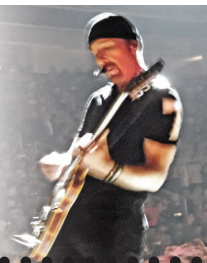


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Shahana Shah, Director of Clement Preschool, makes learning fun for the children. Photos by Lorraine Gabbert

## MAKING A SPLASH Almaden athlete breaks state record at CCCAA Swimming Championships

By Bill Bellou  
Publisher

Almaden athlete Layna Auchard won the women's 200 yard breaststroke event and broke the State record at the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Swimming Championships held in Los Angeles on May 2.

Auchard set a new State record with a time of 2:24.24.

In the final 50 yards of the race, Auchard caught and passed the leader, Yingfei Zhang, a sophomore from East Los Angeles College, out-touching her by .32 seconds. "I See *ATHLETE*, page 6



Layna Auchard, a freshman at Foothill College, earned both athletic and academic All-American honors at Pioneer High School. Photo courtesy Auchard family

## Precious and Clement Preschools closing after 41 years

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Peals of laughter ring out as children race down slides at Precious Preschool and climb on the steam train at Clement Preschool. Their faces fill with awe as they hold a bird's nest during science class and with joy as their voices join in chorus during sing-alongs. Sadly, due to low enrollment, after 41 years, both schools will be closing and the memories will be all that remain.

"Precious Preschool is the quintessential neighborhood school," says parent Kara Schlosser. "My family chose Precious because of its cozy atmosphere, experienced teachers like Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Rodriguez, and Mrs. Flynn, and the balance of social, fun, and learning. I've always appreciated their child development knowledge and See *PRESCHOOLS*, page 15



Niloufer Ulla, owner of the preschools, and the famous pink piano at Precious Preschool.

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# Valley Currents

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## SHORING UP THE COASTLINE

### Almaden Country School students clean up Seabright Beach

Almaden Country School students descended and started sprucing up the beautiful Santa Cruz shores of Seabright Beach late last month.

Plastic bottles, candy wrappers and shredded pieces of clothing littering Seabright Beach were scooped up as part of an eighth grade service learning project which is intended to offer hands-on, real world learning for students.

"The students had researched a variety of options but ultimately chose a beach clean-up," said eighth grade teacher Ms. Atkinson. "When the students read about Save Our Shores, they got excited and rallied around

cleaning up a nearby beach."

Save Our Shores is a nonprofit marine conservation organization in Santa Cruz and their mission is caring for the marine environment through ocean awareness, advocacy and citizen action. The nonprofit provided gloves, bags and information and ACS students offered enthusiasm, hard work and strong backs.

"You don't normally think about how our trash affects ocean life, but plastic especially kills so many sea animals," said eighth grader Helena. "We chose this activity for service day to bring awareness to the pollution problem and how we can help remove



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the trash from our shorelines and stop it from getting into the ocean."

It costs the state of California an estimated \$72 million per year to collect and dispose of one-time use disposable cups and bags according to Earth Resource. In addition, it costs California an estimated \$52.2 million per year to attempt to keep our beaches clean.

"Often charitable projects at

school don't connect students with the end result — like when parents buy canned food, students drop it in a barrel, and nobody ever sees the recipients who benefit," said Dr. Ole Jorgenson, head of school. "By actually doing the work, like this local beach cleanup, our students learn that they can make a difference, and the difference begins when they take action in their immediate world."

## OPINION: Common Core testing – a middle school student's perspective

By **Neha Bandaru**  
*Special to the Times*

Almost everyone can agree that a lot has changed in the past 15 years, from fashion trends to technological advances; nearly everything is new and improved. It has come as a surprise to many that the government is making educational advances as well.

In 2009, the US government initiated new guidelines for the public school education system called Common Core. Over the past several years the curriculum for this new method of education has been developing and has finally been completed and established in the public school system.

The Common Core curriculum and testing program focuses on developing critical-thinking, problem-solving, and analytical skills for all students. The Evergreen School District has opted to test all the students on Google Chromebooks instead of paper and pencil. Taking the test on a computer is pretty cool. You click on the app and you're ready to take the test; a great way to blend education and technology for Silicon Valley students.

As the current school year comes to an end, it's time to be tested on this new method of education. Unlike past years, all California public schools are now being tested using "Smarter Balanced Testing." The new testing consists of assessment in Language Arts and Mathematics.

As an eighth grader in the first class of students being tested using Smarter Balance, here are my first reactions:

First, Smarter Balanced Testing is very different compared to STAR testing. Several students had varied opinions about it. While some pupils said that the test was "So easy, but just really

long", others said, "It was really hard and I didn't understand most of it."

### Language Arts

The Language Arts testing section has two parts: Non-Performance and Performance.

The Non-Performance task section consists of approximately 44 questions with no time limit. These questions are based on understanding of reading or listening to articles. Other questions ask students to support their answers using evidence from prose.

In my opinion, the material covered in the test isn't very hard: It was just very time consuming and mentally tiring because there were so many repetitive questions and each passage only had two or three questions, so there were several passages to read.

The Performance Task Section, on the other hand, requires students to write an essay on an individualized topic. While the theme for essay was the same for all students in the entire school ('Space Exploration'), each student was asked to write a different type of essay within that theme. A few example topics were: 'Write an argumentative essay about whether or not Pluto should be considered a planet or not', and 'Write a narrative about an event that you would face if you were the first child to visit the International Space Station.' The majority of students thought that this task was fairly easy, but some students felt that they didn't receive enough information to write a good essay.

### Mathematics

Similar to Language Arts, the Mathematics testing consists of Non-Performance and Performance sections. The Non-Performance task section consisted of 36 problems mostly cen-

tered on algebra. Student's opinions were varied because not everyone in the eighth grade had completed the "Common Core 8 Math Course" over the school year.

In the Performance Task section, each student was given an overall problem that was to be solved by answering six sub questions. While the Performance Task was relatively easy, some students had some difficulty as their Chromebooks weren't working for 20 minutes of the class period.

There are many benefits to Smarter Balance Testing. It helps ensure that all students are educated and tested to "clear and consistent standards." As a result every student in the nation should know and be able to do math and English language arts from kindergarten through 12th grade.

