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Rachel Gibson, Local Government Liaison, Santa Clara Valley Water District spoke on the seriousness of the drought. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

## The worth of water

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

“We never know the worth of water till the well is dry.” - Thomas Fuller, *Gnomologia*, 1732

San Jose residents will soon learn the worth of water through San Jose Water Company's drought surcharges, as well as mandatory restrictions on water usage.

Representatives of Santa Clara Valley Water District and San Jose Water Company spoke about water quotas, penalties and conservation at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

“California is in the fourth year of a historic drought,” notes San Jose Water Company in a statement. “The Santa Clara Valley Water District, the State Water Resources Control Board, and the Governor are calling on all residents to conserve water to ensure adequate supplies are available in 2016, and beyond should the drought persist.”

According to San Jose Water Company, residential homes account for the largest water usage in the Bay Area. Outside use

depends on the size of the property and irrigation. Customers are responsible for repairing leaks in outdoor water systems. San Jose Water Company Water Conservation Supervisor Kurt Elvert suggests checking the system every two weeks. “An improperly maintained water system will waste more water than any amount of showers,” he says.

Following San Jose Water Company's water use restrictions, watering lawns, landscape or vegetated areas with potable water is limited to 15 minutes per day, two days per week: Monday and Thursday for odd-numbered addresses, and Tuesday and Friday for even numbered addresses. No watering is permitted between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and no irrigation can occur that results in runoff.

Potable water may not be used for washing structures, walkways, driveways, or patios in a way that results in run-off, or a waste of water. Potable water is not permitted for washing vehicles, except at a commercial car wash, which utilizes a re-circulated water system. The use of potable water is also

**“An improperly maintained water system will waste more water than any amount of showers.”**

**- Kurt Elvert, Conservation Supervisor**

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# Valley Currents

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## Get ready for the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Sept 20

It's time to mark your calendar for the 39th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival on Sunday, September 20 at Almaden Lake Park from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The annual Festival is presented and produced by the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC).

Free Admission includes great entertainment and access to one of the best and longest running festivals in San Jose.

There will be something for all ages and interests with works from more than 90 artists and craft vendors, selections from great local wineries and breweries - served in commemorative festival glasses - and fantastic food with a variety of international flavors from local schools, restaurants and food trucks.

Kid's Fun Zone offers arts, crafts and activities with special appeal to our younger patrons and delectable food to keep energy levels up.

Throughout the day, the entertainment lineup on two stages will include performances from local entertainers, cheerleading and dance teams in addition to some of our community's favorite professional and non-professional enter-



2015 Festival Chairs: (Left to Right) Yvette Fodor-Walsh, Ellen Hudson-Snyder, Brittney Weinerth, Carina Beal, Mythili Varadarajan, Carina Johnson - Festival Chairperson, Rebecca Stone, Christina Bullard, Wendy Banas, Sue Datta, Eileen Elam, Dawn Clarkson - President, Beth Swartz.

tainers.

### Refreshments

The premium wine tent this year will have selected wines from Rombauer Vineyards in Napa and Leal Vineyards in Hollister. Throughout the festival you'll find great wine selections from David Bruce Winery, Testarossa Winery, Guglielmo Winery, Fortino

Winery, J. Lohr Vineyards and Wines and Martin Ranch Winery, giving adults ample opportunity to sample whatever strikes their fancy with a tasting pour, or a full pour to leisurely enjoy in a commemorative Festival glass.

Britannia Arms will be hosting a beer tent this year where we will be pouring several varieties of beers

— in addition, Prospectors Brewing Company's handcrafted brews are back this year.

### Prepare to be entertained!

The Festival welcomes back Leland High School Senior, Maddie Rose, who will open the festival by singing the National Anthem. Throughout the day we'll be enjoying local band favorites Rockin' Blues Express, New Castle Brothers, and Free Fahlen; local singer Bri Miller; original music by Jessica Leia; local singer and guitarist Kat Black; School of Rock; and performances by Almaden Spirit Athletics, Dance Attack, and Shaolin Kungfu Zen Academy.

### Fun Zone

Fun Zone is designed for kids of all ages a place where everyone will have hours of fun with the ever popular Rock Wall, jump houses, and other great activities. There will be numerous arts, crafts, and games to educate and engage the younger set, as well as performances by local school bands, dance groups, cheerleading squads, and professional entertainers on the Children's

See *FESTIVAL*, next page

## AVWC has been giving back to the community for 39 years

Almaden Valley Women's Club presents festival logo award and scholarships to Almaden high students

The 2015 Almaden Valley Women's Club Scholarship recipients and the 2015 Almaden Valley Art & Wine Club logo finalists and winner were honored at a ceremony at the Almaden Community Center.

Proud parents and family members, honorees, AVWC members, and community supporters gathered to celebrate the achievements and creativity of this group of exceptional Almaden students.

Ten outstanding scholars from an impressive pool of applicants were awarded with scholarships. This year's honorees have collectively participated in student government, school and community sports, school clubs, community volunteer work, tutoring and mentoring, paid employment, various community leadership positions, and have received honors and awards for leadership, public service, academic achievement, entre-



2015 Logo Contestants: (Left to Right) Megan Cheung, Nanami Kato, Winner Gabriel Chen, Clair McNab, Sreya Shah. Below: 2015 Scholarship Winners: (Left to Right) Virginia Cook, Kelsey McLaughlin, Christine Shen, Blake Woodworth, Kelsey Allman, Roy Blume, Austin Goldman, Michael Kelker. Not Pictured: Therese Abely, Trinity Elise Joroski



preneurship and others too numerous to mention.

