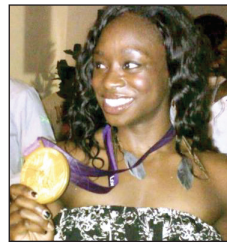


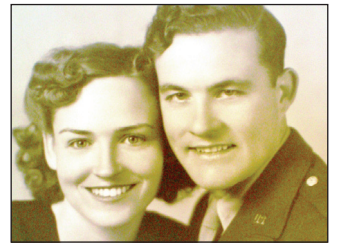
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## TOWER IS A TOUGH 'CELL'



Pictured: Leah Hernikl, agent with T-Mobile. "The goal is to improve the presence and quality of coverage and quick speeds for data transmission," she says. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

## El Niño: promise and problems for California

### Senate Report

Jim Beall

Special to the Times

**E**l Niño brings both promise and problems for California. If El Niño conditions persist this winter as some predict and bring higher than average rainfall, our parched reservoirs and hills could finally be getting relief after four years of drought.

But, we could also be confronted with catastrophes similar to those generated by the 1997 and 1998 El Niño that triggered extensive flooding and washed out highways, bridges, and roads.

Last month, torrential rains in Southern



### Senate Report

Jim Beall  
District 15

California caused the collapse of a bridge on Interstate 10, severing a major connection from Southern California to Arizona. The flooding and mudflows caused the Governor's office to issue a state of emergency.

The recent problems in Southern California illustrate the potential damage heavier El Niño-driven rains could generate, a situation that would be compounded by the state's growing \$59 billion backlog in deferred highway maintenance.

The backlog is the result of several factors:

A dwindling gas tax, the primary source  
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## Value of T-Mobile cell tower debated at AVCA meeting

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer

**T**he pros and cons of T-Mobile installing a cell tower on an Almaden Valley hillside were hotly debated at Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting held Monday evening on August 10.

"This is still under review," says Rina Shah, Planner for the City of San Jose. "The next step, if we approve the project, will be for it to go to the Director's hearing at 9am on Veteran's Day."

Although only people residing within 1000-feet of the tower may appeal the project, the City Planning Department is still  
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Avril Baty, City of San Jose Supervising Planner. "We're looking for feedback to find out what people want," she says. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

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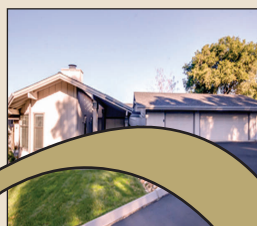
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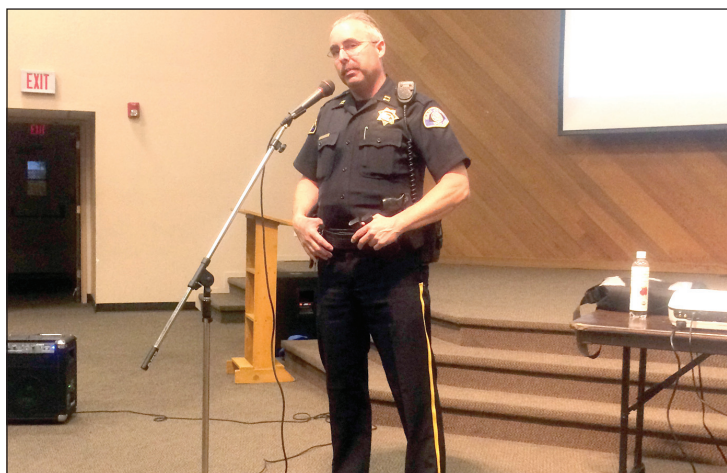
## Crime prevention a focus of recent AVCA meeting

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Crime and crime prevention was the focus of a recent Almaden Valley Community Association (AVCA) meeting.

"There were ten homicides in San Jose outside our district," says Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "And there was a drug operation off Elwood Road. Neighborhood Watch helped bring things together. The person had been previously arrested in relation to drug sales, and he was arrested again, but he's already out on bail as the criminal penalty regarding drugs was reduced. The police officers are catching them, but the bad news is they're getting out on bail."

Under Proposition 47, the punishment for certain types of crimes was reduced and due to prison overcrowding, some prisoners are released earlier. "Before, a person in possession of narcotics for personal use was convicted of a felony," says San Jose Police Southern Division Commander Ed Schroder. "Now it's a misdemeanor. However, drug sales are still a felony."



San Jose Police Southern Division Commander **Ed Schroder**. "To assist us in burglaries," says Schroder, "the police department made efforts to get additional officers out." Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

"It's insane out there," says Schroder. "We've had multiple stabbings and shootings in the city during recent months. There's always a spike in the summer; people are outside and drinking more, and school is out leaving kids with idle time on their hands. There's also an increase in gang violence. The good news is it's not happening here."

Schroder notes that there has

been a steady decrease in burglaries since December. "We've made great strides in what really was an epidemic," he says. "In an effort to assist us in burglaries, one of the biggest crimes that affects your area, the police department made efforts to get additional officers out, but we're stretched very thin."

With the huge surge in gang crimes in the last month, Schroder

says the overtime officers who had been dedicated to following up on burglaries were reassigned to gang related crimes, but will return. "As school starts, there is less need for this focus, so the burglary suppression cars should be coming back," he says. "There aren't as many of us as there used to be, but if someone's thinking about doing something, and a police car drives down the street, they're not going to do it."

"Our friends were burglarized this weekend," says a resident. "When they came home, the place was broken into. When they called the police, they said they couldn't come right away, so they grabbed some golf clubs and went in. I watch a lot of Bruce Lee movies, and maybe I could reproduce some of those moves, but what do you do?"

"God forbid you come home and your house has been burglarized," says Schroder. "I highly suggest you stay out. Don't go in on your own. Call the police and wait for as long as it takes for us to get there."

"It was the next morning when they got there," says the resident.

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## Meet the neighbors

San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo** (above, bottom right) and Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** (District 10, top right) visited with residents in various neighborhoods on August 4. The 32nd National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department.



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of revenue for road repairs, that has not been adjusted since the early 1990s.

The depletion of state bonds and federal recovery grants for repairs.

The proliferation of hybrid and zero emission vehicles which contribute little or no gas tax revenue to fix our crumbling transportation infrastructure.

The condition of our aging roads caused the Governor to call a special session to address examine how to fund the repairs.

As the chairman of the special session's Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee, I have introduced a proposal that establishes an equitable process that relies on everyone who drives to contribute their fair share. It also includes protections to ensure that revenue is used strictly for transportation purposes.

If passed and signed into law, the bill would augment the state's road repair budget by an additional \$4 billion. A portion of the new revenue would be available to eligible cities and counties to spend on local road repairs that they deem are priorities.

It may require a significant investment to upgrade our roads but it will be more costly if we do not act quickly. Our current road maintenance revenue is insufficient and mounting repairs grow by \$4 billion a year. Our roads rank as the second worst in the nation, costing drivers an average of \$590 in annual vehicle maintenance, according to the non-profit U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Given the crumbling condition of our infrastructure and forecasts of what could be the strongest El Niño event in recorded history, California must be prepared to restore its roads and highways.