### Final thoughts

Not everyone was happy with Common Core testing. Some students felt that the curriculum itself does not cover everything that it is necessary for students at that grade level to comprehend. An eighth grade student currently in Common Core 8 Math has not learnt about parabolas, the quadratic formula, etc.

Being tested on material not taught in school may affect students all around the nation because if a student is applying for private schools, students may not know the curriculum in placement tests or even the classes taught there. Also, the fact that most tests were not timed is itself a flaw, since most college admission and competitive tests require students to excel within a time constraint.

*Editor's Note: Neha Bandaru is an eighth grade student attending Chaboya Middle School in the Evergreen School District, San Jose, CA.*





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Times **Community News****Dartmouth students place ninth at California Destination Imagination State Tourney**

**F**our sixth grade students from Dartmouth Middle School competed in the California Destination Imagination State tournament where they placed ninth out of a field of 22 teams. The tournament was held at the Riverside Convention Center in Riverside, CA.

Destination Imagination is an educational program where teams are tasked with solving open-ended challenges and presenting their solutions at tournaments. These challenges incorporate STEM, the arts, and service learning.

For this year's competition, the girls tackled the "Feary Tales" challenge where they had to create and present a fairy tale about a character that has to face and deal with a phobia. The girls cleverly change fear of losing a loved one to Alzheimer's disease into a creative and entertaining tale using old-fashioned storytelling, theater, music, and science.

The girls previously competed in February



Pictured above from left to right are tournament participants **Mia Fujitani, Anwesha Mishra, Megan Nakagawa, and Jenaya Choy.**

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telling, theater, music, and science.

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**Layna Auchard**, displaying her championship medal, started taking swim lessons at Almaden Valley Athletic Club Swim School when she was two and a half years old. *Photo courtesy Auchard family*

**Athlete**

*Continued from page 1*

had a feeling I was catching her," says Layna, "but I was really focusing on the last two laps of my race. I didn't expect to win."

Auchard, a freshman at Foothill College, earned both athletic and academic All-American honors at Pioneer High School. She competed on the school's water polo and swim teams.

Layna has been competing on the women's water polo and swim teams at Foothill since August, 2014. Her coach, Jeff Bissell, said, "She has become a valuable asset to the aquatic programs at our school...is a true team player...and shows great sportsmanship in the pool."

Auchard started taking swim lessons at Almaden Valley Athletic Club Swim School when she was two and a half years old. Her parents, Bob and Bernadette, fondly recall those early days of swim lessons when Layna was always ignoring her instructors, going under and poking around the bottom of the pool for any "lost treasures" she could find. Her father says, "She's always loved the water. AVAC's pool is like our second home."

Swim lessons at AVAC eventually transitioned to cabana club swimming, and then on to year-round swim club competition—which she still does now.

Coach Bissell said that during water polo season last fall, Layna was a key player in Foothill's Coast Conference Water Polo Championship game; its third win in a row. The victory led the school to its third trip to the State Water Polo Championships in the past five years. They ended the season with a fourth place finish in the state and second in Northern California.

When Foothill's swim season began in the winter, Auchard set the school record in the 100 yard breaststroke and both the school and conference records in the 200 yard breaststroke.

Auchard's accomplishments have been attained while taking 21 units each quarter, and she is being honored by the CCCAA as an Athletic All-American and by Foothill College as a Scholar Athlete, with a cumulative GPA of 3.75.



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#### Times Feature

## Almaden real estate agent becomes regular on Ronn Owens KGO radio talk show

**A**lisha Karandikar, longtime Almaden resident and real estate agent has become a 'regular' on the Ronn Owens KGO News Talk 810 AM Radio Show.

Karandikar was first invited as a guest on the show in the spring of 2014 after appearing on HGTV's nationally syndicated "Flip It to Win It" television show in the summer of 2014.

Ronn and Alisha established a connection from her first appearance. "Alisha became my regular real estate contributor after her first visit," said Owens.

"This is highly unusual for me because anyone who is on my show repeatedly needs to stand out," said Owens. "Her combination of expertise as a realtor, incredible energy and vivacious personality made her an instant addition to my show. She clicked with me and just as importantly, our listeners."

Alisha said she really enjoys the interaction with Ronn and the listeners. We get some very interesting calls from basic real estate questions to ones that make you scratch your head or laugh out loud."

Ronn Owens has had his eponymous radio show for over 20 years and since 2011, is the sole remaining radio talk show host on KGO in San Francisco. His show is heard daily from 9 am to noon. Ronn is married to former KGO and KCBS news anchor Jan Black. They have two daughters, Sarah and Laura, and live in San Francisco.



Alisha Karandikar, longtime Almaden resident has become a 'regular' on the Ronn Owens radio show.

#### "Flip It to Win It"

Alisha paired with a local contractor on "Flip It to Win It". Alisha and her partner were one of six teams that bid, renovated and sold houses for top dollar. The team with the biggest financial gain won. The show was on HGTV during the summer of 2014.

For additional information about Ronn Owens Radio show: [ronn.com](http://ronn.com). For additional information about Alisha Karandikar, visit: [facebook.com/alishacsr](https://facebook.com/alishacsr)

## Coldwell Banker launches first annual fundraising campaign for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

**C**oldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of the Bay Area's largest real estate services company, announced the launch of its first annual fundraising campaign for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford.

This year's fundraising campaign titled "Give Hope. Give Health" will feature an eight-week raffle fundraiser, which begins today through July 12 in all 45 Bay Area Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices. Organizers have set a goal of raising more than \$300,000 with all donations going to support the Lucile Packard Children's Fund.

In addition to the companywide raffle, money will also be raised by local fundraising activities held by individual Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices throughout the San Francisco Bay Area.

"Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is excited to kick off its very first fundraising campaign for a new community partner, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

"This non-profit hospital is an amazing organization that treats children in need throughout the Bay Area regardless of their financial means," he said. "When we heard stories about so many local families who have received outstanding care from Lucile Packard Children's Hospital it was impossible not to jump in and help. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage is proud to be sup-



Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford

porting the hospital in its important work, and encourage local residents to join us by purchasing raffle tickets this coming month."