The 2015 Scholarship Award Winners are: Austin Goldman, Archbishop Mitty High School; Roy Blume, Pioneer High School; Therese Abely, Presentation High School; Christine Shen, Leland High School; Virginia Cook, Valley Christian High School; Michael Kelker, Pioneer High School; Blake Woodworth, Leland High School; Kelsey Allman, Pioneer High School; Kelsey McLaughlin, Leland High School; Trinity Elise Joroski, Pioneer High School.

The 2015 logo design competition winner is Gabriel Chen of Lord of the Light Art Studio. Gabriel's drawing, selected from more than 100 submissions, will become part of this year's festival branding including appearing on the wine and beer glasses.

Other finalists in the logo competition were: Nanami Kato, Lord of the Light Art Studio; Claire McNab, Lord of the Light Art Studio; Megan Cheung, Lord of the Light Art Studio; Sreya Shah, Lord of the Light Art Studio.



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Entertainment Stage. San Jose Giants Mascot Gigante is expected to make an appearance as well!

**Food**

A variety of foods reflecting the international nature of our community will be presented. Festival attendees will enjoy bagels from Posh Bagel, fish and chips from Britannia Arms, a Mexican treat from Tacos al Pastor, pizza from Oak & Rye, a sweet or savory crepe from Crepe 'Em Coming Food Truck, then finish off with a confection from Sweet Delights or Dippin' Dots and drink coffee from Bay Bridge Coffee, just to name a few.

**Getting there**

The Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is held at Almaden Lake Park between Almaden Expressway, Coleman Avenue and Winfield Avenue. Parking is available at the Santa Clara Water District parking lot on Almaden Expressway and at the Almaden VTA Light Rail lot off Coleman Avenue. Del Grande Dealership Group will be providing Shuttle Service and offering rides throughout the day between the Water District, the VTA lots and the park. Please remember, pets are not allowed in the Festival area.

AVWC is partners with the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Agency again this year. VTA is an independent special district that provides sustainable, accessible, community-focused transportation options that are innovative, environmentally responsible and promotes the vitality of our region. VTA provides bus, light rail and paratransit services, and participates as a funding partner in regional rail service including Caltrain, Capital Corridor and the Altamont Corridor Express.

**The Almaden Valley Women's Club Celebrates 50 Years**

Since 1965, The Almaden Valley Women's Club has been committed to serving the needs of the Almaden Valley Community and those of the greater San Jose Area through funds raised at the annual Festival. All proceeds from the Festival go directly back to the community through scholarships, grants and donations to non-profit groups. All of the members of the AVWC volunteer 100 percent of their time to help make the Almaden Art & Wine Festival possible and an enjoyable experience for our guests. Sponsors make the Festival possible through their generous support, loyalty and contributions. The Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is supported, in part, by a Cultural Affairs grant from the City of San Jose.

**Mailbox****Poachers threaten redwoods**

Dear Editor,

Thanks to early conservation efforts, vast areas of prehistoric redwoods have been protected from logging where they survive in our State despite generations of an industrial economy. These redwood forests are now under threat and help is needed if we want these ancient trees to continue into the future.

Poachers are encroaching into protected government and private land to steal the burls from these trees. By removing their protective layers of bark, these ancient redwoods lay exposed to disease and pests killing them quickly over time. The burls are sold to lumber mills or craftsmen and this beautiful decorative wood is ultimately used to create high end consumer goods. With the small number of rangers available to patrol the vast acreage of the forest, the risk of getting caught is limited. If con-



victed, current penalties can be easily incorporated into the cost of doing business with minimal impact on the profitability of this enterprise.

The California Federation of Women's Clubs is asking for support of California Senate Bill 288 which increases penalties of burl

poaching to include up to one year of imprisonment and imposes stiff fines on poachers in the hopes of making those who would kill our redwoods think twice before seeking this avenue for enrichment. While this does not resolve the problem of catching poachers, it will reduce the spin of the courtroom doors for those convicted of this offense.

We ask that Californians contact their State Assembly representative to stand with the California Federation of Women's Clubs to protect our redwoods by passing Senate Bill 288.

**Jennifer Nickel**

*Legislation & Public Policy State Chairman, California Federation of Women's Clubs*

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**PURRR-FECT!**

# Eagle projects help keep students and kittens safe and sound

By Gina Tsouris  
*Special to the Times*

Almaden's Troop 294 honored two of its scouts, Lincoln Vierhus and Jesse Dueck, last month with the highest rank a Boy Scout can earn, the rank of Eagle Scout.

Lincoln and Jesse celebrated among family, friends, and fellow scouts during their Court of Honor Ceremony.

Along with completing at least 21 merit badges and holding positions of leadership within the troop, scouts who achieve the rank of Eagle have also completed a project benefiting the community.

Lincoln worked with the Humane Society for his Eagle project to provide several outdoor protective shelters for abandoned cats. He oversaw the transformation of 24 steel crates into livable and enjoyable cat kennels. The crates can be connected with portals to allow the cats to travel through them. Interior shelves were also added to act as perches or beds. The Humane Society was very happy to receive this generous donation just prior to kitten season.

Lincoln began his scouting career in 2008 at age 12. Homeschooled, he transitioned to West Valley College at sixteen. He completed his general education requirements while concurrently finishing high school

and is currently mastering the prerequisites for a physics degree with his eyes on transferring to a four year university. Scouting has enhanced Lincoln's natural love of the outdoors, and he looks forward to visiting his uncle this summer, where he manages the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge in Stevensville, Montana.