Even if the weather models come true and California were to be slammed by storms, it would take an incredible amount of rain, nearly 60 inches—two to three times the state's average rainfall—to return our reservoirs to normal in a single winter. Therefore, the best we can hope for is higher than average rainfall this winter to be followed by several wet years.

But, the weather projections are not a guaranteed certainty. What we can control is our wise use of water that stretches every drop.

With luck, nature may begin replenishing our water system

and with hard work we can begin restoring our transportation system.

**Senate District 15 internships**

My local office in Campbell offers internships to capable college and high school students who are interested in how state government works and the issues that affect California.

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*Jim Beall is the elected representative for California State Senate District 15, which includes San Jose, Los Gatos, Cupertino, Saratoga, Campbell, and Monte Sereno.*

**Turns on body's cancer-killing switch  
Vitamin D can beat prostate cancer**

By Dr. Mark Stengler

*Special to the Times*

**G**entlemen, there's nothing scarier than a doc who calls you into his office, looks you in the eye and says the words you've been fearing: "You have prostate cancer."

What follows next is the stuff of nightmares. You'll get poked and prodded so often you'll start to feel like a human pin-cushion. You'll get more tests than a college kid at the end of a term, and more advice than a "Dear Abby" reader.

If you're smart and get a second and third opinion, you'll receive wildly conflicting recommendations. One doc will tell you to get surgery. Another will urge radiation. And most of them will hand you armfuls of drugs.

But the most important advice of all is the one they won't give you — and that's to just leave the darned thing alone, because prostate tumors are often harmless.

Now, the latest research has uncovered the key to making sure that a harmless tumor never grows up to be a killer, and the secret lies in something you should be getting anyway: It's vitamin D.

Men with high levels of the sunshine vitamin have a lower risk of prostate cancer, especially the dangerous aggressive tumors that really *can* hurt or even kill you. And the new study reveals how and why.

As it turns out, you've already been designed with a built-in cancer-fighting machine. It's a gene called GDF-15 that

fight off a protein that promotes inflammation so tumors can grow. But that gene needs a little fuel to really start cooking. And according to the new study in the journal *Prostate*, nothing can light that fire quite like vitamin D.

Once GDF-15 gets some D, it gets to work blocking that protein — and that, in turn, helps ensure you never have to worry about that tumor hurting you.

Although the study focused on prostate cancer tissue, that very same process could fight off colon cancer, gastric cancer and more.

The cheapest way to get vitamin D is to go right to the source — head outside and get a little time under the sun. But that's unfortunately also a recipe for sunburn, and too much sun can lead to the non-deadly (but potentially disfiguring) form of skin cancer.

That's why I recommend a vitamin D3 supplement, and not just for men looking to fight or prevent prostate cancer. Men, women and even children can enjoy the brain-boosting, bone-building and cancer-fighting benefits.

Take a minimum of 2,000 IU per day, but some people will need double that amount.

*Mark Stengler, NMD is a licensed naturopathic doctor. He is founder of the Stengler Center for Integrative Medicine in Encinitas, California. Stengler has been featured as a medical expert on FOX, NBC, and CBS. He is a member of the American College for Advancement in Medicine.*



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Crime

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“If a call comes into dispatch and they say, ‘Our house has been burglarized. I don’t know if someone’s still inside,’ if that call happens at nighttime, and we don’t come out until the next morning, something really serious is happening and everybody is busy, because that’s a really high priority,” says Schroder. “Were going to do everything we can to get out there.”

“They’ll say, ‘Do you feel like you’re in immediate danger?’ and if you don’t say, ‘Yes,’ then it’s not a priority,” says another resident.

“Or say, ‘There’s possibly someone inside my house,’” says Schroder, “and we’ll respond to that call. Any imminent threat to life is priority one. We definitely have a priority-based call system.”

Divisions are broken up by calls for service. Schroder notes that although his division (which includes Cambrian, Almaden Valley and Blossom Valley) is by far the largest in the city geographically, as well as by population, it has minimal violent crimes. “The Southern Division is loaded with great associations and engaged communities,” he says, “and probably has the lowest numbers of crimes, which has a lot to do with neighborhood cooperation.”

“Safety’s a huge concern of mine,” says Khamis, who was happy to report that the city recently reached an agreement on longstanding litigation with police and fire unions over pension, retiree healthcare, and disability benefits. “The City Council unanimously approved it in closed session,” he says, “and I hope it will in open session. I hope we can stop spending money on lawyers and move forward.”

Khamis is asking the city to have garbage haulers affix license plate readers to their trucks. “Every part of the city will be swept once a week by readers to deter car burglaries, help find kidnapped children during AMBER alerts, and have more eyes on the street during burglaries in progress,” he says. “It might help our police department get more information as quickly as possible.”

“The Councilmember got us LPR cameras; license plate readers,” says Schroder. “We’ve made big strides in technology and there are things in the pipeline. We have computers which can now access photo databases for mug shots for in-the-field identification.”

“We had a meeting in the neighborhood, which you attended,” says a resident. “I want to thank you and your officers for working with us. We’re the eyes and ears—the alert dog—to call the catch dog. That has worked so well in our area, that it’s boringly quiet.”

“You have a very cohesive neighborhood,” says Schroder. “The only way to eradicate issues is to work together as a community. We’re short on staffing, but I’ll always find an officer to liaison with a group because that’s how we get things done.”

A resident who lives on Echo Ridge Drive noted that it has become a hot spot for people hanging out after dark. “If someone, or a vehicle, is in a residential area and doesn’t belong there, you can call it in,” says Schroder.

“We’ve had that situation,” says another resident. “From a safe distance, get the description of the vehicle and the people. If you can, take a picture or video of the people and the license plate and show the police what’s happening. When we showed them the picture of the license plate, they knew who it was.”



San Jose Police Crime Prevention Specialist **Kim Gaddis**. “We rely on you to let us know what the problems are,” says Gaddis, “so we can come up with a game plan to address them.” Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

“Make sure it’s from a safe distance,” adds Schroder. “Taking pictures can infuriate people. We’ve had that happen and they get beat up.”

**Neighborhood Watch**

Neighborhood Watch assists neighbors in working together through conversations and face-to-face meetings.

“It gets you in a room with folks you live next to, so you can find out what they look like, their routines, if they have kids at home or a kid visiting from college,” says San Jose Police Crime Prevention Specialist Kim Gaddis. “It’s also an opportunity for police officers to come out and answer questions about policies, social media, body-worn cameras, neighborhood crime statistics, how we do business, and how we can better work with you.”

Gaddis suggests talking with the people who live on your block and behind you. “You share a fence-line; you should share conversations,” she says. “Talk about issues important to both of you. Society started to go all to heck when they took off the front porch. We lost that ability to interact with our neighbors. If you’re taking walks and using the neighborhood, that activity makes a difference.”

