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The white radar tower stop Mt. Umunhum remains a focal point. Photo © Basim Jasher. Used with permission.

Khamis awards six Eagle Scouts from Troop 221

ouncilmember Johnny Khamis presented Certificates of Appreciation for service to San Jose to six young men receiving the rank of Eagle Scout at a ceremony held at LDS Chapel on June 6. Receiving their awards are Matthew Duffin, McKay Duffin, Reece Hunter, Skyler Hunter, Matt Remaker, and Thomas Spencer.

Each scout completed a community service project. Through their efforts, a local elementary school enjoys an improved playground and library, 500 homes are better prepared for a disaster, thousands of lowincome youth received school supplies, and a dangerous walkway in San Jose History Park is improved and made wheelchair accessible. "Selflessness and community service are the building blocks to become model citizens. I



Six young men recently received the rank of Eagle Scout. Left to right are: McKay Duffin, Matthew Duffin, Matt Remaker, Reece Hunter, Skyler Hunter, and Thomas Spencer.

am impressed with the commitment that all of these young men have to the San Jose community and society at large," remarked Councilmember Khamis.

The Eagle Scout award is a performance-based achievement. To advance, a Boy Scout See EAGLE SCOUTS, page 8

Umunhum Conservancy strives to save landmark radar tower

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer

The white radar tower stands guard atop Mount Umunhum. Its long-range antenna sail searches the skies for incoming hostile aircraft, protecting citizens from harm.

During the Cold War, from 1958 to 1980, all eyes and ears turned towards the white sentinel on the hill, and it has remained a focal point of the Silicon Valley skyline ever since.

"The historic Radar Tower that sits atop Mt. Umunhum is part of our community, history and city," says Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "When my family and I are See UMUNHUM, page 5



Umunhum Conservancy Board Members (I to r): Basim Jaber, Kitty Monahan, and Sam Drake.

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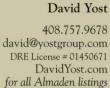
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'Pigs' win Almaden District 12 Tournament

Imaden's Junior Division Iron Pigs won the District 12 Little League Tournament of Champions by winning four straight games including defeating the top three seeds in the league in the season-ending single elimination tournament.

The Pigs, who finished the regular season with 12 wins and 7 losses, were the sixth seed going into the tournament.

"The TOC is such a difficult tournament to win because it is single elimination and you have to beat teams from all around the South Bay," said Nick Blozan, Manager of the Almaden Little League Junior Division Iron Pigs.

After beating the Cambrian Park Reds 9-4, the Pigs took their game to the next level defeating the 3rd seeded Branham Rangers 6-2, the 2nd seeded Branham A's 7-4 and the top seeded Quito Blue Jays 13-9 in the championship.

Zach Blozan won two games in the tournament including the Championship game with an ERA of 1.12 and 12 strikeouts. The



Pictured (left to right front row laying and kneeling) are: Blake Maloblocki, Daniel Gregg, Justin Neff, Ethan Lin, (left to right back row) Kyle Anderson, Tom Lindsley, Kian Elyasi, Coach Joe Lin, Carson Yates, Zach Blozan, Coach John Yates, Chris Custer, Manager Nick Blozan, Arian Fatehi, Dylan McIntyre and Matteo Peretti. Not pictured: Jack Ursillo.

offense was led by Carson Yates (5 runs and 7 RBIs), Chris Custer (6 hits and 7 RBIs), Ethan Lin (8 runs), Kyle Anderson (7 hits and 6 runs) and Zach Blozan (7 hits and 9 RBIs).

"There is such a great community of families in Almaden Little League and the Pigs were proud to represent and bring home the championship for Almaden," said Blozan

Free stargazing and astronomy talk at Montgomery Hill Observatory June 19

A free public Astronomy talk about Gayatri Mantra and its Astronomical and Cosmological Prospective will begin at 7 pm – 8 pm, Sequoia Building, Room-S140, Evergreen Valley College, 3095, Yerba Buena Road, San Jose

After the talk, Indian nights Folklore and storytelling stargazing event will be held 9 pm – 11 pm, on upper circle at Montgomery Hill Observatory. Free Indian chai will be served during the stargazing.