For his Eagle project, Jesse researched school emergency lock down procedures at his former middle school. After meeting with school administrators, Jesse learned that the school was ill equipped to handle outside threats. To better defend and protect the students, Jesse collaborated with school staffers and designed movable wooden door barricades. He then raised \$2500 dollars to purchase the necessary materials to build and install 54 classroom barricades for Castillero Middle School.

Upon completion, Jesse was presented a commendation from the City of San Jose for his efforts.

Jesse is attending University of Arizona in the fall, studying Entrepreneurship and MIS (Management Information Systems) in the Eller College of Management. His 9 years in scouting gave Jesse a deep appreciation for giving back to his community, and has led him to pursue business entrepreneurship, with special interest in the nonprofit field.



Lincoln Vierhus (above) and Jesse Dueck (below)



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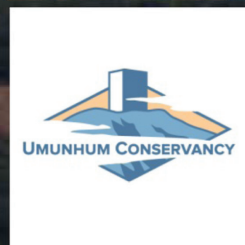
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## 'Movie Nights' popular at Almaden Lake Park

Almaden Lake Regional Park is hosting its popular free "Movie Nights" once a month through the summer. The July movie is Big Hero 6.

Big Hero 6 will be shown on July 25th - just after sunset. A third movie is scheduled for late August. The movie is free, but be sure to bring some change for parking.

Food will be available for sale.

This is a great event to bring our community together," said Trent Capurso, Recreation Leader, Almaden Lake Park.

Almaden Lake Park is located at 15652 Almaden Expressway. For more information, call 408.927.0868.





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Times Features

## VTA bus driver honored for heroic act

By Supervisor Mike Wasserman  
*Special to the Times*

What would you do if you spotted an abducted child? VTA bus driver Tim Watson knew exactly what to do when a 3 year old boy boarded his bus with the man who had snatched the child from the library just moments earlier.

The Board of Supervisors were happy to honor humble hero Tim Watson who credits his fatherly instinct and a recent human trafficking training from the County for his quick actions that thwarted the child abduction on June 5th. The 3 year old boy was quickly and safely reunited with his mother after Tim spotted him on his bus, devised a ruse to verify the boy's identity, then alerted the police who rescued the child. Thank you Tim, and kudos to all involved with this happy outcome.

My colleagues and I on the Board of Supervisors passed a balanced budget last month. An improved economy enabled us to restore some of the services that had been cut in previous years. This allows us to continue to provide health care, parks, law enforcement, and emergency services for our nearly 2 million residents. The budget focuses on addressing chronic homelessness, rebuilding service delivery networks, and investing in the correctional system to meet the changing nature of County Jail due to the implementation of Public Safety Realignment (AB 109). Also funded were a number of new and critical services aimed at the health and safety of the community including additional funding for our animal control services which is something I put forward, based on input received from residents.

The Santa Clara County 2015 Homeless Census and Survey results revealed a 14% decrease in homelessness since 2013 to a new low of 6,556. This was the lowest homeless count over the past 10 years. The overall decrease of 1,075 homeless is

encouraging, but the data underscores the need for a regional approach to solving homelessness. Permanent housing is so important: it breaks the cycle of homeless moving from one encampment or city to another. This is why the County is investing so heavily in housing for the homeless. Persistently homeless residents use an average of \$62,000 of services when living outdoors and just \$19,500 after being housed. Those who remain housed use \$42,500 LESS in public services each year.

Most people know the Bryan Stow story, but few know that Bryan's first crucial stage of rehabilitation took place at the County-run Valley Medical Center (VMC) here in San Jose. After suffering a life-threatening attack at Dodger Stadium in 2011, his recovery is being touted as nothing short of "miraculous." Bryan is walking, telling stories and joking with people

again. The personality that he had before his traumatic brain injury is coming back. Last month, our staff at VMC were thrilled to see Bryan walk through the hospital's front doors to thank the caregivers who helped save his life. Kudos to the Rehabilitation Trauma Center team who made Bryan's recovery possible!

Summer is in full swing now, which means it is Photo Contest time! I want to see your favorite photos that show why Santa Clara County is the #1 place to be in the summer. I will frame and proudly display the winning photos in my office. Grab your camera (or phone) and show us your favorite images of landscape, parks, farmers markets, BBQs, pets, families, etc., and send it in before July 24, 2015. Simply email your photo to [photocontest@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:photocontest@bos.sccgov.org) along with your name, address, and where you took the photo. Complete contest rules are on my website.

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**County Report**  
Mike Wasserman,  
County Supervisor

## Pavement maintenance must be a priority

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis  
*Special to the Times*

Are you tired of seeing the poor pavement conditions on our major City streets? I certainly am; which is why I have been, and continue to be, a vocal advocate for the City to commit funding to fix our deteriorating streets. It is one of the most basic responsibilities of our City government but pavement maintenance has too often been sacrificed in favor of other spending priorities. Between my persistence and your support, we are making important strides in getting more funding committed to street maintenance.

As I've noted in my newsletters, the original, proposed City budget for the upcoming 2015-2016 Fiscal Year contained only \$16 million for pavement maintenance. Through my work with Mayor Liccardo and with your support, the Mayor revised the budget to include an additional \$8 million to maintain our streets - something that will benefit our entire City. We will soon see some concrete examples of our efforts when resurfacing or sealing begins on major streets within District 10.

I recently met with the Directors of Public Works and the Department of Transportation to discuss the major projects scheduled for District 10. Below this article is an overview of the upcoming projects and their projected completion times.