She says that the information provided by residents about suspicious people and suspicious vehicles gives police officer’s their best chance to catch burglars before they act. “If you hear alarms go off, look outside,” she says. “Give us a call and tell us you’re hearing the alarm, and what you’re seeing—a strange car, kids on a bike, someone coming over a fence, or going in a window—some activity that verifies the alarm is related to a burglary. That’s going to raise the priority level for us

when we’re deciding what calls to send our officers to.”

“You know what activities and noises are normal for your neighborhood,” says Gaddis. “We rely on you to let us know what the problems are, so we can come up with a game plan to address them. The more information you can give, the more interaction with your neighbors, the better we can help you and do our job in the best way possible. Everyone can come together to make their neighborhood safer.”

Gaddis says that if you see something that makes you do a double take that’s not an immediate threat to life or property, call 311 from home or 408-277-8900 on your cell phone. If you press zero multiple times, it will take you directly to a dispatcher. If there’s an immediate threat to life or property, call 911 from home or 408-277-8991 from your cell phone. “Program them in your phone and have them available,” she says.

“Our community has to participate in crime watch,” says a resident. “Don’t be a victim. Don’t have a dark house looking like nobody’s home. By developing Neighborhood Watch and communication, you create a crime prevention tool kit. Learn how to get hold of authorities, gather evidence, and be a good witness.”

“That’s all covered in Neighborhood Watch meetings,” says Gaddis.

“We went from 1400-1500 officers to 800-850 for three shifts covering 40 square miles,” says a resident. “We need more tools in our tool kit against crime.”

Gaddis notes that sometimes the first Neighborhood Watch meeting is an overview. “If you need further discussion, I can talk to you for two hours on nothing but locks,” she says. “The discussion can be a more in-depth format on home security or whatever you need.”

She recommends residents become familiar with the police department phone numbers, get to know one or two of their neighbors, and look at their property with a critical eye to see why it might appeal to a burglar. “Curb appeal’s not just for real estate,” she says. “It’s for burglaries, as well. Look at your locks, lighting, landscape, and visibility, and consider how a burglar might try to get into your home.”

“Do you want to live in fear?” asks a resident. “I’ve been listening to fear for one hour and I’ve had it.”

“I don’t want you to live in fear,” says Gaddis. “I want you to have a plan, be prepared and make yourself as safe as possible. If you don’t have a plan, and don’t deal with it, you’re always going to worry about it.”

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Times Features

# Cell tower

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collecting community comments regarding the proposed Special Use Permit to construct a 41-foot tall monopole with six-panel antennas, and a microwave dish antenna. The antenna, a cabinet enclosure, and associated equipment will be placed on a raised concrete pad (about 225 sq. ft. in area) located near the existing water tank at 7144 Webb Canyon Drive.

According to the Planning Department, the higher elevation of the Webb Canyon Drive location and its sufficient space for ground equipment make this a viable site. In addition, the vegetation of the landscape, trees, and the materials used for the monopole were chosen to mitigate line-of-sight blight. County Parks has no objection to the site, and as the monopole will be located more than 300 feet from the closest residence, it satisfies the city's zoning requirement.

Alternate sites considered include a utility pole and a water tank on Glenview, but these abutted residential homes. Installing a monopole at Almaden Golf and Country Club was also a possibility, but would have required a 60-foot pole.

"Why does another tower have to go in when there's not an outcry about lack of service?" asks a resident.

"We still haven't gotten any data," says another. "As a city planner, what kind of justification did you get from T-Mobile that you approved this site?"

"We have the map that was submitted to us [by T-Mobile] showing a gap in coverage," says City of San Jose Supervising Planner Avril Baty.

"There has to be more than a coverage map," says the resident.

"They came to us with their application and the map," says Baty. "We aren't telecommunications experts. We don't have the resources to hire a third party for verification that there's a gap in coverage."

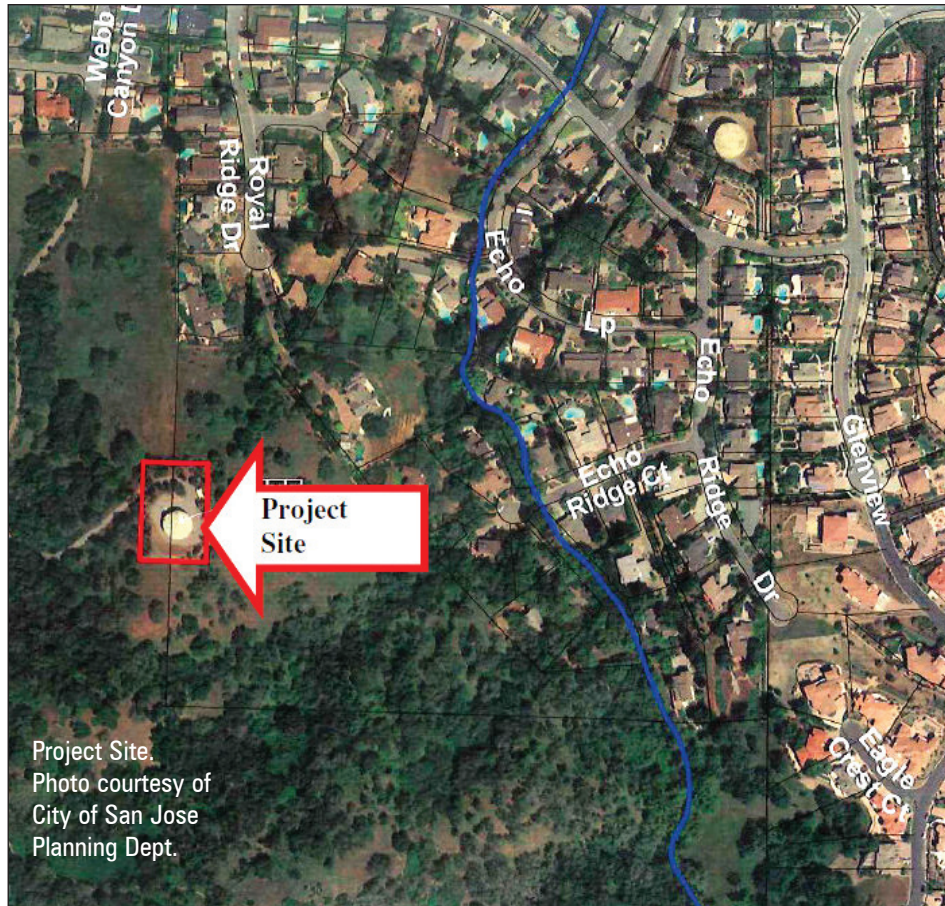
"It benefits T-Mobile, but how does it benefit the community as a whole?" asks another resident.

"They're doing it for the customers," says Leah Hernikl, T-Mobile Agent.

"Are there customers clamoring for better reception?" asks a resident.

"If we have one carrier, they have us locked in," says another. "Let's have a choice."

"If there wasn't customer drive, I don't think T-Mobile would be spending a lot of



Project Site. Photo courtesy of City of San Jose Planning Dept.

money to put a site in," says Hernikl. "As the cell industry has grown, residential areas are the last areas to get excellent coverage because there aren't great areas for sites. There are areas in Almaden without good T-Mobile coverage."