Star gazing will include: Venus, Jupiter and its moons, Saturn, Galaxies: M51 whirlpool, M65, M66, Double stars – Albireo, M57 Ring nebula, Globular Clusters: M13, M5, M4, Stars: Vega, Spica, Deneb, Arcturus, Antares. (This activity is weather dependent).

For more information join "Starry Evergreen" Meetup group at http://tinyurl.com/ph8m985

'All American BBQ' planned June 8 at Almaden Community Center

In honor of our nation's 239th birthday, an 'All American BBQ" we will be held at the Almaden Community Center hosted by the Almaden Senior Association on June 8 at 2 pm.

The special event's menu will include: pork ribs and chicken, fruit, potato salads, baked beans, and corn bread, with lemon cake for desert.

Live country Western music will be performed to take residents back to the days of the Wild West! The promoters said "Don't forget to wear your cowboy hat and boots!"

Tickets are \$10 for members and \$12 for non-members, and will be sold at the senior ticket table in the community center lobby on June 19, 22, 24, 26, 29 and July 1st from 8:30-10 am.

Merit Scholars at Leland

Three members of Leland High School's Class of 2015 have been awarded college-sponsored National Merit Scholarships thanks to additional funding available from several institutions.

Stacy Liu, Yuhan Sun, Alice Wu, who graduated with their Leland High School classmates on June 3, have earned scholarships for \$500 to \$2,000 annually for up to four years of undergraduate study.

Liu will attend the University of

Pennsylvania; Sun is headed to Harvey Mudd College, and Wu to Northwestern University. Liu will major in business management.

Martha's Kitchen to hold two summer fundraising events

This summer, Martha's Kitchen, the non-profit soup kitchen, is holding two fundraising events.

Edita Cruz, Executive Director of Martha's Kitchen states, "We are trying to inform the community that we need assistance in meeting our goal of serving one million meals in three years to the hungry in the greater Bay Area."

The first event, will take place July 18 from 5 to 10 pm at Willow Glen's Siena Bistro, which will host a "Paella Fiesta".

This is the fourth annual dinner where Chef David Weisner will be preparing all-you-can-eat tapas and paella as well as all-you-can-drink sangrias. "Martha's Kitchen is near and dear to my heart, "said Weisner.

The event is \$65 per person, to reserve a seat or table call (408) 271-0837. No walk-ins. Last year some people were disappointed because they did not have a reservation in advance.

The Second event, is the 3rd Celebrity Chef Competition at the Silicon Valley Capital Club from 5:30 to 7:30p.m

Cruz states, "I am excited about this year's Chef Competition. I hope we get more than the 200 attendees we had last year. The word needs to get out."

The 2015 event will feature 3 top local Celebrity Chefs competing for the coveted title "Silicon Valley Capital Chef," The Competing Chef this year will be: Ross Hanson, Executive Chef and co-owner of Oak and Rye, Phillippe Breneman Chef/Partner at The Lexington House, and Aaron Dean, Executive Chef at Downtown II Fornaio, who is also the defending title holder.

Ross states, "I've been privileged for most of my life that the few times my family struggled with making ends meet we had extended family to help us. We were lucky. My appreciation for my past is my motivation to help others. It's the least I can do".

The Chefs will be using mystery ingredients from Martha's Kitchen pantry, which will be turned into scrumptious appetizers. The fundraiser will imitate the Food Network show "Chopped."

The winner will be decided by the total amount of tips that night and announced around 7:00p.m. Each restaurant will donate dinners that will benefit the "one million meals in three years" goal.

The event is a part of the monthly Capital Clubs Celebrity Bartender fundraiser. The Celebrity Bartenders will be: Chris Dangerfield of the San Jose Earthquakes and Bert George of Joseph George Wines located at Meridian Avenue.

To donate toward Martha's Kitchen's goal of feeding "on million meals in three years" or to volunteer call (408) 293-6111 or go to www.marthaskitchen.org

Umunhum

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coming back from a trip, we know we are close to home when we see the iconic tower."