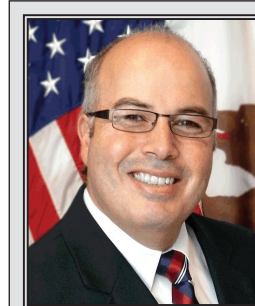
In addition to the pavement maintenance projects above, my office has received several calls and emails regarding the condi-

tion of Coleman Road. Coleman is also slated for repaving as a part of a larger, two-part sewer improvement project. The first phase of the project will be to repave Coleman from Almaden Expressway to Redmond. This project was placed on hold during the last two months in order to allow the San Jose Water Company to relocate a water line that was in conflict with the sewer mains on Almaden Expressway. San Jose Water has recently completed their work, and crews can now continue with the sewer work at Coleman and Almaden Expressway and, subsequently, with the paving job on Coleman Road. The repaving was originally scheduled for completion by the end of August, but given the delay, the completion data will need to be re-estimated. We will certainly keep you posted on any further updates.

The second phase of the Coleman Road Project is similar to the first in that it involves a sanitary sewer improvement to be followed by a paving project. The sanitary improvements will go along Coleman from Camden to Alvarado Court, but the pavement will be the entire remaining length of Coleman, stretching from Camden to Redmond. The project contract is scheduled to be awarded in October of this year, and if the bids are acceptable, the full sanitary and pavement project should be completed in early 2016.

We and our car's suspensions will have much to look forward to when these projects are completed!

*If you have any questions regarding these projects, please feel free to contact my office at [district10@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district10@sanjoseca.gov) or call 408-535-4910.*



**District 10 Report**  
Johnny Khamis,  
City Councilmember

Street Name	Start Location	End Location	Project	Tentative Schedule
Vista Park Dr	Branham Ln	Capitol Ex	Arterial Resurfacing	July 21 - July 30
Camden Av	Shearwater Dr	Almaden Ex	Arterial Resurfacing	July 30 - Sept 11
Trinidad	Crown Bl	Camden Av	Arterial Resurfacing	July 31 - Sept 15
Almaden Rd	McKean Rd	Almaden Ex	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Camden Av	Harry Rd	Shearwater Dr	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Trinidad Dr	Almaden Ex	Crown Bl	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Blossom Hill Rd	Meridian Av	Harwood Rd	Street Sealing	August - Oct
Camden Av	Coleman Rd	Almaden Ex	OBAG Resurfacing	August - Nov
Santa Teresa Bl	Steinbeck Dr	Blossom Hill Rd	OBAG Resurfacing	August - Nov

## POW/MIA flag flown at City Hall

Recognizing the significance of flying the POW/MIA flag and in response to requests from San Jose Veteran's Groups, the POW/MIA flag was flown on Independence Week starting at San Jose City Hall.

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera was recently appointed the San Jose City Council Veteran's Liaison by Mayor Sam Liccardo. As an Air Force Veteran, and the only veteran serving on City Council, Vice Mayor Herrera won support from her council colleagues to fly the POW/MIA flag on the following dates:

- March 30th - Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day
- September 18, 2015 - POW/MIA Day (occurs on the 3rd Friday of September each year)
- Armed Forces Day (3rd Saturday in May)

- Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
- Flag Day (June 14th)
- The week of Independence Day (July 2 - July 9)
- Veterans Day (November 11th)

"As a Veteran, I understand the importance of remembering and honoring those soldiers who never came home from war or conflict," said Vice Mayor Herrera, "The principle of leaving no one behind — no matter the cost — is deeply embedded in the U.S. military and for our Veterans who did come home and the families who still grieve over POW/MIA victims, flying this flag provides some amount of consolation."