The children's hospital, which has coverage within 10 miles of most family households in the Bay Area, treats any child or expectant mother in the community who needs specialized care, regardless of their ability to pay. Each year, more than 71,000 children and expectant mothers depend on Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford for expert medical care. As a nonprofit hospital, they rely on community support to provide the best care available to patients and their families.

Raffle tickets are \$2 each and the public is invited to participate. They can be purchased from any Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Independent Agent or at any Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage office in the Bay Area.

Prizes include a \$4,000 grand prize donated by Princeton Capital, an Apple Watch, gift certificates, hotel stays and much more.

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Times Feature

# City of San Jose addresses the drought issue

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times

During the April 21 City Council meeting, the Department of Environment Services issued a memo addressing the severe drought and water shortage issues our state is facing, and included recommendations on how to move forward in the conservation process.

In the memo, the department suggested the council adopt a resolution declaring a 25 percent water shortage in the City of San Jose which would, “limit the use of potable water for landscape and turf irrigation to two (2) scheduled days per week, except when watering by hand or by drip irrigation, or for maintenance of public parks, playing fields, day care centers, golf course greens, and school grounds, provided such irrigation is done in a water efficient manner, or for fire protection, soil erosion control, plants/trees grown for consumption, nursery/garden center plants for sale, and environmental mitigation projects.”

Mayor Sam Liccardo and Councilmember Margie Matthews put forth their own memo

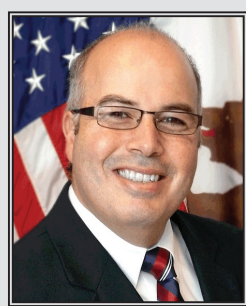
recommending the council take further action, and increase the water shortage declaration to 30 percent. This is what the council ultimately adopted, with a couple of exceptions and clarifications. First, in the ESD’s chart of Proposed City of San Jose Water Use Restrictions, the refilling of residential swimming pools, and outdoor spas more than one foot is prohibited under the 30 percent water shortage.

The council decided that residential pools and spas can be filled and refilled, and moved that restriction to the 40 percent water shortage level. With that said, the council also prohibited the building of new residential swimming pools. The city of San Jose will no longer be issuing permits for the construction of new residential swimming pools.

To see the memo from ESD and the San Jose Water Use Restrictions chart, check out <http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/42331>. To view Mayor Liccardo’s and Councilmember Matthews’ memo, visit <http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/42511>.

You can also view the City’s press release regarding all of the information, check out <http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/1914/2495526/>.

In addition to the April 21 council meeting, the San Jose City Council and the Board of Directors for the Santa Clara Valley Water District held a joint study session on the drought and water shortage issues. During that meeting, several valuable conservation



## District 10 Report

Johnny Khamis,  
City Councilmember

## The city of San Jose will no longer issue permits for the construction of new residential swimming pools.

programs were discussed, as well as the outreach tools needed to encourage everyone in San Jose, and surrounding area’s to take ownership of these challenges and do their part in conserving water.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers a number of rebate programs for things ranging from landscape conversion to high efficiency appliance installation, and the rebate rates have dramatically increased! To learn more about all of the rebate programs the Water District has to offer, visit <http://www.valleywater.org/programs/ConservationAtHome.aspx>. In addition to their rebate programs, you can request water-saving items such as showerheads, kitchen aerators, buckets, signs, and shower timers. To see all the free conservation items, visit <http://www.valleywater.org/programs/FreeConservationItems.aspx>

The Water District isn’t the only agency with programs such as these. The San Jose Water Company is currently providing free leak evaluations of homes and businesses. If you think there may be a water leak of some kind at your home, please contact the San Jose Water Company at (408) 279-7900 to request your free water audit.

*I hope you do your part and join us in a lifestyle of water conservation. If you have any questions regarding what you’ve read, please feel free to contact my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408.535.4910.*

## San Jose Water Co. unveils mandatory water rationing plan

Silicon Valley’s largest water company will impose mandatory 30 percent water rationing next month.

The plan says all businesses and homeowners in the San Jose water company’s service area will be given a monthly water allocation based on the average water usage in 2013 by all customers.

Residents are worried that their failure to meet the rationing goal will result in a hefty surcharge on their water bill. The water company is silent on what the surcharge rate will be. It may be difficult for customers to monitor their progress on a monthly basis because the water company sends statements out every other month.

Families living in Almaden also fear they’ll be penalized by having started water conservation two years ago, which is now their base for the 30 percent cut-back. “How are we going to cut back 30 percent on top of the 15 percent we started saving more than 2 years ago,” said Kathy Stewart.

“If folks learn to read their water meter and do their conservation tips that we have asked them to do, I think it’s very possible for they’ll get to that 30 percent number,” said John Tang of the San Jose Water Company.

The new allocation plan starts June 15 if approved by the state.

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## Times Feature



War Comes Home: The Legacy opened on May 11 at Evergreen Valley College Library.

## War exhibition featuring historic letters comes to Evergreen Valley College

Highlighting private correspondence from almost every major conflict in U.S. history, new exhibition *War Comes Home: The Legacy* opened on May 11 at Evergreen Valley College Library. Admission is free.

The traveling exhibition, rich with historic and contemporary letters, offers an intimate perspective into the thoughts and emotions of veterans and their families upon a soldier's homecoming.

The exhibition is based on the work of the Center for American War Letters (CAWL) and is presented by Exhibit Envoy. Andrew Carroll, the Director of CAWL and an award-winning and *New York Times* bestselling author, and John Benitz, Associate Professor in the Department of Theatre at Chapman University, co-curated the exhibition.

The exhibition explores the joys and hardships that returning soldiers and their families face during homecoming, as expressed through private letters and email correspondence. Spanning conflicts from the Civil

War through the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq and displayed on thirteen interpretive panels, *War Comes Home: The Legacy* explores the shared themes of wartime separation, the adjustment to life back at home, and the costs of war.

As Staff Sergeant Parker Gyokeres writes, "Those of us coming back...are not looking for sympathy. We might be reluctant at first to talk about what we've been through...[but] your support has made this journey an incredible one...Thanks, above all, for listening."

*War Comes Home: The Legacy* is part of Cal Humanities' current *War Comes Home* initiative, a thematic program designed to promote greater understanding of veterans and explore how war shapes a community. The exhibit at the Evergreen Valley Library ends June 21.