Today, that landmark is in danger of demolition. Umunhum Conservancy, which is endeavoring to save it, faces the challenge of raising \$1.5 million needed to preserve the tower. It's a race against time as the tower is set to be demolished by Mid-Peninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen) in October 2017, unless the funding is obtained. So far, only 20 percent of that amount has been raised.

"The radar tower atop Mt. Umunhum is the oldest surviving Cold War era building in Silicon Valley," says Congressman Mike Honda. "I support efforts...to save one of the South Bay's most visible historic landmarks."

To Umunhum Conservancy Board Member Basim Jaber, the radar tower is a strong piece of our history. "It protected the South Bay with a blanket of protection during the tense time of the Cold War," he says. "Imagine all the people in this valley who have waited a half century or more to experience seeing this tower they've been staring at up close. It could become a visitor's center, museum, science center, or observatory. It has five floors with 3,600 square feet on each floor—that's a lot of space to work with."

In 1986, Midpen bought the land for \$260,000, with the stipulation that the government would remove asbestos and lead paint from the buildings. U.S. Representatives Honda and Zoe Lofgren helped secure \$3.2 million from the federal government to



Airman Mike Carter, stationed at Mt. Umunhum in 1959. Photo copyright/courtesy of Mike Carter.

help with the clean up and open new trails and facilities. About \$11.5 million more was spent towards the trails and to demolish 25 buildings at the summit, with only a flagpole and the tower remaining.

"In 2012, there were a huge number of public hearings held by Midpen that hundreds of people showed up at to determine what to do with the radar tower," says Sam Drake, President of Umunhum Conservancy. "The public told them loud and clear to keep it."

Midpen decided to delay the decision for five years to give the community time to raise the funds. For that purpose, concerned residents formed the non-profit corporation, Umunhum Conservancy. They've spent the last two years garnering community support with 7,000 likes on Facebook, 1,000 people on their mailing list, and 4,000 people attending presentations. Through pledges and donations, they've raised a quarter of a million dollars, but they still have far to go.

"I'm confident the companies who can do that are here," says Drake, "but we don't have the connections." They're looking for people who do.

Midpen's mission is to acquire and preserve a regional greenbelt of open space land in perpetuity, protect and restore the natural environment, and provide opportunities for ecologically sensitive public enjoyment and education

"We would've loved to save more buildings," says Drake, "but Midpen is about open space. As a matter of policy, Midpen doesn't spend money on historic preservation and buildings. If they buy a ranch with a historic ranch house, they find a partner to preserve the ranch house. They're applying the same thing here. Ninety-five percent of the summit has been returned to open space as a beautiful, natural experience. So saving one building seems like a fair compromise. The tower is one of the few remaining tangible artifacts of the period of the Cold War."

Midpen is in the process of extending a four mile trail from the parking lot on Hicks Road to near the top of Mount Umunhum which they hope to open in August or October 2016. Opening a road to the top would cost \$3 million in safety repairs and require easements from private property owners.

"I've lived here since 1983, and feel like I've waited my entire life to get up there," says Drake, "and the good news is, it's going to happen."

Named by the Ohlone after the sound of a humming bird's wings, Mount Umunhum has an elevation of 3,486 feet.

"The views are fantastic," says Drake, "and it would be great to get people up there. You can see Santa Cruz, and on a clear day the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and all the way to Yosemite."

Looking Back

In 1956, the land was acquired by the Air Force and construction began. On Sept. 1, 1957, the 682nd Aircraft Control and See UMUNHUM, page 6





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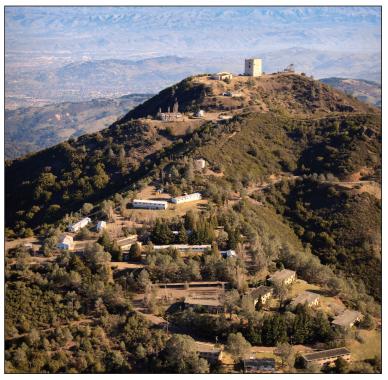
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Warning Squadron was assigned to Mount Umunhum. Their mission was to provide general air surveillance and early warning air defense for the Monterey and San Francisco Bay areas and beyond (the radar could see 220 to 250 miles out). On March 21, 1958, the station became operational.