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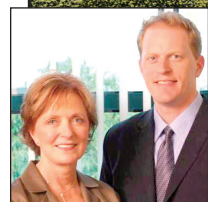
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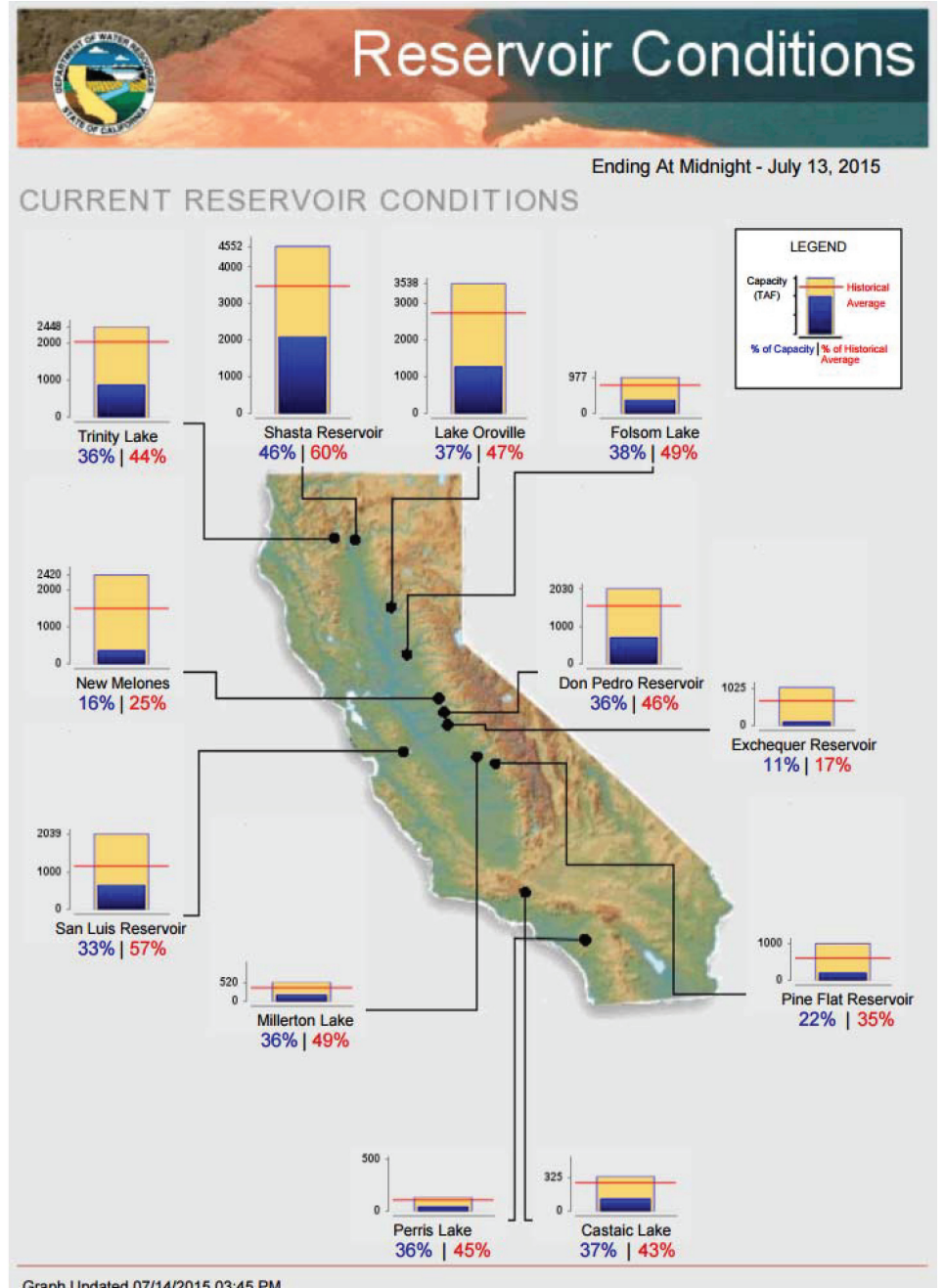
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This graph shows the critical reservoir conditions throughout California.

**Water**

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not allowed during, and up to 48 hours after, measurable rainfall.

Santa Clara Valley Water District is offering rebates of up to \$1,000 to add flow sensors to residential and commercial irrigation systems. Residents who replace turf grass can receive \$2 per square foot and \$20 per sprinkler body with pressure regulators. New, weather-based irrigation controllers adjust the amount of water used by the previous day's temperature and their pressure reducer nozzles release drops of water that drip into the soil rather than mist away. To purchase irrigation equipment, Elvert recommends professional irrigation distributors Lane Irrigation Equipment and Ewing Irrigation, which are both located in Campbell. Residents have to be pre-qualified before replacing items or turf to receive rebates.

Indoor use varies, but toilets and washing machines use the most water, says Elvert. He encourages people to take advantage of water district rebates programs to replace toilets, washing machines and shower heads with high efficiency, water-saving models. Santa Clara Valley Water District is offering rebates of up to \$800 on approved purchased high-efficiency washing machines. Front-loading washing machines use less energy as well as water, says Elvert, and customers will see that reflected in their bills.

"On average, 14 percent of water usage is from leaks," says Elvert. "Check your toilets, as they're the number one cause of leaks in households." He also recommends people check their water meter monthly to see if there's any flow of water (look for the blue triangle moving) through the meter when there shouldn't be. San Jose Water Company and Santa Clara Valley Water District offer free leak detection tablets for toilets.

Elvert suggests showering for no more than five minutes, and replacing shower heads that use 2 rather than the usual 2.5 gallons of water per minute; five-minute timers and shower heads are provided free of charge by the water district. He also recommends purchasing a shower head that has a button that minimizes water flow to a trickle while maintaining water temperature, which is useful while a person's soaping up or shaving.

San Jose Water Company offers an audit program to check homes for leaks and replace shower heads free of charge (as long as a wrench isn't needed) and qualify residents for upgrade programs.

Most reservoirs, streams and rivers are owned and controlled in California, with the water being directed where it's needed most. On July 7th, the water levels at Lake Shasta were 60 percent of average, and 47 percent of total capacity. Lake Oroville's water levels were 48 percent of average and 36 percent of total capacity. "These are two of the largest

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## Times Feature

## Water

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reservoirs in the state of California and critical to our water structure and the entire state's needs," says Elvert. "That's why the governor, state, district, city, and we all called for a reduction of water use."

According to Rachel Gibson, Santa Clara Valley Water District Local Government Liaison, although the Water District usually receives 40 percent of their water from Lake Shasta and Lake Oroville, currently they're only getting 20 to 25 percent from each of those lakes. "Water is scarce everywhere," says Gibson. "Our ground levels are at a quarter. That's alarming because the ground surface can become shaky and collapse, affecting pipe lines, bridges and roads."

As 2013 was the driest year on record, Governor Jerry Brown called for a 20 percent reduction in water usage. This year, he called for a 25 percent reduction. Following state water board warnings and ground water levels, Santa Clara Valley Water District, as well as the City of San Jose, called for a 30 percent reduction in water usage.

According to Elvert, San Jose Water Company had to meet that call and institute allocation-based rates with drought surcharges. "The state of California, and California Public Utilities Commission, through direction from the governor, made it mandatory for all investor owned public utilities to implement their schedule 14.1 rates," he says. "We had that in place by the end of June."

