to you, but yes, it can help secure the property. Ask to do a pre-inspection before submitting an offer. The seller will know you are serious.

5. Show the love

If you love the home, then let the seller know that, either directly or through your real estate agent. Some of the most successful buyers write a letter and even send a picture of your family.

6. Be smart!

Buying a home is one of the most emotional things you will ever do. Don't let your emotions steal your wallet by overpaying because you got wrapped up in a competitive bidding war. The home you are looking at may be special, but it's not the only home that you will see in your lifetime.

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Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) www.firstchurch-downtown.com
Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

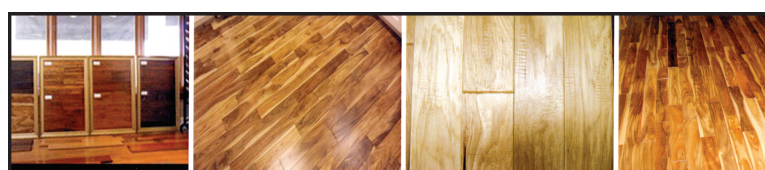
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name. We offer children's religious education (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School

and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:
St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road: Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium): Sunday 8:15 AM
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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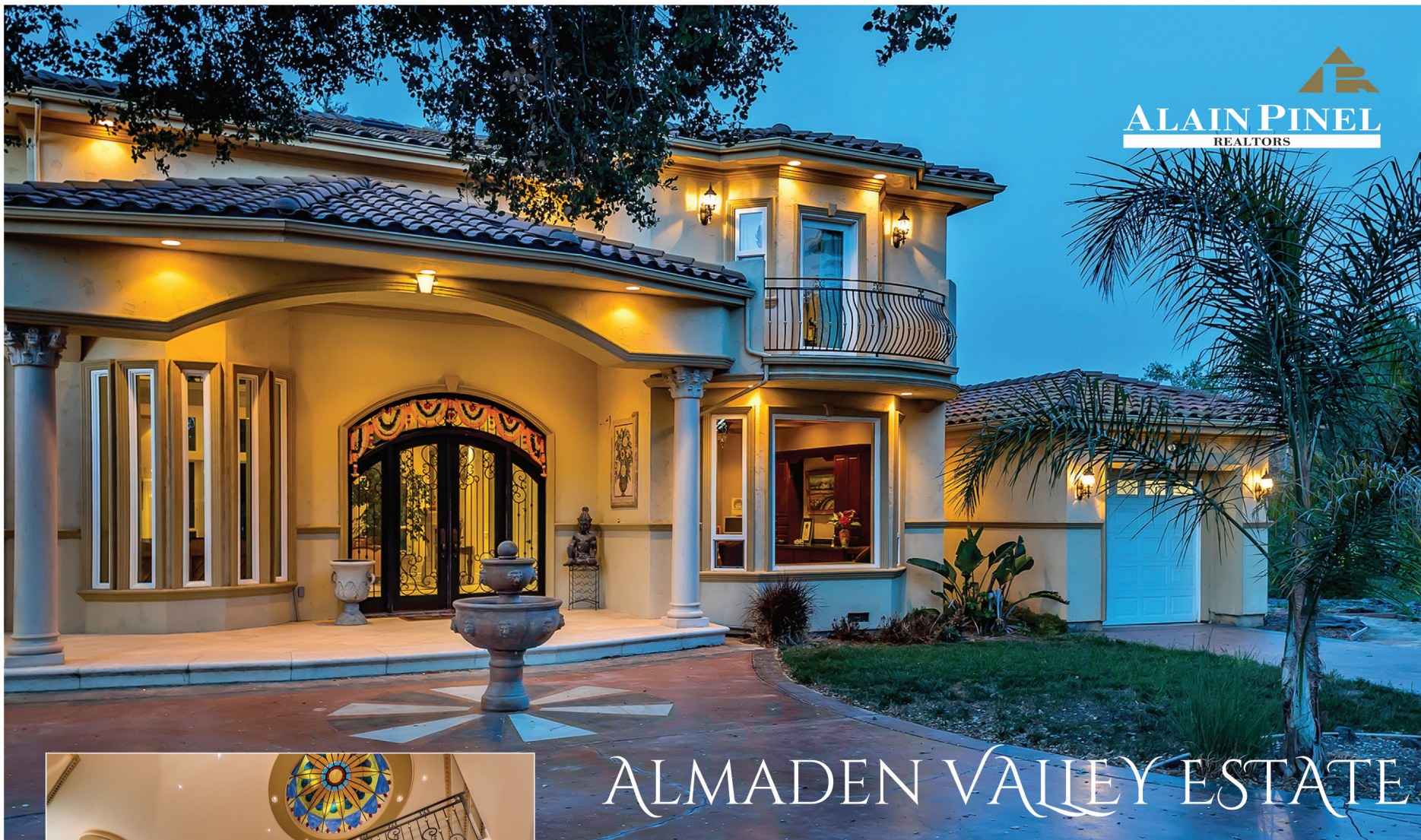
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