In 1957, the bar and dispensary were the first buildings built, luckily within stumbling distance of each other.

The radar was officially known as an Army/Navy, Fixed ground, Positioning, Search model 24 (ANFPS 24). It was a frequencydiverse, long-range search radar and the largest and highest-powered ground rotating radar in the country. Its 85-ton antenna spun every 10 to 12 seconds over the valley. Height finder radars were used alongside it to determine the elevation of approaching aircraft. If an enemy came into their airspace, airmen would radio jets to go up there and intercept the plane, and if it was a foe, shoot it down. One time they tracked a U-2 spy plane that landed at Moffett Field for fueling, but lost it after its rapid ascent into the clouds.

The 5-floor radar tower was designed to withstand the percussion and heat of a nuclear detonation up to a mile away. It is 63 x 63 feet wide and 84 feet tall. It features 1-inch thick rebar tied in rigid cages, 10-inch thick reinforced concrete walls with 14-inch thick rein-



Beyond the radar tower, a whole community lived and worked at the station. Photo copyright/courtesy of Basim Jaber

forced concrete buttresses. Its sail was 120 feet wide and 50 feet tall and operated at 5 to 7.5 million

The community was so used to this visible and audible sense of protection that when it stopped for maintenance, the switchboard lit up with people asking if they were under attack. "When we heard that radar, we felt safe from Russian attack during the Cold War period," says Umunhum Conservancy Board Member Kitty Monahan.

watts.

On January 15, 1961 it was redesignated 682nd RADS SAGE; a radar station semi-automatic ground environment. The U.S. Air Force 682nd Radar Squadron included about 120 airmen and women and their families. Children, known as radar brats, rode bikes and scooters around the base, swam in the pool and explored trails through the woods. They took the Sage Coach bus to school in the valley and invited school friends over for play dates and sleepovers atop the hill.

In addition to family housing, the station included: headquarters, commissary, base exchange, barracks, basketball court (which doubled as a movie theater), the highest elevation bowling alley on the west coast, a non-commissioned officer's club, and an officer's club. It also housed radars, operations, power generators, civil engineering, and a ground-to-air transmitter receiver (which was later moved to Mount Thayer and upgraded to allow communication with fighter pilots).

The Operations Building was the nerve center with its dark scope room and clear glass screens. A caller would watch the scopes and call out the coordinates of a plane and the plotter would write them backwards on the glass. In the early days, they'd use a circular slide wheel to determine where the plane was heading. Later, computers did

the calculations.

In the Computer Building, a computer filled a large room. There was also an underground bomb shelter, complete with a kitchen.

The weather atop Mount Umunhum was often rainy and windy, with winds up to 140 mph. Sometimes it even snowed and people would pack the Sage Coach with snow so the children below could have snowball fights.

The New Almaden community often mixed with the airmen. "We went up there for events using the officer's quarters and the swimming pool," says Monahan. In 1987, members of the 682nd Radar Squadron, including Major Giles, helped to repair the roof of the New Almaden Community Club. In return, the Club hosted Major Giles' retirement party.

"Our hearts are there," says Monahan. "It's a beautiful location, but we desire to keep the tower and put artifacts from that period in a museum on the tower's first floor so people can learn what went on there between 1958 and 1980."

On March 29, 1980, a closure ceremony was held and on June 30, 1980, the 682nd RADS was inactivated, as satellites and modern technology had made the radars redundant.

"The Tower is an important Santa Clara County landmark that reminds us of our region's history and the service provided by the Almaden Air Force Station atop Mount Umunhum for more than two decades," says County Supervisor Dave Cortese. "We should protect and preserve these historical markers that tell the stories of our past."

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Eagle Scouts

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must pass specific tests that are organized by requirements and merit badges. The Eagle requires Scouts to develop and execute a significant service project in the community.

This project provides valuable lessons in project management and taking responsibility for a major accomplishment.

Two of the scouts are twins, two are brothers and many complete three generations of Eagle Scouts in their family. The Hunter brothers represent four generation of Eagle Scouts. Their great grandfather was awarded the second Eagle in the state of Idaho early in the program in the 1920s.