San Jose Water Company will be charging customers who exceed their allocation two drought surcharges. The allocations are based on a 30 percent reduction on the average of all residential usage in 2013, rather than a household's individual water use. The allocations only apply to single-family residences and commercial properties with dedicated irrigation accounts. Other customers are also required to reduce their usage by 30 percent, but are not subject to allocations.

The base monthly allocation is 9 units (1 unit = 748 gallons), but increases to 13 units from July through September. Under Drought Surcharge 1, excess consumption above the allocation but up to the 2013 monthly average will be charged at \$3.56 per unit. Consumption exceeding the 2013 monthly average will be charged at \$7.13 per unit under Drought Surcharge 2. For example, if a customer consumed 44 units during a two-month billing period, and was 18 units above the allocation total, the charges would be as follows:

Consumption	Rates	Total
44 units at current rates:	6 units at \$3.21/unit	\$19.26
	30 units @ \$3.56/unit	\$106.80
	8 units @ \$3.92/unit	\$31.36
Drought Surcharge 1	12 units @ \$2.56/unit	\$42.72
Drought Surcharge 2	6 units @ \$7.13/unit	\$42.78
<b>Total Consumption Charge</b>		<b>\$242.92</b>



Kurt Elvert, Water Conservation Supervisor shared conservation ideas and rate information from San Jose Water Company. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

Some people question the fairness of the new policy. "You're going to have a lot of angry customers," says a resident, "it's an equity issue."

"It doesn't make sense to me that someone who has a one-acre lot has the same allocation as someone with a 1/8 acre lot," says another resident, "and someone with a family of 8 has the same allocation as a couple. It seems you should consider not just prior use but the size of the lot and the size of the family."

"We simply don't have the staffing to reliably measure lots and landscaping," says Elvert, "and the last time we did this we found it heavily penalized those already conserving and rewarded those using more water." For example, he says that large companies which had daily run-off simply could decrease watering their landscape to three days a week, while customers who had previously decreased their water consumption found it extremely difficult to again decrease 30 percent.

"We took the 2013 system-wide average and divided water use, and came up with an average consumption for all single family homes," says Elvert. "It puts a larger burden on customers with larger estates. However, properties with a rental unit, or customers with more than four people residing in the home, or medical needs can appeal their allocation." Allocation appeal forms are available at: [www.sjwater.com](http://www.sjwater.com).

The drought surcharges, which started June 15, will be in effect until San Jose Water Company is notified by the California Public Utilities Commission to remove them, says Elvert, and any money remaining in the drought funds will be returned to their customer base.

"We understand where the water reservoir levels are," says Elvert. "That's why we're asking for the conservation levels we are. We're

they increased the percentage of water we have to save."

#### Update by Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Councilmember Johnny Khamis updated residents at the community meeting.

**Highway 85:** Khamis is an advocate for adding a lane to Highway 85. He plans to address this at the August 6 meeting with VTA. Khamis says he wants to reduce congestion, especially with the Apple Campus coming, the new development on Cottle Road, the tripling of Netflix, and urban village development plans at Snell & Blossom Hill Road and Cambrian Shopping Center.

**City budget:** Khamis is happy to report that the City set aside an additional \$8.5 million for pavement maintenance, bringing the total to \$24 million. Plans are in place to pave major roads like Trinidad Drive and Camden Avenue (all the way from Harry Road to Blossom Hill Road).

**Crime fighting:** Khamis says he's been working for years to decrease crime in the Hoffman/Via Monte area. "Lower income people have to live in safe places," he says. "Having criminals near housing is not a good solution, so I've been working on ways to make it easier for property owners to evict people convicted of felons like drug dealing or assault. However, The

Housing Department sides with criminals on this issue." Khamis says he is against the City's rent control ordinance because it would weaken the ability of rental property owners to evict criminals. "I want to make sure it doesn't pass," he says.

**Camden bicycle path:** Khamis has designed and requested an extension to the paved bike path on Camden Avenue all the way to downtown and beyond.

**Radar Tower at Mt. Umunhum:** \$1.2 million dollars is needed to keep the radar tower atop Mount Umunhum from being demolished. "It's a marker telling me I'm home," says Khamis. "I personally feel attached to it and I hope people will get take that on."

**City negotiations with Police Officers Association:** Salary, benefits and retirement for the police officer position are being discussed in ongoing contract negotiations between the City of San Jose and the Police Officers Association. There are five meetings scheduled in July. "We're working hard to bridge the far gap," says Khamis. He said to contact his office if police officers are not responding to theft when there's evidence from surveillance cameras. "I've worked closely with Captain Schroder, and we've been able to catch many criminals using footage," he says.

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Times Feature

## To mediate or arbitrate - that is the question

This week's question:

I have a small business here in the Almaden Valley. Often I am asked to sign contracts with various vendors. Sometimes the contracts have a mediation provision and sometimes they have an arbitration provision. What kind of contract is best for me?

**Kenny K.**

*Almaden Valley*

Dear Kenny,

You emailed in a very good question, Kenny, one that many of our *Almaden Times* readers may have from time to time.

Mediation and arbitration are the two types of ways to possibly settle disputes before they end up in court. They are often referred to as "Alternate Dispute Resolution" procedures.

Of course, if a dispute ends up in court, both sides are usually looking at considerable expense, delay, and lack of privacy in working out their differences, often with long-term negative effects.

It should be pointed out that both mediation and arbitration have their advantages and disadvantages, and neither is an absolute cure-all for every given situation. You will want to think it over before you sign that contract and very possibly see your own attorney for legal advice.

Mediation generally consists of one or more meetings whereby both sides (and all sides) attend one or more sessions with a trained mediator to work out a settlement of the dispute.