*Editor's note: Evergreen Valley College Library is located at 3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose. Visit <http://www.evc.edu/library> or call 408.270.6433 for more information.*

## Kiwanis Governor presents Distinguished Service Award to Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Councilmember Johnny Khamis was presented with the Distinguished Service Award by Alan Guire, Governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of Kiwanis International on May 15.

The Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award, established in 1991, recognizes individuals for their outstanding leadership and service to the community. Guire presented this prestigious award to Councilmember Johnny Khamis on behalf of the Almaden Valley Kiwanis. While receiving the award, Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee Patti Barsotti shared why he was selected this year.

"After joining Almaden Valley Kiwanis in early 2011, Johnny Khamis was extremely active in the club's community service activities," said Barsotti. "Based on his 'heart for service,' it was no surprise to fellow Kiwanians when he decided to run for San Jose City Council in 2012. Since winning that election, he has significantly expanded his service into the community, far beyond the reach of the small Almaden Valley club," she said.

In addition to managing multiple park cleanup, wall painting and tree planting projects, Khamis organized the first Annual Fourth of July community festival with fire-

**"Since winning that election, he has significantly expanded his service into the community, far beyond the reach of the small Almaden Valley club."**

**-Kiwanis Trustee Patti Barsotti**

works as well as one of four National Night Out events in the country large enough to secure Target as a sponsor – providing backpacks, bicycles and food to people in need.

Khamis successfully encouraged corporations such as Orchard Supply, Home Depot, McDonalds and Starbucks to contribute resources to the community. And, in his role as Councilmember he has strongly promoted the importance of being involved in community service by putting community events in his newsletter and promoting non-profit organizations.

In attendance were Khamis' wife Juliana, sons Constantine and Alexander as well as his mother and two sisters.

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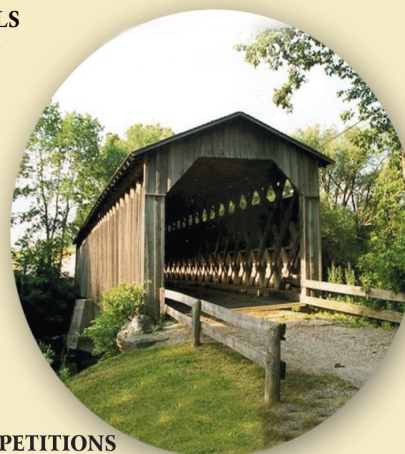
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## Times Feature



San Jose became a city of blinding light when U2 rolled into town this week. All photos by Jeff Baham

## When U2 performs, love comes to town

By Jeff Baham

*Special to the Times*

U2, called the "biggest band in the world" by *Rolling Stone* magazine, rolled into town this week for two sold-out concerts at San Jose's SAP Center arena May 18 and 19.

With San Jose marking the first U.S. stops on their latest world tour titled "iNNOCENCE + eXPERIENCE," the band showed no signs of tiring of their nearly 40 years together making rock and roll music during the two-hour-plus set. Playing a blend of songs from their newest album "Songs of Innocence" as well as hits and deep cuts from their four decades of material, the band brought the crowds of over 17,000 per night to their feet with each familiar riff.

Front man Bono has always written songs steeped in religious and spiritual overtones, and he brought those sentiments front and center in this show as he often does when the band performs, going down to his knees during the performance of recent single "Song for Someone," singing "I'm a long way from your hill of Calvary / and I'm a long way from where I was, and where I need to be." During a performance of the band's first U.S. top 40 single "Pride (In the Name of Love)," Bono stopped singing during a musical interlude to speak of peacemakers. "This is the moment to talk about peace as an action, not a thought, and to give thanks to those who brought peace... and a prayer for all peacemakers willing to make compromis-



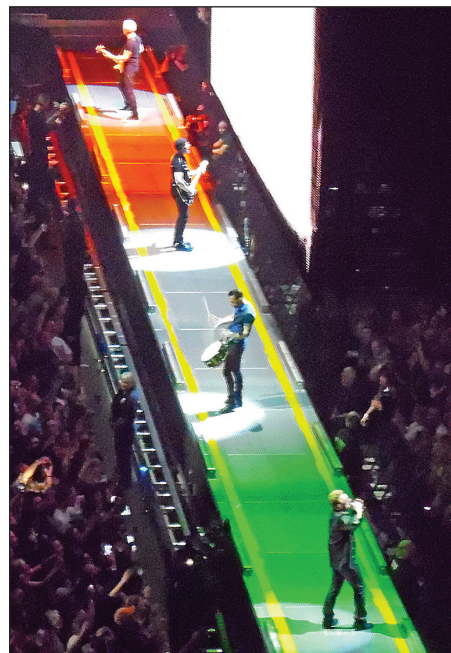
Lead singer **Bono** greets fans outside of SAP Center arena on May 19.

es," he said. Bono also dedicated "Pride" to Dave Goldberg, a Silicon Valley luminary who recently died at age 47, and was involved in philanthropy in Africa. "This is your prayer – no greater love," Bono said with Goldberg in mind before launching back into the anthem's chorus. Bono also spoke of the numerous "friends" the band has in San Jose, reflecting the group's Silicon Valley ties.

During the afternoon soundcheck on May 19, the band strolled out to the St. John Street loading dock at SAP Center to spend a few moments with fans, and the world's biggest rock star took a moment to speak with one of his youngest fans. "My middle name is Paul too," the boy said, referencing Bono's real name, Paul Hewson. Clearly touched, Bono asked where the boy was sitting for the show, and promised to try to find the small boy in the crowd and sing directly to him at that evening's performance. Given that the band's tour and latest album have the theme of innocence, it's not unlikely that is exactly what Bono did – even if it was a moment shared only by the two Pauls.

Altruistic, sincere, and above all, optimistic, U2's shows demonstrated that pop culture needn't be cynical or depressing. Sometimes art can rise above, and in the case of U2's performances this week, music became more, even if just for an evening. "What you don't have, you don't need it now," Bono instructed during a stirring performance of "Beautiful Day," which won three Grammy awards in 2001. "It's a beautiful day... don't let it get away."

Watch an exclusive recording of U2 from the May 18 concert at [www.h8m.com/u2may18](http://www.h8m.com/u2may18)



U2 performs "Sunday Bloody Sunday" on May 19.