The six, newly advanced Eagle Scouts and their entire Troup 221 have been invited by Khamis for special recognition by the San Jose City Council for their contribution to the city.

Matt Remaker: The walkway to the historic Santa Anna School House, at San Jose History Park, was decaying and not wheelchair assessable. Matt determined to provide a permanent solution, providing decades of visitors the opportunity to enjoy the historic school. The project required significant contributions of time and resources. First





The Scouts' projects included a new desk and book drop for Almaden Country School and a new brick walkway at San Jose History Park.

the old wooden walk was demolished and removed. Then came the process of preparing and leveling the ground, laying cement foundation and laying the brick walkway. The project took an extraordinary amount of work requiring 50 weekends, 650 service hours, and 223 square feet of concrete and bricks. The walk, artistically set, provides a safe, beautiful and wheelchair assessable path that will be enjoyed by generations. Because of the scope and size of this successful project it has been nominated for Eagle Project of the Year.

McKay and Matthew Duffin; Mathew and McKay attended the

Almaden Country School. They wanted their Eagle projects to give back to the school. After discussions with school leaders, it was determined that the Library would benefit from a new desk and book drop. Previously, the school decided the cost to purchase an upgraded book drop was financially out of reach. The Duffin boys attended Advanced Wood Working at Pioneer High school and enlisted support from their teacher, Gary Stalions, who agreed to let the boys use the school shop facilities. The large project was divided, and each scout executed the difficult, detailed project. Matthew designed and built the custom shelves. McKay focused on the complicated book drop that met professional standards designed to protect the books when falling into the book bin. Extensive communication with the wholesale supplier was needed to obtain the proprietary parts. The library now enjoys the Duffin's custom craftsmanship and the benefit of the high-end book drop. The project completed under budget allowing new books to be purchased with the surplus funds.

Reece Hunter: Starting the school year brings excitement and anticipation. For families in need, school supplies challenge family budgets. Reece determined to ease their bur-

den by conducting a significant campaign to gather school supplied to be distributed by Sacred Heart, a local service organization. Funds were provided by sales at a well-positioned neighborhood lemonade stand. Then Reece distributed flyers and conducted a social media campaign. Approximately three thousand families benefited from supplies distributed by Sacred Heart. Reece's project provided a significant contribution.

Skyler Hunter: Skyler attended the Almaden Country School. The playground needed a new border to replace the damaged old one. This project required heavy lifting and many man hours to demolish and remove the old, damaged wood. Then a large trench was dug before installing the new frames. To raise resources to purchase supplies, Skyler organized a well-supported community car wash. Today, over 400 students enjoy the safer playground. The Hunter brothers complete the fourth generation of Eagle Scouts in their family. They follow the example of their father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Howard W. Hunter.

Thomas Spencer: In times of natural disaster, one of the biggest challenges is communication. First responders need to find and assist those with the greatest need. Often, phone lines and cell coverage are down making electronic communication impossible. To overcome this challenge, Thomas worked the local fire department to develop and execute a neighborhood Emergency Preparedness Communication Plan. 500 households received red and green ribbons along with the instructions. During a disaster, if paramedics are needed, then the red ribbon is displayed outside. If however, no emergency assistance is needed, then a green ribbon is displayed so first responders can quickly move on searching for critically injured. Thomas funded the project through corporate sponsorships recognized in the packet delivered with instruction and the ribbons. The Fire Chief hopes other San Jose neighborhoods will do the



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Vision Girls Soccer Teams finish second place at Rogue Memorial Challenge

By Ilene Guy

Special to the Times

est Valley Vision Girls Soccer Teams U14 both finished second place at the Rogue Memorial Challenge in Medford Oregon over the Memorial Day Weekend.

The Rogue Memorial Challenge is one of the region's largest soccer tournaments. The event feature more than 160 teams ranging from the U10 to U19 levels. Competing teams come from the Oregon, California and Nevada.