Obviously, having a successful mediation often depends on the skill of the mediator, but if the chemistry of the parties is terrible, the best mediator in the world cannot help settle the dispute.

Mediation is usually optional in terms of trying to work out a settlement. In other words, if it works, fine, and a settlement agreement is prepared and signed. If it doesn't work, it's off to court you go.

One of the advantages of mediation is that a dispute might be settled early and less expensively when settlement is explored early. A contract might require mediation before a lawsuit is filed.

Another advantage of mediation is that it might provide an opportunity for informal discovery to clarify the issues involved in the dispute.

Binding arbitration, on the other hand, is often "final" in a sense, in that it often takes the place of court proceedings. A contract might provide that an arbitrator will decide the dispute and the court process is waived or cancelled.

If the arbitration is "binding", it eliminates the right to appeal, which is a valuable right. You need to think about that.

Also, if the arbitration agreement is very broad, the arbitrator could even be a lay person without legal training. You also need to think about that. Qualifications of the arbitrator are very important.

Another disadvantage of arbitration is that a motion in court that disposes of the case is generally not possible since court proceedings are not available. The same is true of

discovery where each side can learn more about the case from the other side.

Another negative of arbitration is that some rules of evidence are basically ignored, so that hearsay and other information is considered. Expert testimony also may not be allowed in the arbitration proceeding.

On the other hand, large jury verdicts might be avoided with arbitration and it is often less expensive than costly litigation. However, since a very small percentage of cases actually go to a jury trial, this may be less of a factor.

Another advantage of arbitration is that it is usually quicker than litigation, but this may be less of a factor now that "fast track" has been adopted by our courts.

So, you can see, Kenny, that there are no magic answers to your question. Sometimes you or your attorney might be able to negotiate a suitable provision

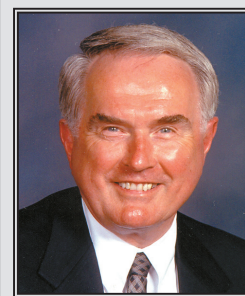
that meets your needs. And, as a practical matter, the other side in your business deal might just say it's a "take it leave it" issue because of their superior bargaining position. In other words, you might be asked to sign their contract as is or there will be no contract.

Best wishes in working this out.

**Donald J. DeVries**

*Almaden Valley*

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Times Feature

# Almaden 'lab' plays active roll

## IBM develops 7 nm microchip

IBM is winning the microchip race by developing the world's smallest chip (7 nanometer) thanks to the work of the Almaden Research Center.

IBM says it bypassed regular manufacturing techniques to produce the new chip utilizing a technique called extreme ultraviolet lithography to create the patterns for the chip with IBM chemicals.

The Almaden Research Center, often referred to as the Almaden Lab, has worked on ultraviolet lithography for decades," according to Almaden Vice President and lab Director Jeff Welser.

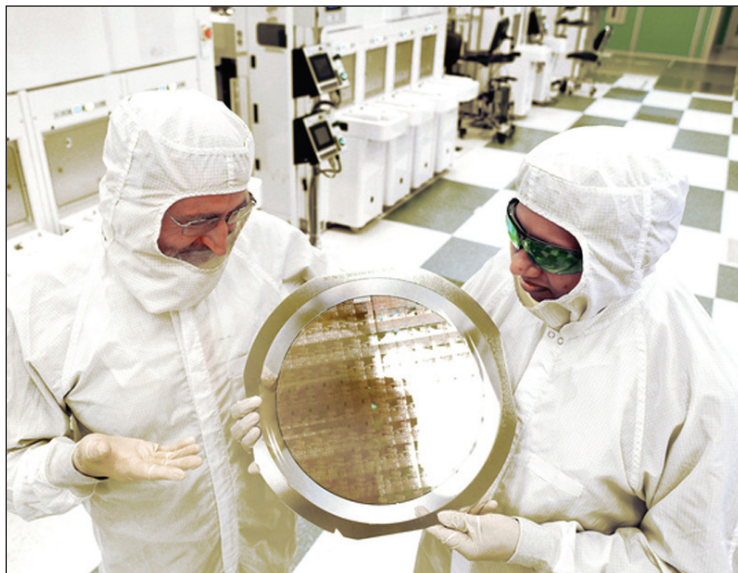
Using technology developed at Almaden Research Center and at New York laboratories in collaboration with GlobalFoundries and Samsung, the company's scientists have created a "test" chip with transistors 7 nanometers thick. For comparison sake, a human hair is 80,000 nanometers wide.

Industry sources believe it will be a while before the chips are manufactured in quantities to power phones, computers and other products.

IBM recently sold its chip manufacturing operations to GlobalFoundries.

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Times Feature



# Fireworks sparkle over Almaden Lake Park for the Fourth of July –PAUL ADOLPH, PHOTOGRAPHER

Several individuals in Almaden asked for advice on the best way to photograph large fireworks displays. Paul Adolph shot the fireworks photos at Almaden Lake Park for the Almaden Times using a Canon 7D + with a EF-S 10-22mm lens, on a tripod with a remote shutter release. Camera settings: portrait ori-

entation, ISO 100, F/8, bulb shutter mode, manual focus, with a RAW capture. Minimal post and rendering to jpg utilizing Adobe Lightroom 4 software.

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Burt Corsen is standing with Aristeia Pettis and seated is Kathleen Eagan in front of the birthday cake. Photo by Brigitte Jones

## Burt Corsen - A man for all seasons

By Jaunell Waldo  
Special to the Times

Burt Corsen, was born July 1, 1925 late that afternoon in Oakland and has remained a lifelong resident of the Bay Area. He and his brother Lee once wandered as far out as Treasure Island to check out the 1939 World's Fair.