"On July 26, 2014, there was a fire at May's Farm," says a resident. "I live across from Quicksilver. The only way to douse the fire was by helicopter water drop. My neighbors and I had no cell phone coverage, and the AT&T landline wasn't working, so we had no communication at all. There's no coverage for a one-and-3/4-mile gap."

"We don't need a 40-foot pole," says another resident. "There must be another way to solve that problem."

According to Hernikl, Webb Canyon Drive is a good site because it offers technical feasibility, as it had previously been developed with Nextel cell antennas mounted on the water tank. San Jose Water Company's policy no longer permits having antennas mounted to water tanks for security reasons. Hernikl noted three locations that would be strategic for tree placement to screen the monopole, and says she is open for more suggestions.

"The goal is to improve the presence and

quality of coverage and quick speeds for data transmission," says Hernikl. "Forty percent of people in the United States rely on their cell phone exclusively, so it's becoming more and more important."

If the T-Mobile monopole is installed, coverage will include residential areas between Guadalupe Mines Road to the west and Glenview Drive to the east, and Coleman Avenue to the north and Almaden Quicksilver County Park to the south. Antennas will face north, east, and west.

When asked if other carriers would be included on the pole, Hernikl said this is a T-Mobile site for T-Mobile customers, but T-Mobile always cooperates with other carriers if they want to co-locate on the pole, subject to city approval.

"Whenever we review new antenna proposals, we require that the first thing applicants look at is if there's a pole or building existing they can put their antennas on so we don't have a cluster of monopoles in one location," says Baty. "Our conditions of approval require co-location if their application is approved. The number of carriers is determined by the length of the pole. This monopole could probably have three carriers total."

"If the capacity is limited due to a short pole," says a resident, "maybe a longer pole that allowed for more carriers would be better. I don't want five monopoles."

"Another community meeting would be required to find out if the residents want a second pole or to redesign the pole," says Baty. "We're looking for feedback to find out what people want. Each project is reviewed on a case-by-case basis so we can figure out how to best serve that community."

Andrew Tan, with EPI Consulting Firm, reviews RF emissions from cell phone carriers. In studying the proposed site for T-Mobile, he found only 2.3 percent of the 100 percent the FCC allows. "By comparison, walkie-talkies are 25 percent," he says. "The energy field emitted by the tower is low. The height of 41 feet is high enough and antennas broadcast towards the horizon."

"So, they can get approval now and later expand their capacity to 100 percent of what the FCC allows?" asks a resident.

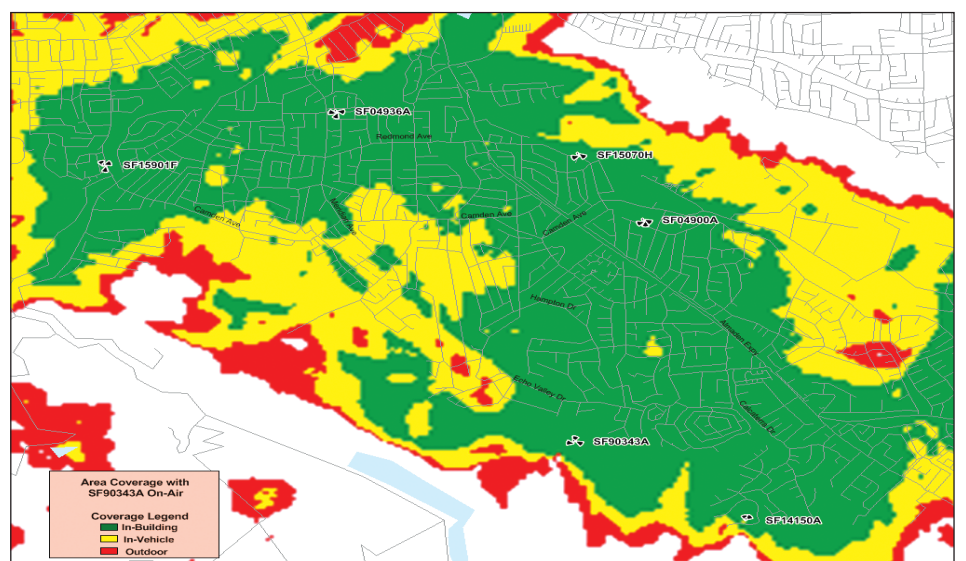
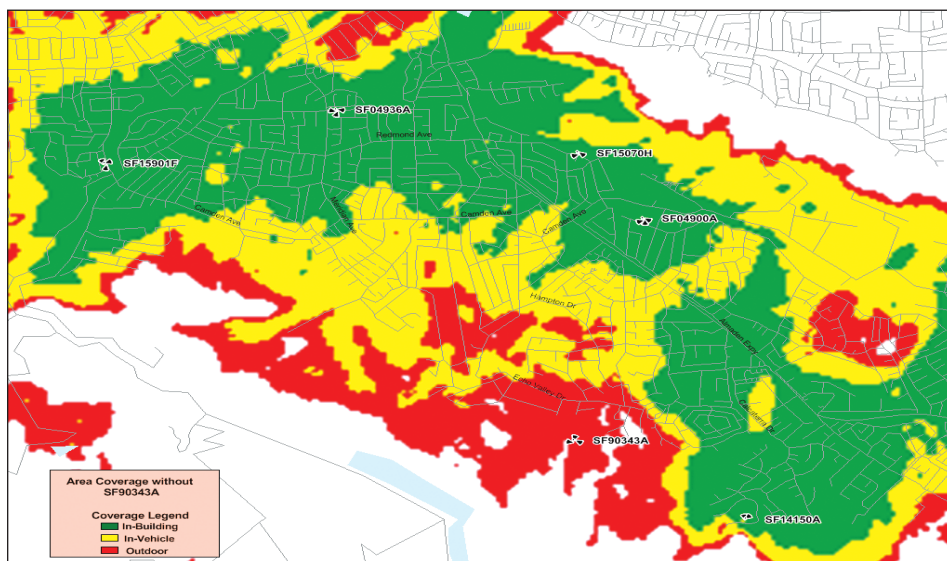
"Yes," says Baty, "but they have to meet federal guidelines."

Councilmember Johnny Khamis notes that carriers don't want less power, they want more because everyone's using more data. "The carriers are pounding on our doors," he says. "The cell poles might be going up all over San Jose. There's a need for more bandwidth and these carriers are stretched to the gills."

Resident Jim Kuhl spoke on the impact the tower would have on the physical beauty of the area, and recommended replacing the monopole with a monopine, which resembles a pine tree, and creating a robust foliage screening.

"We can make it a condition that vegetation planted as part of this application must be maintained by the applicant," says Baty. "But monopines require a different process of application. The staff could encourage a redesign of the pole, but a new application would have to be submitted. If there was support for that, I'm sure the applicant could consider changing the application, but that's their decision."

On September 12, 2011, Kuhl spoke at an AVCA meeting on behalf of himself and a group of concerned citizens regarding this same issue and the same location proposed for the T-Mobile cell tower. "Almaden Valley residents have fantastic mountainside views and access to pristine park-like woodlands via hiking trails," he said. "These views and woodlands are major assets to the area's appeal, and we cannot risk having these vistas and woodlands sullied by a poorly conceived tower."