"It was a hard-fought battle for both teams with some excellent competition and going into that fifth and final game we knew they wouldn't be easy," said Vision Girls Soccer Coaches. "We couldn't be more proud of how they performed and what these ladies accomplished."

The Vision Red team, playing in the gold bracket, fought their way to the final championship game through several tough teams and went into the finals undefeated. Playing the host team in the championship game, they ended in a tie in overtime, but lost in in penalty kicks.

The Vision White team playing in the silver bracket also went into the championship game undefeated, scoring a total of 9 goals during championship play, but ended a tough game in second place.

Editor's note: The Vision 00 Girls are always looking for strong committed players to join the organization. Contact Amy Keller for more information (408) 623-6678.

Jurassic World

TIMES MEDIA MOVIE REVIEW

By Steven Leonard Special to the Times

he first time I saw Jurassic Park, I made the mistake of taking my two children to see it. We went to a local theater and sat in the front row as the T-Rex roared in front of us.

My children were screaming and buried their heads into my chest during most of the movie. After I got out, my six year old daughter looked up at me and said, "Daddy, can we go see it again." My four year old son was tugging at my legs and screaming, "Yeah Dad, can we see it again." After that I never



Chris Pratt races with dinosaurs in Jurassic World

doubted that they were my kids again.

Now here I am in an IMAX theater and I don't know what scared me more the first time, the T-Rex roaring or my kids screaming See JURASSIC WORLD, page 12

Community Calendar

ymphony Silicon Valley's FREE outdoor music festival returns this summer for two weekends of performances in delightful fully produced outdoor concerts on the iconic Tower Lawn at San Jose State University, July 25th and 26th and August 1st and 2nd, 2015. Sponsored by Target, Applied Materials, City of San Jose, and host San Jose State University, the Symphony's 8th annual Target Summer Pops festival brings free professional orchestral music to the community in what has quickly become a beloved family tradition, with last year's festival drawing over 22,000

See below for the full list of informal, fun, free concerts coming this summer.

Saturday, July 25, 2015 at 7:00pm ALL BEETHOVEN

Maestro Peter Jaffee leads Symphony Silicon Valley in a program celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Ira F. Brilliant Center for Beethoven Studies at San Jose State Universary. The evening's selections include Prometheus Overture, a "Sampler Symphony" of selections from Beethoven's 1st, 5th, 7th and 8th Symphonies, and Piano Concerto, No. 5 in Eb Major, ("Emperor") featuring soloist Stephen Prutsman.

(Note: The Beethoven Center is located on the fifth floor of the Martin Luther King Jr. Library adjacent to the Summer Pops stage and is free to the public. The exhibit is open on Saturday, July 25th from 1pm to 5pm. http://www.sjsu. edu/beethoven

The concert begins at 7pm. Take advantage of both, and bring a picnic dinner to enjoy on the lawn before the concert.)

Sunday, July 26, 2015 at 5:30pm **BROADWAY:** THE **GREAT** WHITE WAY

Conductor William Liberatore and soloist Christine Andreas lead a program of Broadway hits from GYPSY, PETER PAN, THE KING & I, MY FAIR LADY, ANNIE GET YOUR GUN, MAME, SOUTH PACIFIC, SHOW BOAT, FUNNY GIRL and more.

Free Ice Cream Social, provided by Treat Ice Cream of San Jose.

Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 7:00pm YOUR HIT PARADE: BIG BAND **ERA SONGFEST**

Conductor Peter Jaffe leads the orchestra and guest singers in hits from the 1930s and 40s Golden Age of the Big Band Era

Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 5:30pm **CLASSIC FILM SCORES**

The closing show of Target Summer Pops 2015 ends with a bang and another afternoon of Free Ice Cream. The musicians of Symphony Silicon Valley perform movie themes and selections of film scores from such classic films as 2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY, GONE WITH THE WIND, MAGNIFICENT SEVEN, JAWS, CHARIOTS OF FIRE, DR. ZHIVAGO, STAR WARS, PINK PANTHER, selections from FROZEN and a medley from the JAMES BONDS films.