## Times Local News



The start of the new basketball academy program (DBA Drive) is celebrated with 85 team members and coaches at Bret Harte gymnasium.

## TEAM NAME 'DRIVE' SYMBOL OF INTENSITY

# New basketball academy launched in Almaden Valley

By Yana Whitman  
Special to the Times

A new basketball academy and team (DBA Drive) is being launched as an elite-level Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) basketball program offering highly-

competitive teams for boys and girls in Almaden. More than 85 boys and girls are participating in the inaugural season of DBA Drive.

DBA Drive offers highly-competitive teams ranging from 4th grade through high school. DBA Drive is located in the Almaden Valley area serving all of Silicon Valley. Practices take place in Almaden area school gyms.

Heading the new academy (Denker Basketball Academy) and team (DBA Drive) is Chris Denker. Denker has more than 28 years of experience as a coach and scout, including 14 seasons as a NCAA Division I basketball coach. He served as Head Coach of Santa Clara University's women's basketball team from 2000-2002. Denker has also conducted numerous camps and clinics in the USA, China, and England.

"The team name, 'Drive', is a symbol of the intensity we bring to the court, and the

motivation we want to foster for all facets of life," explained Denker. "Our mission is developing successful, well-rounded boys and girls who excel at basketball, and in life," he said. It's our goal that the lessons learned through playing hard basketball, teamwork and community service will impact our players throughout their playing careers, and beyond."

Coach Denker has been heavily involved in a local Almaden basketball league as a volunteer coach for his sons, ages 13 and 10 for the last 5 years. He offered skill based clinics every spring and summer when the opportunity presented itself. Those proved so popular that, parents continually approached him about the need to have high-level basketball training available to Almaden boys and girls.

According to Shari Peck, a parent whose son is on the 4th grade team, "We pestered Chris for several years about expanding his skill clinics beyond the occasional week or

**"The team name, 'Drive', is a symbol of the intensity we bring to the court, and the motivation we want to foster for all facets of life."**

**-Chris Denker**

two. Chris emphasizes skill development rather than just winning," she said. "That's so important for players at a young age."

Almaden parent Yana Whitman, whose son has been previously coached by Chris, said she is extremely grateful to have a coach of Chris' caliber available for our son to learn the game.

The DBA Drive boys and girls basketball teams will participate in AAU sponsored tournaments throughout the spring and summer. DBA will be running a Fall program as well.

Registration information for future DBA programs, including Fall 2015 and Spring/Summer 2016, will be coming soon to [dbadrive.com](http://dbadrive.com)

For additional information about DBA Drive, visit [DBADrive.com](http://DBADrive.com)

## NEWSBRIEFS

### Santa Clara County Library locations are closing temporarily on June 3

Systems software upgrades are scheduled to be implemented at all Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD) locations from Sunday evening, May 31 to Thursday morning, June 4 will be closed on Wednesday, June 3 in order to facilitate the changes.

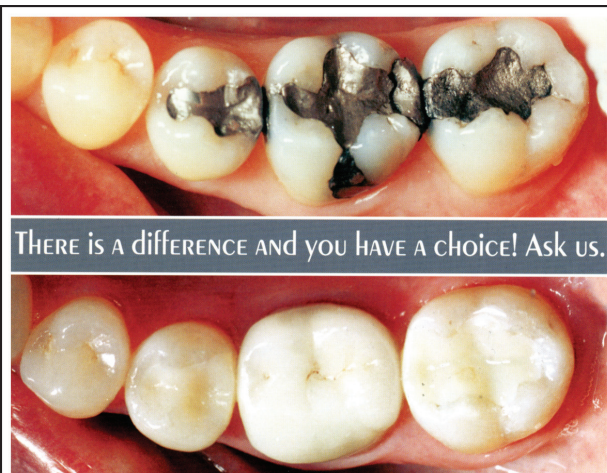
Service interruptions due to the upgrades will affect those library card holders who wish to visit the libraries or access these libraries remotely during the five days of software improvements. SCCLD locations include: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Woodland Branch, Milpitas, Morgan Hill and Saratoga Libraries.

From Sunday, May 3 to Tuesday, June 2 individuals will be able to: pick up holds, borrow and return items, use public computers and access our Wi-Fi network.

Systems software upgrade enhancements will include a fresh new look for SCCLD's online library catalog and improved search functionality.

### William Rice named to Vermont Dean's List

William Rice of Almaden Valley has been named to the dean's list for the spring 2015 semester at the University of Vermont. Rice, from San Jose, CA, is a Sophomore Computer Science major. To be named to the dean's list, students must have a grade-point average of 3.0 or better and rank in the top 20 percent of their class in their respective college or school.



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## Times Feature

## Mayor Liccardo announces initiatives to increase police accountability and trust; body cameras for police a priority

All patrol officers in San Jose will be wearing cameras by next summer if Mayor Sam Liccardo can find the money if grants are not available. Liccardo says he will be identifying funding to purchase the equipment in his June budget message.

Mayor Liccardo says asset forfeiture funds from drug investigations could be used to purchase the cameras. The Mayor also wants the City Council to accept the recommendations of the Independent Police Auditor to broaden the scope of investigations into complaints of racially biased policing.

He also advocates expanded civilian review of police misconduct, and independent analysis of police detention and search data.

"We have the nation's most professional, highly trained police officers," Liccardo said. "But we can do better, and when it comes to issues of race and policing, we must vigilantly seek every opportunity to do so."

Liccardo is advocating a four-point plan to address concerns about bias and policing.

After discussions with police union leaders in recent months, a consensus has emerged of the need for cameras. Liccardo said that if whether that grant funding emerges or not, I will make it a priority to get it done within the fiscal year," Liccardo added.

Liccardo is urging his Council colleagues to accept the recommendation of the Independent Police Auditor (IPA) to broaden the scope of inquiry of complaints of



Proposed body cameras for the SJPd.

bias-based policing. Liccardo wants to expand civilian review of police misconduct, subjecting department-initiated investigations to review by the Independent Police Auditor.

"The IPA has urged that we apply a consistent procedure to all misconduct complaints, whether they originate from the public, or from within the department," Liccardo noted. "I look forward to working with the Police Department, Police Officers Association and IPA on a consistent and legally sound procedure to expand civilian review."