Area coverage without SF90343A (left), and area coverage with SF90343 On-Air. In-building coverage is green, in-vehicle coverage is yellow, and outdoor coverage is red. Photos courtesy of T-Mobile.



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Times Sports

# San Jose track star to represent the US at IAAF World Track & Field event in Beijing

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Jeneba Tarmoh of San Jose will represent the United States in the 200m at the IAAF World Track & Field Championships in Beijing, China to be held August 22-30.

Tarmoh, an "All-American" student athlete, grew up in San Jose and she is a leader for the Cardinal Track Club.

After graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School in 2007, Tarmoh was awarded a scholarship at Texas A&M University and led her team to two consecutive NCAA Track and Field Outdoor Championships during the 2009–2011 seasons.

Tarmoh gave up her final year of eligibility to compete in the NCAA after she went professional, signing with Nike. She finished third at the 2011 USA National Outdoor Championships in the 200m behind Shalonda Solomon and Carmelita Jeter earning her a place on the 2011 IAAF World Championships Team.

Tarmoh's parents, both nurses, immigrated to San Jose from Sierra Lone shortly before she was born.

### Tarmoh sets new personal best

Tarmoh set a new personal best record of 22.23 in the 200 meters at the IAAF Diamond League 2015 competition in Monaco on July 17. The Diamond League meets are a series of top level track competitions in Europe. Only the very best Track & Field athletes in the world compete in the Diamond League. After the competing in the Diamond League, she flew to Southern



San Jose track star **Jeneba Tarmoh** proudly displays the gold medal she won in the 4X100m Women's relay at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

California to train for the IAAF Championships in China.

Jeneba's training coach Bobby Kersee trained Olympic Gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

### Gold Medal winner

Tarmoh won the Gold Medal at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London by winning the first leg of the 4x100m Women's Relay. Her teammates Allyson Felix, Tianna Madison, Bianca Knight, and Carmelita Jeter ran the final leg.

# Wedemeyer High School All-Star Football Game: South 14, North 6

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The 41st Charlie Wedemeyer high school football all-star game is over, with a score of South 14, North 6, but the game will be remembered more for the "field of play" than the final score.

The "field of play" was no small stage; it was played at Levi's Stadium, the largest venue in the history of the All-Star game. The fans and the players equally enjoyed the event and many can hardly wait until next year's game.

The highlight of the game was defensive back Tajhel Johnson of Oak Grove, who picked off a deflected pass and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown "I couldn't have asked for anything better," said Johnson.

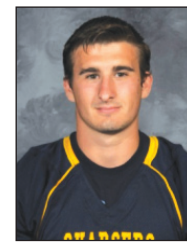
Presented by the Rotary Club of Almaden Valley, the game features standout class of 2015 seniors from 46 Santa Clara County High Schools divided into North and South



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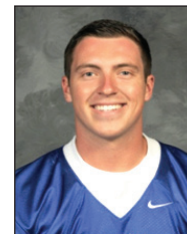
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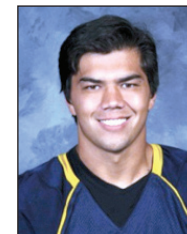
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squads. The game has been a tradition for more than 40 years and has had a quite a few participants that have been collegiate standouts and NFL stars. Football players representing Almaden high schools for this year's All-star game are pictured above and at right.

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## Times Local News

## BACK TO SCHOOL Happiness and success involve parenting

By Olaf Jorgenson  
*Special to the Times*

Ask Silicon Valley parents what they want for their children, and the answer will be some variation of the familiar cousins, happiness and success.

Many of us assume that success in school, as measured by outcomes like grades and standardized test scores and admission to selective universities, is prerequisite to building a happy adult life.

In my experience as an educator over the past 30 years, it's true that when parents emphasize outcomes and reward children for achievement, it can help leverage top test scores, spots on the traveling team, and lead roles in the play – success. However, the long-term impact of an achievement-focused childhood can be debilitating and actually undermine a child's happiness in adulthood. Recent reports chronicling over-stressed, unhappy kids in high-performing communities like Palo Alto illustrate this.

As Carol Dweck's research at Stanford demonstrates, when children are praised for achievement or ability, they typically become reluctant to take risks or pursue new experiences for fear of failure. But when they are instead praised for their effort, without regard for outcomes, they're willing to take on new challenges and are much more likely to develop confident, resilient attitudes (or what Dweck calls "mindsets"). Clearly Dweck's research has implications for achievement-oriented parents concerned for their children's well-being.

The pressures in our hyper-competitive society, amplified in fast-paced Silicon Valley, urge high-achieving parents to want more for their children. Of course, parents are driven by our deep love for our kids and motivated by our commitment to their happiness, based on the prevailing assumption that a happy adult life is synonymous with – and dependent on – a successful childhood.

In *The Happiness Advantage: The Seven Principles of Positive Psychology That Fuel Success and Performance at Work*, Shawn Achor undermines the myth that successful people become happy, and demonstrates that the opposite is actually the case.

According to Achor, "The formula is broken because it is backward...Research in the fields of positive psychology and neuroscience has proven that the relationship between success and happiness works the other way around...We now know that happiness is the precursor to success, not merely the result. And that happiness and optimism actually fuel performance and achievement."

Achor's conclusions emerge from

a meta-analysis of over 200 studies on 275,000 people worldwide. His research taps virtually every scientifically-valid study on happiness available.

Achor's specific findings are compelling. For example, "One way psychologists attempt to answer the chicken or egg question is to follow people over long periods. One study measured the initial level of positive emotions in 272 employees, and then followed their job performance over the next eighteen months.

They found that even after controlling for other factors, those who were happier at the beginning ended up receiving better evaluations and higher pay later on. Another study found that how happy individuals were as college freshman predicted how high their income was nineteen years later, regardless of their initial level of wealth."

Achor's book cites case after case, featuring people of all ages and walks of life, that substantiate his counterintuitive conclusion.

More than an interesting argument, though, if we turn the lens of Achor's thesis back to the relationship between parenting, school, and successful, happy children, we have cause for serious reflection. Our school system's focus on tests, grades, and homework, especially in the era of high-stakes testing and increasingly competitive college admissions, is bound to make children miserable, especially when parents heap on the pressure to "succeed."

We know better. Parents push children to earn high marks, pursue advanced coursework and view education as a means (success in school) to an end (happiness in adulthood). Yet key studies and my time in schools have convinced me that children learn best in a high-opportunity, low-stress environment, with plenty of chances to pursue their own curiosity, interests, and passions, rather than just chase grades and scores. In short, what children need is effectively the opposite of what most schools, and many parents, provide them today.

Edward Hallowell, noted psychologist and author of books including *The Childhood Roots of Adult Happiness*, explained at a conference for school heads I attended: "If we lead children to believe that their self-worth depends on their next accomplishment, we condemn them to a lifetime of unfulfillment."