Free Ice Cream Social, provided by Treat Ice Cream of San Jose.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- * Main Entrance at 4th Street and San Fernando Street near Martin Luther
- Plentiful parking available nearby. City garages only \$5 after 5pm
- * Bring a picnic lunch or supper and your beach chair.
- * Relax on the campus lawn well away from the din of traffic

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San Jose Stage Theater brings the Addams Family to town June 3 - July 19, 2015

The Addams Family - The Musical is here! Based on the characters in the single-panel cartoons created by Charles Addams, this audience-favorite Broadway musical explores what happens when a grown-up Wednesday Addams brings a shockingly normal boyfriend home to meet her strange and macabre family. Mayhem ensues as the couple attempt to integrate

their vasty different families.

The musical is showing at San Jose Stage Theater, 490 S. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 now through July 19. Performances Wed, are Thurs: 7:30pm; Fri, Sat: 8pm; Sun: 2pm. For more information, visit www. thestage.org.







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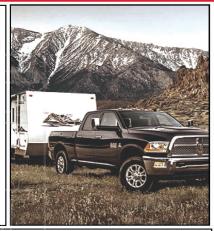
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Jurassic World

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in my ears. So now I have to deal with the roar of an even bigger Super Dinosaur.

Nearly every single person in Jurassic World is a moron. I mean, a profound moron. There's the park director who believes that creating genetically modified dinosaurs—dinosaurs made up of the scariest parts of all the other dinosaurs—is a totally reasonable way to increase a theme park's profit margin.

There's the head of the evil security firm, who believes that the next great advancement in battlefield warfare involves unleashing velociraptors. And then there's, you know, everyone who goes to the park, people who know what happened at the original Jurassic Park—the events of the first film are explicitly referred to in this movie.

Who pays to go to a theme park to only be eaten by the main attractions? Nonetheless people in the film decided that their idea of a fun family vacation is to head to an island in the middle of nowhere from which there is no possible escape from countless carnivorous dinosaurs. One couple even sends their two children there by themselves. Hey, I may have taken my two children to watch the first movie, but I would never let them go to a Jurassic World theme park by themselves.

It's all executed with energy and skill.

As always, the underlying message is that you shouldn't have to pay anything at all to go to a theme park where your chances of survival are slim to none.

Jurassic World may be for morons, but it's also for audiences that enjoy the guilty pleasures of watching the morons get eaten by dinosaurs. It understands and even winks at its previous predecessors.

This is the best of the Jurassic Park sequels and does a fair job in recreating the "feel" of the original. It's not quite as good as the original, but fairs much better than the others in the series.

Chris Pratt, the Alpha male hunting alongside his velociraptor gang gives the film a cool monstrous edge far outweighing any of its suspend-belief stupidity.

Films like Jurassic World are the reason why we go to the movies and they're also the reason movies stay with us after we leave. Jurassic World is entertaining and the special effects are top notch.

I remembered that many parents will also make the mistake of bringing their young children to a PG-13, so I just sat back and hear them scream enjoying the memories of my own children many years ago.

Only the brave few will want to come back and watch it again. I'm talking about the adults, not the kids. The kids will always come back and be stupid enough to bring their young children to the next sequel.

Prompt legal action after a passing may be needed

This week's question:

good friend of mine just passed on a few weeks ago. Although I will miss

Ahim, I will miss the \$10,000 I loaned to him a while back as well. Shall I just wait until I hear from his attorney? I really don't want to rock the boat too soon.

Roger R.

Almaden Valley

Dear Roger—

Sorry to hear about your friend, Roger. Good friends are priceless. While that is the case, you have something else to think about as well, and that is your \$10,000.

I do not think that your best approach is to just wait until you hear from his attorney. Waiting could result in a very long delay and possible loss of your \$10,000. If I were you, I would be a little more aggressive.

You could be a little more aggressive by seeing your own attorney for legal advice relatively soon, since waiting too long could be prejudicial to your rights. Let me explain a bit.

For most types of legal actions, there are deadlines to watch out for; otherwise, important legal rights could vanish and be lost forever. These deadlines are often called "statutes of limitation". And deadlines certainly apply to death situations.