Liccardo lauded efforts by SJPd Chief Larry Esquivel to expand training in bias-based policing.

"Chief Esquivel decided to require officers to report every detention and arrest, and to identify the detainee's race, in every interaction. We commend the Department for their transparency and for their proactive efforts to confront bias. We have more work to do, but I'm confident that working together, we'll create practices that will become a model for the rest of the nation."

## You may be able to obtain those 'non-existent' trust documents

By Donald J. DeVries

Special to the Times

This week's question:

I have a problem that maybe you can help me understand. My mother died about 7 years ago and a couple of years after that my dad married a new sweetheart. While she was living, my mother told me that she and my father had a living trust for the protection of my brother and me. Now, my father just died and his new sweetheart tells me that there is no such document in existence and that she owns everything. Am I not entitled to a copy of that trust?

Jackie J.

Almaden Valley

Dear Jackie:

It may depend on a lot of facts, but chances are you are entitled to see and have a copy of that trust that your parents signed several years ago.

What possibly may have happened is that your parents were smart and signed a joint marital trust, typically called a "living trust" or "revocable trust". Usually, a trust like that states that one-half of everything passes in equal shares to the adult children, in this case you and your brother.

Let us assume that the trust was still in effect when your father died. If so, the *revocable* (changeable) living trust became *irrevocable* (or permanent) as to his share of the community property and his separate property.

If that is your situation, then your father's new sweetheart is legally bound to honor your father's directions in that trust and the legal duties that flow from the trust. New sweetheart cannot just ignore that trust that your mother and he signed and was still in legal effect when he died.

You and your brother were presumably *beneficiaries* of your parents' living trust. The new sweetheart cannot just ignore your rights. If she does, she may be facing some legal proceedings down at the courthouse.

Almaden Times readers can learn a lot on their own by heading for their computer and bringing up a few important California Probate Code provisions on their screen.

For example, California Probate Code §16060 provides that the trustee has a duty to keep the beneficiaries of the trust reasonably informed of the trust and its administration.

California Probate Code §16060.5 is also helpful. It states that beneficiaries are enti-

tled to know the "terms of the trust".

"Terms of the trust", as defined, means the written trust instrument of an irrevocable trust or those provisions of a written trust instrument in effect at the settlor's death that describe or affect that portion of a trust that has become irrevocable at the death of the settlor.

The settlor of the trust is the creator of the trust, and is often plural "settlors" to include husband and wife. Some trusts use the term "trustor", which is the same as "settlor".

So, yes, Jackie, you are entitled to a copy of the trust, or at least knowing all of the terms of the trust. Most law firms that I know of just send each beneficiary a copy of the trust since that is a lot quicker, cheaper, and easier than typing

out all of the "terms of the trust".

If the new sweetheart is stonewalling you and refuses to send a copy of the trust to you, there are a few things you might consider.

Stop by your local title company and ask them to do a title search on your father's residence. They can do that rather quickly and inexpensively. That title search might show a trust transfer deed to the trust and lead to very valuable information.

You might also want to stop by our local courthouse at 191 North First Street, San Jose. Ask for the probate department or where wills are filed. If your father had a will, the original should be on file there. Get a copy of it and read it over carefully, and ask your attorney to do the same.

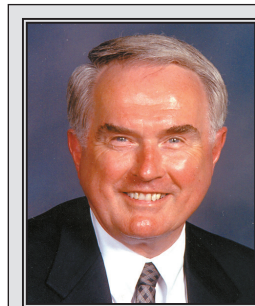
Your father's will might have a reference to it being a "pour-over" will related to your parents' trust. That would also be very valuable information.

You might also want to hire a licensed, private investigator. And of course, along the way, your own private attorney should be of considerable help.

Best wishes on this journey, Jackie. I hope that some of these comments were helpful.

Donald J. DeVries

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## Preschools

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advice from all the teachers. Our memories and fondness for Precious will be with us forever.”

Parent Denise Aitken narrowed her search for a preschool for her two boys, R.J. and Colin, to sister schools Precious and Clement, as they had the right mix of structured and unstructured learning, beautiful outdoor playgrounds, well-thought-out curricula and loving teachers.

“I ended up choosing Precious because I liked that it was a small school with a family feeling,” she says. “Every teacher knows every student.”

Aitken says that Precious prepared her sons well for public school and that the children have fond memories of performing in the holiday programs and playing on the playground.

“I liked getting to play outside and explore the grounds,” says R.J., “especially playing in the sandbox.”

“Sometimes when I’m doing math,” says Colin (now a math major at M.I.T.), I still sing ‘down and around, put the cap on top,’ when I get to number five.”

Both schools feature themed activity days. Through the years, the staff created art shows, holiday celebrations, and more. They serve green eggs and ham for Dr. Seuss Day, play flag football with children sporting team jerseys on Super Bowl Day, and other games on Color Day.

“The kids just love science, and we did a lot of fun, age-appropriate activities on Discovery Day,” says Precious Director Wendy Flynn. “It was fun to watch the children’s reactions, and see the smiles on their faces when they did experiments.”

Flynn appreciates the tremendous parent support during holiday parties and from moms and dads alike on activity days.

“Dads did woodworking with the kids,” she says. “It was just awesome.”

On Bike Fun Day, children wash their bicycles, decorate them, and make license plates. Then, they ride their bikes through a chalk maze the parents created, and peddle through the front parking lot.

“They had such a good time,” Flynn says.

On Daddy and Me Day at both schools children do activities with their fathers including golfing, making helicopters, and shaving their faces with shaving cream and Popsicle sticks.

Flynn was touched one Mommy and Me Day, when a mother couldn’t attend, and a dad came instead.

“He was such a trooper,” she says. “He even wore one of the big hats all the moms were wearing.”

On Thanksgiving, children wear pilgrim hats and native headbands, share in a feast, and play musical instruments. On Halloween, they have a costume parade through the neighborhood, stopping at a cul-de-sac where residents dress up and hand out treats to the kids.

“I loved seeing all kids in their cute costumes,” says Flynn. “The boys in superhero costumes and the girls teetering in shoes they couldn’t walk in.”