When children who have been conditioned to define themselves by accomplishments grow to adulthood, their next success – securing a big business deal, inventing the next viral computer application, founding a pioneering medical



## Comanche Park grand re-opening ribbon cutting

Councilmember Johnny Khamis, District 10, hosted the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting celebration at Comanche Park playground on Saturday, August 8. Families attending the event enjoyed the new grass and play area. The playground is on the Shawnee Lane side of the park, between Blossom Ave. and Comanche Dr.



## Gas prices update week of August 10

Average retail gasoline prices in San Jose have fallen 9.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.37/g on Monday August 10, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 427 gas outlets in San Jose. This compares with the national average that has fallen 5.4 cents per gallon in the last week to \$2.60/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in San Jose during the past week, prices yesterday were 56.9 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 4.2 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 16.2 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 87.9 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The powerful combination of declining crude oil prices and robust production from U.S. refineries continues to pummel retail gasoline prices nationwide and it's a trend we expect to continue," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.

"Even with the extraordinary price spikes in California earlier this summer that inflated the



national average, improving conditions there have brought the state average from its mid-July peak at \$3.90 down to \$3.60 on Monday that averaged 31 cents less than what Californians were looking at last year," added Gregg Laskoski, another senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy.

breakthrough – propels them relentlessly forward. They are achievers, destined to become admired and prosperous in their industries and professions.

Yet satisfaction, happiness and success, remains perpetually just over the horizon, regardless of the string of triumphs trailing away behind them. They are perpetually striving because their self-worth remains beyond their grasp.

Despite this sobering forecast, back on the ground here in Silicon Valley, maybe it's unrealistic for parents to reverse their course in raising high-achieving kids. Their

anxiety at the risk of not grooming their daughters and sons for success is just too daunting; they are convinced that children who are not pressed to achieve will be crushed by the competition. There's no denying the mounting anxiety among parents everywhere as we look ahead to our children's uncertain future.

But the work of experts like Achor, Dweck, and Hallowell should at least prompt us to pause, reflect, and thoughtfully reaffirm our intentions and strategies. Can we do better at monitoring the unintended messages we send our

children about achievement and outcomes? Cut back on their scheduled after-school activities to allow time for them to just be kids? Insist that their schools limit the amount of homework teachers assign?

If "happiness and success" are truly our aims for our children, then let's be clear about what those terms mean to us, and the extent to which we've honestly weighed the costs and benefits of our parenting and schooling goals.

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Times Feature

# San Jose WWII veteran and teacher set example, lived life to the fullest

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

“My life began in Indian Creek, Philo, California on Sept. 5, 1918.” These were the words of Charles Robert Mathison, artist, teacher, and local former sheetrock contractor.

Three years and five months later in Santa Barbara, California, on February 25, 1922, Charles’ future wife, Vivian Louise Fibiger, aka Peggy, made her debut.

After graduating high school, Charles, better known as ‘Bob’, went to work with his father felling trees to earn money for college to become an art teacher. Bob went on to San Jose State College to fulfill this dream.

Peggy attended and graduated from Santa Barbara High School then went to work at Santa Barbara State College. Later she entered Los Angeles General Hospital School of Nursing. In 1943, she took a leave of absence and met Bob. They were married in September 1943.

Bob was drafted into the army and participated in the Battle of the Bulge in June 1944 ending up in Germany. “Peggy fought her own battle of the Bulge at home, the war ended but he and Peggy continued the battle of the bulge,” Bob laughingly stated.

Bob was being shipped to the Pacific Theater when the war ended with Japan’s surrender. He had served exactly forty-nine months to the day attaining the rank of First Lieutenant. Bob had entered the army as an enlisted man and after attaining the rank of Sergeant he was encouraged to enter OCS and train as an officer.

After serving his country, Bob finished college, graduating with honors and began his first job as an art teacher at Burlingame High School, Burlingame, California. Bob also became a talented graphic artist and has paintings hanging in homes throughout the Bay Area.

In July 15, 1947, Bob and Peggy were baptized into the Jehovah’s Witness Faith where they remained faithful stewards. He and Peggy were married 66 years before Peggy’s passed away. Bob, now 96 years old, resides at a rehabilitation center in Santa Clara, California.

When asked to what he attributed his long marriage to Peggy, Bob replied, “We loved each other more than we loved ourselves!” When asked to what he attributed his longevity, Bob stated, “It was clean living and lots of exercise! Before I had a stroke I used to run several miles a day.”

Bob’s life was a good example for aging seniors everywhere, and thanks to Bob and his fellow veterans we enjoy all our freedoms in America, the land of the free!

*Editor’s note: We learned of the passing of Charles Mathison as we went to press. The family requested copies of this issue of the Times for distribution during the memorial service for Charles.*



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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH\* ..... -\$500  
RAM SUMMER CLEARANCE CASH ..... -\$1,000  
RAM BONUS CASH ..... -\$1,000

**NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP**

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## Times Feature

# Giants and Earthquakes announce support for 2015 Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The San Jose Giants and the San Jose Earthquakes are throwing their support to the 2015 Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival, it was announced Monday August 10.

Both teams will help increase the visibility of the Festival this year through in-game announcements and video board recognition, newsletters, magazines, and web

postings.

The Quakes will be recognizing the Art & Wine Festival as the “Non-Profit of the Match” at the game against the Philadelphia Union on Saturday Sept 5 at 7:30pm. The Festival Committee has a number of discounted tickets for the game available for purchase with a portion of the ticket price benefiting the Festival.

The San Jose Giants, with its long history of supporting the com-

munity, will be promoting the Festival at all remaining home games this season, and have made available free tickets to games on Aug 12 & 13, August 20, and September 2.

“We are delighted and grateful to have the support of two great sports organizations in our community,” said Carina Ramirez-Johnson, 2015 Festival Chair. “We are extremely excited to be working with the Quakes and the Giants

this year, and look forward to seeing them at the Festival.”

Discounted tickets for the Quakes’ Sept 5 game can be purchased by visiting the Almaden Art & Wine Festival website: [AlmadenArtWine.com/earthquakes](http://AlmadenArtWine.com/earthquakes)

Free tickets to San Jose Giants games are available at various locations in Almaden Valley, or by emailing [publicity@almaden-women.org](mailto:publicity@almaden-women.org) with “San Jose Giants

Tickets” in the subject line.

The 2015 Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is Sunday, Sept 20, 10am - 6pm at Almaden Lake Park in San Jose. Visit [AlmadenWomen.org](http://AlmadenWomen.org) for more information about the Festival and the Almaden Valley Women’s Club, a 501(c)3 Non-Profit.

The Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is supported, in part, by a Cultural Affairs grant from the City of San Jose.

## ‘Silicon Valley Cares’ announces 2015 Broomstick Ball and Par Tee Classic

Silicon Valley Cares (SVC), a non-profit organization serving Silicon Valley, has announced its 6th annual Broomstick Ball, a Halloween costume party to be held Oct. 17, 2015 at the Fourth Street Summit Center in downtown San Jose.