When a person passes on, California Code of Civil Procedure, Chapter 6, entitled "Time of Commencement of Action After Person's Death", could come into play. §366.2 provides for "Commencement of Action after Death of Person Against Whom Action May Be Brought—Time Limitations".

Subsection (a) of the above provision states "If a person against whom an action may be brought on a liability of the person, whether arising in contract, tort, or otherwise, and whether accrued or not accrued, dies before the expiration of the applicable limitations period, and the cause of action survives, an action may be commenced within one year after the date of death, and the limitations period that would have been applicable does not apply."

So, what this basically means, Roger, is that there is essentially a one-year statute of limitations on causes of action (i.e., grounds for a law suit) against a decedent. Another way of saying this is that ordinarily any action against a decedent must be filed not later than one year after the decedent's death.

And we all know that time passes quickly. I'm sure the family of your friend will be busy for several weeks, if not months, with arrangements following your friend's passing. Their attorney will need to look into whether your late friend had a living trust or a will and often many other possible issues.

That will all take time. During this time, your one-year deadline or statute of limitations from the date of death is running and

there is no way to stop it. If your loan to the friend was based on an oral contract, the statute of limitations is ordinarily two years

and if it were a written contract, the deadline ordinarily would be four years.

However, those two-year and four-year deadlines are often meaningless when one is confronted with California Code of Civil Procedure §366.2 quoted above and its one-year statute of limitations on causes of action against a decedent.

What this means, of course, is that time will favor the other side of the debt and their objective may be to stall things indefinitely for a variety of reasons. Maybe the family needs the money. Other issues could come into play. Their attorney may plan to do nothing whatsoever. The result

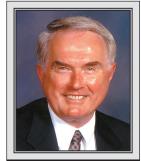
could be that you say goodbye to your \$10.000.

It seems to me that the best thing you can do is to see your own attorney for advice promptly. He or she would represent you and only you and you can learn more about your rights and the options you have going forward. Not to push the panic button, but I would do that sooner than later.

Donald J. DeVries

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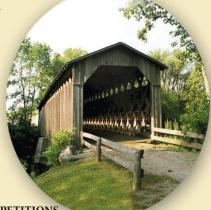
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BITESV event at Levi's Stadium takes aim at local hunger

Kristin Sulpizio, Director of Volunteer Services (inset, left) poses with **Colleen Murphy**, Volunteer Scheduler with Second Harvest Food Bank at BITESV event at Levi's Stadium on June 7. The event was a fundraiser to help end hunger in the Silicon Valley, and this premiere BITESV event raised over \$20,000 as a donation to Second Harvest Food Bank. "After nearly 16 years with Second Harvest Food Bank, I'm ending one journey to start another," said Sulpizio. "It was

wonderful to be involved in such a fantastic event for my last official volunteer gig before retirement. Once again Second Harvest volunteers rose to the occasion, with more than 60 volunteers donating their time to BITE Silicon Valley. The best part of my job has been the people - the countless number of volunteers, many of whom have become personal friends. Those are the memories I'll cherish and take with me. The generosity of the community has been remarkable. Second Harvest relies on volunteers to feed the nearly 250,000 people we serve every month. The only disappointing part is I'm leaving before the job is done. Hunger is still at unprecedented levels despite the booming economy. The high cost of living is making it difficult for the families we serve to put food on the table. I look forward to the day when everyone has enough nutritious food to eat." Photos by Brigitte Jones





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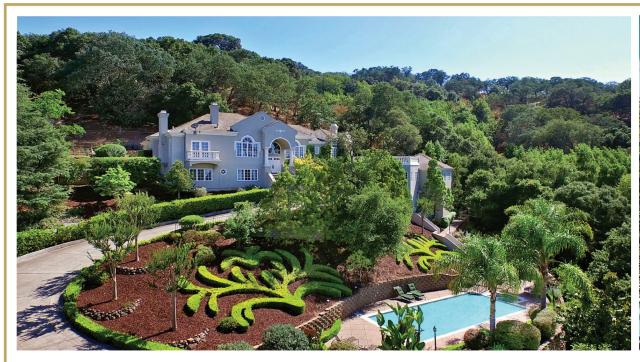
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