Birthdays are cause for celebration. The birthday child gets to sit in a special chair wearing a birthday hat while classmates sing the Precious birthday song. The child also creates a birthday cake on the felt board.

On graduation day, there are tears in every mothers’ eyes as their children, adorned in

red capes and graduation caps, receive their diplomas. The graduation ceremony on June 10 promises to be especially poignant as it will be the last one held at the preschool.

During her 20 years at Precious, Flynn has enjoyed planning and working with the staff, seeing the students come to school, watching their growth, and having them come back to visit.

“It’s not just a job for us,” says Flynn. “It’s who we are. We go above and beyond, giving it our all. Our staff is very committed to excellence and doing everything we can to make each child successful and confident. We want to make the kids as ready as possible for kindergarten academically, socially, and emotionally, and we give them a solid foundation. Parents say they know their children will be well taken care of. They’re like our own kids. That’s what makes Precious special.”

“I’ll miss the excitement of the children,” she says, “and doing special activities...pretty much everything.”

**In the beginning**

“The little ones are so precious,” says Niloufer Ulla, owner of both schools. “and at that age, they’re like little sponges. It’s a whole new world to them.”

Ulla, who always loved children, worked as a high school teacher in India before coming to the U.S. with her husband. Her dream was to open a school like her grandfather, Mumtaz Ali did, and to teach little ones.

In 1974, her dream became a reality after she and her husband bought a home and remodeled it as a school. They named it Precious, a name her parents called her as a child, and chose the lotus, Niloufer’s namesake, as its symbol. She began the school with five children that year, but through word of mouth, the enrollment grew to mornings and afternoons, with people waiting in line on registration day.

After six months, a woman came in and told her she’d like to start a school exactly like Precious. Her name was Nell Clement. They shared ideas and in 1975, Clement opened its doors. Clement had spent time in India serving in the Peace Corps, and the two women developed a close friendship. In 1989, when Clement decided to sell her preschool, she came to Ulla first.

“It was a big step for me taking on such a big school,” says Ulla. As her daughter, Shahana Shah, had recently graduated college, she became Director of Clement Preschool, following in her mother’s footsteps.

“Clement’s symbol is an elephant,” says Ulla, “which means good luck. We have our pink piano, and they have their pink elephants.”

Both schools follow similar philosophies. “I wanted it to be developmental and a fun learning experience so the children would want to come to school,” says Ulla. She wanted parents to be involved and see what their children were learning, so the staff developed themes each month.

“We had fabulous programs developed by fabulous staff,” she says, “and every year we tried to improve it.”

One of her favorite memories is of a little girl who arrived at school in beautiful dresses and frilly socks with ribbons in her hair. At outside playtime, she always ran straight to the sandbox, and ended up covered in sand from head to toe.

“What are you going to do?” says Ulla. “You have to let them be little children and just enjoy them and love them. You have to give your best to each child and just watch



Children learn through play at Precious Preschool. Photos courtesy of Wendy Flynn



Above left: Mother’s Day was always special at Precious. Above right: The children learned about culture while enjoying Cinco de Mayo.

them grow like little flowers.”

**Clement Preschool**

Shah has enjoyed seeing the children blossom at Clement, surrounded by their friends.

“The staff here has always been wonderful and our biggest asset,” says Shah. “They come up with fresh, innovative ideas to make learning fun, and are caring with the children. They give each child a hug and hello when they come to school.”

Through the years, Shah says Clement

grew through word of mouth. “Who are you going to leave your child with?” she says. “With someone you trust.”

Parent Jennifer Young Hamouda agrees. “We feel so grateful that we found Clement Preschool,” she says. “Our son, Zak, has attended for two years and absolutely loves it. The preschool provides the right balance of structured education along with art, music, and playtime. The staff has been very

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### Preschools

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attentive and has positively impacted Zak socially and intellectually.”

Young Hamouda says that Zak’s teachers, Mrs. Zarghami and Mrs. Khona, have aided in making Zak feel confident and prepared to attend kindergarten, and Miss Pam greeted them every day with a smile and encouraging words.

“We are thankful for the many friendships we have made,” she says, “and for all of the special memories. We will miss Clement Preschool and wish the best to all the staff!”

In addition to following Precious Preschool’s curriculum, Clement offers summer camps, combining academics with themed programs for students of both schools. In addition to math, science and Language Arts, students learn about transportation, history, weather and dance, and enjoy water

and watermelon days.

During the school year, like Precious, Clement takes students on field trips to places like Emma Prusch Farms, Whole Foods, Pizza My Heart, and Uesugi Pumpkin Patch. They also host visits by the Fire Department and the Tooth Fairy.

Many adults who attended Clement as students bring their own children there today. Mary Ford is one of those parents.

“I sent both my two oldest kids (Brooklyn and Owen) because I went there, along with my brothers and sister,” says Ford. “We have fond memories of the pink elephants and the playground, so it seemed fitting that I would send my children. I’m only sad that my youngest daughter won’t have the opportunity to attend. Thank you for everything over the years!”

In 2007, Aitken started teaching at Clement. “It is an excellent preschool for so many reasons,” she says, “and it is not excellent because I teach there—I teach there because of its excellence. We enjoy working together and keep up with the best practices in teaching.”

After touring five preschools, the Cook family says they found the perfect place for their 3-year-old son Dylan at Clement. Parent Yvonne Truong Cook says that with its caring and nurturing environment, loving and dedicated teachers, safety and cleanliness, fun academic activities, and shady playground areas, it met all the criteria on their list.

Although their son cried the first day at drop off, when they picked him up, he smiled and said he wanted to go back again.

“Ms. Pam and Ms. Maria were so understanding and patient during the first week of school,” says Truong Cook, “when it was the hardest for both the student and parents. Eight months have flown by and our son always asks to go to school, even on Saturdays. We love the adorable arts and crafts he brings home from class. Mrs. Sosa is very caring and sympathetic to our son’s needs and social development. She even took time to share her excitement when Dylan made progress in making friends during recess. We are so thankful Dylan has such an amazing teacher.”

She also appreciates the monthly sing-a-longs when parents are invited to listen to the children performing ‘sweet, funny’ songs taught by Mrs. Khona and Mrs. Breen, with Shah playing the piano.