Also returning is the highly successful Par Tee Golf Classic now in its third year on August 24, 2015 at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club which is also sponsored by SVC. “Par Tee” is an entertaining shotgun scramble with lively, themed holes and dinner.

The purpose of Silicon Valley Cares is to raise funds for non-profit organizations, which provide ongoing services to bay area families and critical community services within Santa Clara County. The Broomstick Ball is a costume-encouraged event including a wonderful dinner, casino play, silent auction, music, and dancing.

“Silicon Valley Cares puts the FUN in fundraising by offering the community a unique approach to raising funds with no live auctions or drawn out speeches,” says SVC Founder, Kelly Dippel.

SVC is proud to announce this year’s beneficiaries: *Youth Science Institute* – offers hands-on, nature-based, science education to children, families, and the general public, with a focus on ensuring these programs are available to low income, academically at-risk, and underserved populations; *Nike Animal Rescue Foundation* – is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming companion animals throughout Santa Clara County; and *The Alzheimer’s Activity Center* – provides day care and enrichment activities to clients affected by Alzheimer’s and dementia while offering support to the families caring for them at home.

The Par Tee Classic is an 18-hole fun and entertaining shotgun scramble golf tournament that



Kelly Dippel, SVC founder

includes festive themed holes, refreshments, lunch, prizes and a fabulous dinner. All are designed to bring the Silicon Valley community together for networking, fun and compassion while raising funds for local charities.

### About Silicon Valley Cares

SVC is a non-profit organization that unites Santa Clara County women with a common commitment to raising funds for local charities. Since its inception, SVC has grown to over 60 members. For more information on Silicon Valley Cares or the Broomstick Ball and Par Tee Classic ticket purchases please visit [www.siliconvalley-cares.org](http://www.siliconvalley-cares.org)

### About Kelly Dippel

Kelly has lived in Almaden for more than 20 years with her husband, Wayne, and two sons, Anthony and Austin. Kelly loves to exercise and is often found running the Quicksilver hills. In 2006, Kelly ran her first half marathon and then decided to up her game to the Napa Marathon in 2009 in pouring rain, followed by the Quicksilver 25K in 2010. Kelly’s family is very active and loves skiing and deep-sea fishing. Kelly tried out for “Survivor” TV series three times.

## Backpack drive a success

Almaden Hills United Methodist Church Backpack Drive was a stunning success with more than 3,000 backpacks stuffed with school supplies to students in the Hoffman-Via Monte area during National Night Out on August 4. Congregants volunteered after church services to help fill the backpacks.

## Job fair scheduled for Bass Pro Shops

A job fair will be held Monday, August 17 through Wednesday, August 19 for the new Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store opening this year in San Jose.

Those interested in employment with the Bass Pro Shops San Jose store need to apply in person at the Hilton Santa Clara, 4949 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. each day. You must be 18 years old to apply.

Applications will be accepted for full-time and part-time positions in the following departments: fish-

ing, camping, hunting, archery, footwear, apparel/gifts, marine accessories, receiving and customer service. Bass Pro Shops also will be employing cashiers, greeters, stockers, marine technicians, boat riggers, boat detailers and boat sales consultants.

In addition, restaurant applications will be taken for servers, hosts, hostesses, bussers, bartenders, dishwashers, line cooks and prep for the Uncle Buck’s Fishbowl and Grill.

This nautical-themed feature, located within the San Jose Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World store, offers a unique atmosphere and design. Geared for family fun, Uncle Buck’s Fishbowl and Grill features a bowling alley, casual dining and a private room perfect for

birthday parties or small family gatherings.

A special Evening for Conservation that is free and open to the public will take place the night before the official grand opening. This event demonstrates Bass Pro Shops dedication to conservation and highlights exhibits from local conservation groups.

For every dollar spent during the Evening for Conservation, 50 cents will be donated to a designated group. In addition, the event will feature celebrities, entertainment and a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Information regarding that event will be available at a later date.

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## Discovery Shop to feature art, books

Come and check out a wide selection of artwork and books for all ages at a special event sale on Friday, 8/28/15, 10am-6pm and Saturday, 8/29/15, 10am-5pm. American Cancer Society Discovery Shop, 1103 Branham Lane, 408/265-5535.



## Ivories heat up an already hot summer

On Wednesday August 19, **Diana Krall** (above) will bring her inimitable jazz piano stylings to the Mountain Winery in Saratoga. Visit <http://www.mountainwinery.com/concerts> for tickets or more information. And on Saturday Sept. 5, the one and only **Billy Joel** will perform at AT&T Park. Get tickets and more information at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

## Flamenco show to feature great cast

On Saturday August 22, the Flamenco Society of San Jose will present "Juerga Flamenca" - Flamenco & Persian Music at 7 pm at the Historic Hoover Theatre, located at 1635 Park Avenue, San Jose. For tickets: e-mail: [flamencos@earthlink.net](mailto:flamencos@earthlink.net) or call 510-792-8355. The show will feature musical arrangements composed of dance, song, guitar, santour (persian instrument) and percussion, highlighting the passion and beauty of flamenco and Persian traditional music. The admission charge for this event is \$19 general admission, \$15 for students/senior citizens and \$12 for children.

## Women educators seminar and brunch scheduled

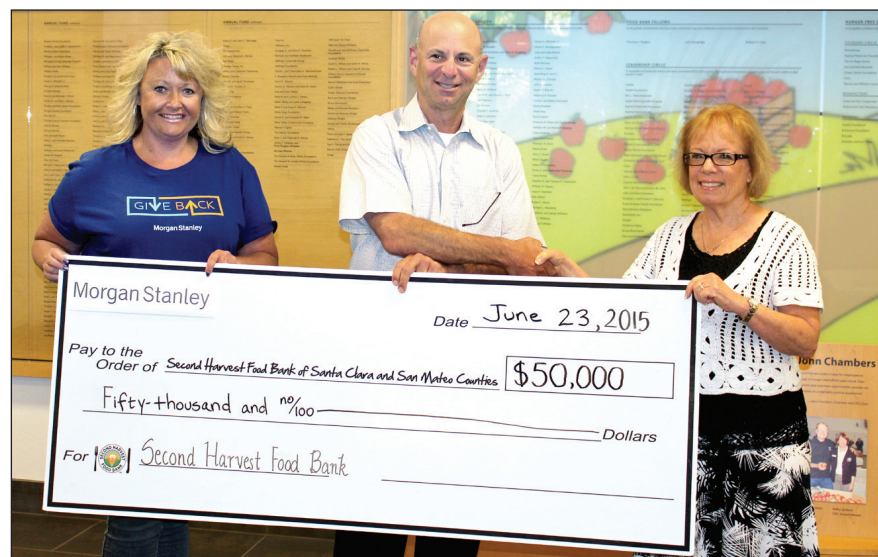
Alpha Kappa Chapter Chi State - Area IV, Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide Brunch will be served. Date: Saturday, August 29, 2015. Time: 11am - 2pm Location: The Villas of Almaden Clubhouse (Near Meridian and Coleman Rd.) RSVP By

Saturday, August 22, 2015  
Pam Hays 408-265-3261 or [shinelet@aol.com](mailto:shinelet@aol.com).