When the US got involved in WWII, a former ROTC participant, opted to join the Army Air Corps, hoping to learn to fly.

Burt missed out on his early dream of flying, due to a bout with Rheumatic Fever that he contracted at his training station in Oregon. After months of recuperating, Burt was discharged as a disabled vet and wisely took advantage of the associated benefits to return home to CA and complete his interrupted degree in Engineering.

Burt brought home a little something extra to CA, a blue-eyed red head named Glenna McAllister. They married in June 1947 and just celebrated their 68th anniversary.

They settled in San Jose in 1957, to raise their two adopted kids, when Burt accepted an engineering job with IBM. They have been members of the Stone Church and Westminster Presbyterian over the years.

At IBM, Burt rose through the company, spending the last 20 years of his working life as Head of Environmental Management. He called in to oversee IBM's response to the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake, which garnered him notable outside recognition and he was appointed to a regional transportation committee.

In his free time, Burt has volunteered as a

Boy Scout Leader. He first joined the organization in 1934. He worked his way up the ranks to Eagle Scout and then became an adult volunteer. He retired from scouting just last December, after 80 years of participation.

Burt's astounding memory for details has served him well in retirement. He has participated in Ann Thompson's Memoirs Writing workshops for more than 20 years, chronicling the adventures of his remarkable life and most notably the changes and advancements in this area.

He still walks 2 miles a day, and keeps in touch with the vast number of friends, neighbors and families who all celebrate this achievement - reaching 90 years of age.

A fellow memoir writing buddy says "Burt has an endless array of entertaining stories of a life well lived, and attributes his long life to his optimistic, positive attitude, great sense of humor, and deep caring for his fellow human beings."



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A birth certificate tells the tale: Burt still walks 2 miles a day at 90.



## Times Features



Red Cross workers draw blood from hundreds participating in the Interfaith Blood Drive held in Almaden July 11. Above, volunteers Mike and Marianne Schmidt sign in blood donors at the drive.

## 'Interfaith Blood Drive' held in Almaden

By Marsali Hancock  
Special to the Times

Recognizing the need to replenish blood banks, community leaders and members participated in one of the largest interfaith blood drives held July 11 at The Episcopal Church in Almaden.

What once was a small event has now expanded into a large interfaith effort. Members from The Episcopal Church in Almaden, Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Korean Methodist and Westgate members were invited to donate blood.

"We were delighted to host this blood drive and thank the Red Cross, local community volunteers and donors that made the event a great success," said Mary McPherson, Senior Warden from the Episcopal Church. "We are motivated by a common interest of serving the community and building relationships outside our

church doors," she said. "Working together, we can do much more than we can as individual institutions."

"We thank the Episcopal Church in Almaden for hosting this drive and for those among our congregations that donated blood said Lee Green, President of the South San Jose Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. "I love to see our community come together to fill this important need," said Green.

### Demand for blood

One in three individuals will need blood to save their life. Chronic illness, accidents, natural disasters, cardiac patients, and even premature infants need blood to survive. The demand for blood is constant—every two seconds blood is needed in the U.S.—but the supply is not. There is no substitute for real blood.

*Editor's note: To find more opportunities to serve those in need in our area or to donate blood go to [www.JustServe.org](http://www.JustServe.org).*

## Garbage pickup fees added to most property tax bills

The good news: garbage bills are being eliminated.

The bad news: homeowners will continue to pay fees and they will be tacked onto their county property tax bills starting this month. The switch to billing property tax bills is a cost saving measure for residents and the city.

Ed Bautista, spokesman for the Environmental Services Department, said that necessary upgrades to the billing system's old software are more expensive than moving to a new property tax billing system.

The annual cost for garbage and recycling service will remain the same. Most residents use the standard 32-gallon cart, and they will continue to pay about \$370 per year, although that fee now will be split between the two annual property tax installments.

Should a homeowner request a larger cart, a supplemental bill will be sent directly from the city; and residents who downsize to a smaller garbage cart will receive a credit toward the next fiscal year's garbage and recycling service on their tax bill.

Homeowners can also request a prorated refund directly from the city if needed.



## California Young Republican Federation announces chairman-elect Matthew Del Carlo

The California Young Republican Federation (CYRF) announced Chairman-elect Matthew Del Carlo along with a newly elected executive board to lead the organization into the highly anticipated 2016 election.

"We are ready to roll up our sleeves and begin growing the CYRF over the next two years. We've learned from our successes with Vidak, Faulconer, Kim and more, that when we work as a team, we can win," said Chairman-elect Matthew Del Carlo.

"It's time we stop playing checkers, and it's time we start playing chess. I have pulled together some of the sharpest political minds from across the state to forward the mission to reclaim California."

"Young Californians are tired of the status quo and one-sided dialogue coming from the majority party of our state," said Del Carlo. "This CYRF A-Team is ready to provide fresh, new perspectives to the key issues affecting Californians."

### CYRF Elected Executive Board:

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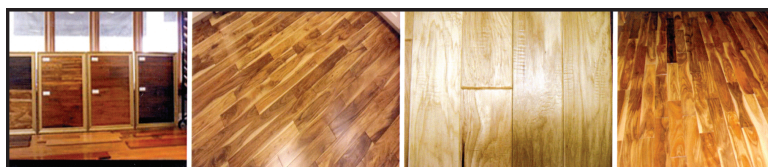
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