“We would like to extend our best wishes to all the wonderful teachers,” she says, “who have made our son’s first school experience a memorable one.”

“There have been so many sweet, precious moments,” says Ulla. “We’ve had years of wonderful excitement, all due to the little ones, their parents, and our incredible staff. It’s been my life dream come true and an amazing journey.”

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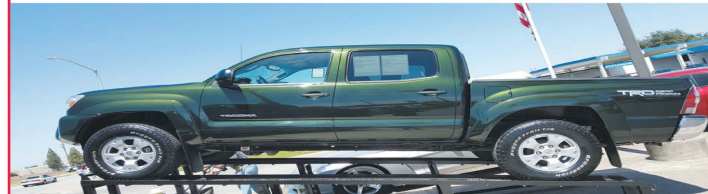
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 Uplifting music, Biblical teaching, ministries for Children, Youth, College & Career, Small Groups for all adults, Ministries to Men, Women, Seniors, Celebrate Recovery (Please see website for details and meeting times [www.eastvalleychurch.com](http://www.eastvalleychurch.com))  
 Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Pat Boyd, Community Life Pastor (Small Groups/Christian Education) – Pastor Alvin Lin, Children's Ministry Director – Julie Garcia, Celebrate Recovery Leader – Anne Friend  
 We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail [info@eastvalleychurch.com](mailto:info@eastvalleychurch.com) We are associated with Converge Worldwide [www.convergeworldwide.org](http://www.convergeworldwide.org)

**THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN**

6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Kate Flexer, Rector Phone:408-268-0243 Web:[www.ecc-sj.org](http://www.ecc-sj.org)  
 The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA) is a place where God stops for love and laughter. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved and valued. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 10:30AM, Holy Communion service; Thursday at 7:30AM, short Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

**EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH**

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

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

**SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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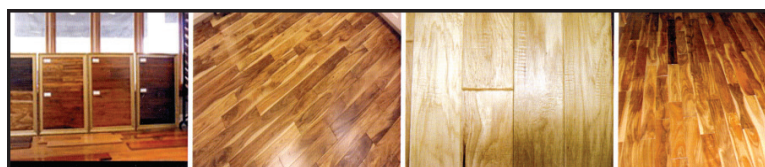
**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

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 Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass  
 St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall  
 Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM  
 Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road: Sunday 9:30 AM  
 The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium):  
 Sunday 8:15 AM  
 For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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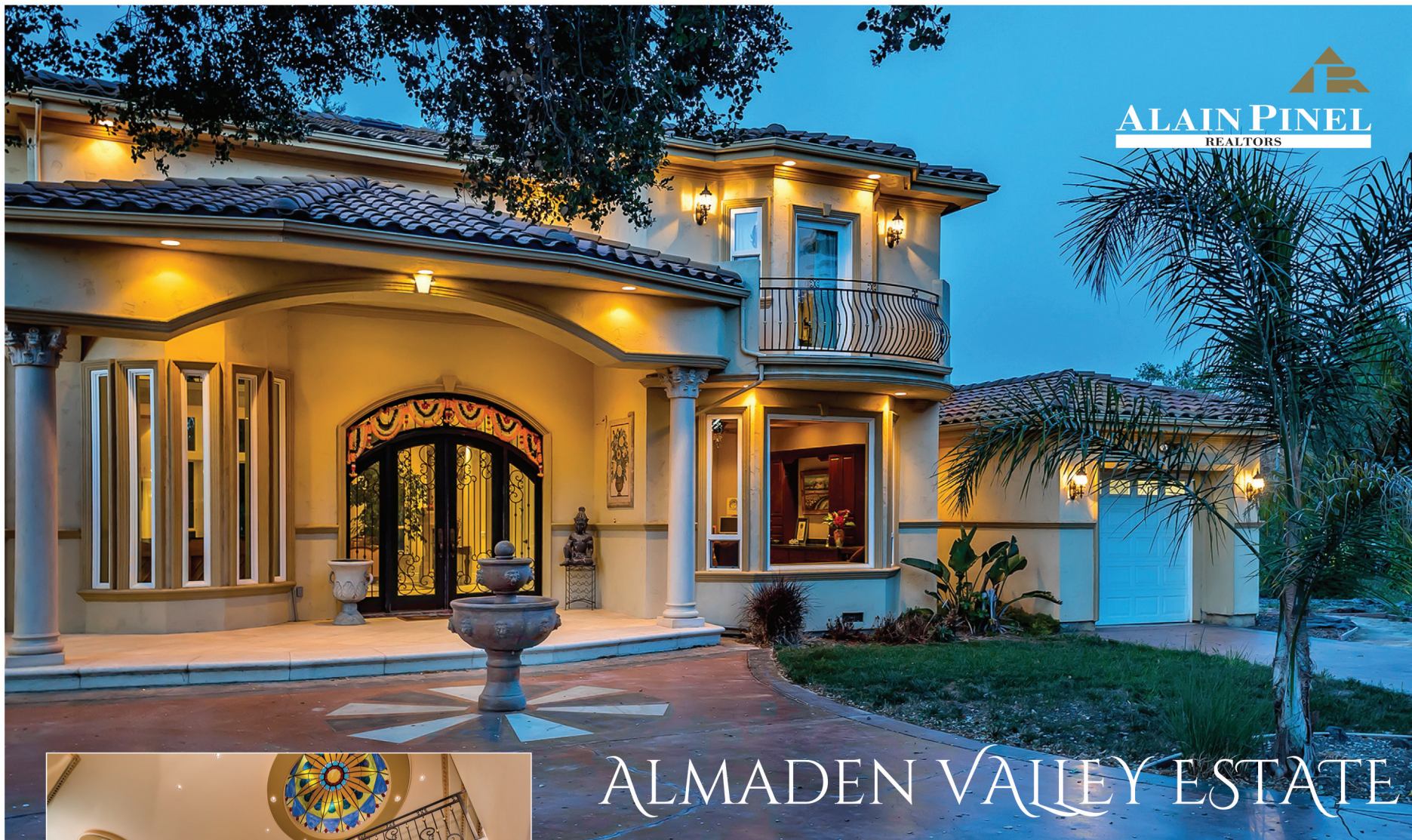
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