## Chris Hardwick brings the funny

**Chris Hardwick** (above) is a stand-up comedian, chart-topping podcaster, television personality, contributor for Wired magazine, and creative head of the multi-platform media behemoth known as Nerdist Industries. He will be bringing his "Funcomfortable Tour" to San Jose's California Theatre (345 South First St.) on Friday, August 15. For more information or tickets, visit [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).



## Second Harvest receives \$50K from Morgan Stanley

In late June, Morgan Stanley donated \$50,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank. Pictured are **Kari Cardwell-Shriver**, Vice President, Complex Service Manager, at Morgan Stanley; **Craig Cymrot**, Senior Vice President, Portfolio Management Director, Financial Advisor, at Morgan Stanley; and **Kris Sulpizio**, Director of Volunteer Services, at Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

The grant is part of the latest phase of the Morgan Stanley's Fill the Plate initiative, a more than \$14 million commitment to Feeding America and its network of 200 local food banks that distribute millions of meals every year to children and families across the United States. As part of the initiative, Morgan Stanley will award more than \$4 million over three years to local food banks like Second Harvest to launch, expand and sustain critical childhood feeding programs. Along with their generous financial support, local Morgan Stanley employees have amplified their commitment by donating their time and volunteering.

"We are honored to be able to help the Second Harvest food bank in its important fight against child hunger," said Morgan Stanley Executive Director Mark Gherity. "Giving back to the communities where we live and work is one of Morgan Stanley's core values."

## Times Features

## Ambitious plan to plant orchards at 1000 California public schools

Ten years ago a small grassroots group of nutritional justice activists from Northern California retrofitted a pair of buses to run on recycled vegetable oil and solar power and set south on a mission to plant orchards at low-income public schools throughout the Golden State.

Since their humble beginnings, Common Vision has planted over 6,500 fruit trees at hundreds of schools from San Diego to Sacramento, attracted seed money from corporate leaders like Organic Valley, Nutiva and Clif Bar, and even won an Emmy Award for a PBS television documentary about their one-of-a-kind traveling tree-planting troupe, best known to students as Fruit Tree Tour.

Now, with a little help from multi-Grammy Award winning singer-songwriter Jason Mraz and farming cooperative Organic Valley, the all-volunteer army of "modern-day Johnny Appleseeds" is announcing its most ambitious goal yet— orchards in the ground at 1,000 California public schools by 2025.

To reach to its goal, Common Vision has launched an Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign to raise the \$60,000 it needs to get started. Jason Mraz and his foundation is supporting the project, including a school orchard at Burbank Elementary in his home base of San Diego.

While Organic Valley, a longtime sponsor, is making dollar-for-dollar matching donations doubling the impact of every gift.

### Why school orchards?

Common Vision believes that every child deserves a direct relationship with healthy, organic food, but growing social inequality deprives millions of California students of this right. Today, over 6.5 million American kids live in food deserts, and 3.6 million are enrolled in free and reduced public school lunch programs in California alone. For many kids a school lunch of over-processed, high-calorie filler is their main meal of the day.

School orchards are edible classrooms that provide students with fresh fruit and a direct relationship with healthy foods. Orchards on campus solve local and global problems by creating access to fresh food while serving as living laboratories that offer kids hands-on opportunities to learn earth sciences at a time when there has never been a greater need for eco-literacy. Students learn essentials about everything from the importance of protecting pollinators to reversing the global climate crisis.

"Common Vision is a lean, green, orchard planting machine," shares Leo Buc, director of Common Vision. "Our school orchard program already serves over 100,000 low-income students on a tiny budget. With the help of countless donors, volunteers, and partners we'll make it a million by 2025. Give a kid a piece of fruit, and feed her for a day. Teach her how to care for an orchard and feed her community for generations!"

For more information, visit [Common Vision's website at CommonVision.org](http://CommonVision.org).

## Goss joins Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS® Board of Directors

The Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS® announced that Doug Goss, a REALTOR® for Keller Williams, has joined its Board of Directors.

"We are pleased to have someone of Doug's caliber join our Board of Directors," commented SCCAOR CEO Neil Collins. "With his real estate experience, working knowledge of the industry and brokerage expertise, Doug will be a terrific addition."

Goss, who has been a real licensed agent and SCCAOR member for 21 years said, "I think it's important to give back to the community and SCCAOR for all they have done over the years. I'm excited to be part of this. I think I bring a lot of hands-on experience as an agent who is out there day in and day out dealing with buyers and sellers."

Goss will provide input and guidance as to how he sees the market and help SCCAOR achieve its goals and fulfill its mission and vision. He also serves on SCCAOR's Grievance Committee.

Prior to joining Keller Williams, Goss was

with Coldwell Banker and RE/MAX. He left RE/MAX to start Keller Williams' Los Gatos office in January 2013. He has successfully closed more than 800 real estate transactions throughout his career.

To what does he attribute his success? "Giving my clients excellent service and not discriminating on my clients based on their price point," he said. "I give the same level of service and commitment to a client buying a one-bedroom condo as a multimillion dollar

home. To me, it's all about building relationships."

Goss belongs to the Council of the Residential Specialists, Real Estate Buyer's Agent Council and Employees Relocation Council, among other organizations.

He has earned several designations, including Certified Residential Specialist (CRS), Certified Relocation Professional (CRP), Graduate Realtor Institute (GRI), Accredited Buyers Representative (ABR), e-PRO certification,

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Doug Goss





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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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Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road: Sunday 9:30 AM  
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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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[www.ThePoint.Church](http://www.ThePoint.Church)  
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KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor. 10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

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## San Jose partners with WaterSmart Software

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

A new partnership was announced last week with the City of San Jose and WaterSmart Software, along with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency, and also the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

WaterSmart offers the leading water-use monitoring software platform that helps water utilities engage customers, improve operational efficiency and save money.

The WaterSmart partnership is the newest component of the City's overall campaign to address severe drought, by directly engaging households to conserve water in addition to using data analytics to manage the City's water more efficiently.

"The adoption of new technological solutions to improve water efficiency is more urgent than ever to ensure we continue to meet our 30 percent reduction goals," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "The WaterSmart partnership allows us to quickly conserve water by engaging residents with easily accessible information and water saving recommendations.

"We urge other California cities and water retailers to adopt such innovative and cost-effective

approaches to conserving water," said Liccardo.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District is providing half of the funding for the new program. Partnership with the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Agency provides access to state grant funds to pay for 3,000 of the over 21,000 homes served by San Jose Municipal Water System. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is providing half of the funding for the remaining cost of the new program.

"WaterSmart is honored by the opportunity to bring our water-use monitoring software to the residents of San Jose," said Robin Gilthorpe, CEO of WaterSmart. "WaterSmart complements the City of San Jose's more capital intensive projects by providing a cost-effective solution that delivers measurable results in a matter of months," he said.

While the drought is an obvious catalyst to encourage water conservation, factors such as ongoing population growth, climate change, and deferred infrastructure maintenance make improving water systems more important than ever.

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