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SAN JOSE'S BLUE LINE

Shining a light on the San Jose police department

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

San Jose Police Department (SJPD) Chief Eddie Garcia spoke about the state of the department and its future at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

"Nothing beats the police work in this city," says Garcia. "In San Jose, we have a lot of community support that just doesn't exist in other places."

Garcia was hired in 1992 at age 21. When he retires from the SJPD, he says he wants to be a high school history teacher or a freshman football coach. His experience with the SJPD includes working with the

Narcotics Enforcement Team, Homicide, Special Operations and Special Investigations Unit. Garcia says he's learned while a lieutenant commanding the Community Services Division that there's a lot more to police work than putting the bad guys in jail. He was confirmed as Chief of Police on March 1, 2016.

"The caliber of the men and women officers you have working for your police department is amazing," says Garcia, "and second to none." Although SJPD is allocated for 1109 officers, it operates with only 820 (after disability and training). By comparison, Seattle has 1300 sworn officers and Boston has

1800. Garcia says that police chiefs across the country have asked him how they do it. "I don't say that to make excuses," he says. "I say that so when you see an officer in uniform, you thank them."

"We've lost a lot of officers because SJPD's take home pay isn't on par with other agencies," says Garcia. About 22 percent of every paycheck goes into the retirement and retirement medical fund while other city's police officers pay half of that.

Due to their low numbers, every week police officers work overtime, putting in 260 10-hour shifts just to make patrols. Answering 9-1-1 calls remains their top priority. "We've done so much for so long with so little," says Garcia. "They know what's important to a community and how to make the most of their resources. They know how to triage and use analytics, so we can remain one of the safest, largest cities in the country."

To rebuild their numbers, Garcia says SJPD has to attract and retain
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"You are the reason we do what we do," says Police Chief Eddie Garcia. "We raised our right hands to protect you to the best of our abilities." Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

Planes, vintage cars draw 20,000 to 'Hot San Jose Nights' event

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Hot San Jose Nights presents S.T.E.A.M., the annual charity car and airplane show returned to Reid-Hillview Airport with a 20,000 attendance record on July 9.

The weather was cooler than last year which brought out

5,000 more people than last year's event with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting non-profit charities, including S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, aviation and math) related programs.

The opening ceremony at noon included a flyover and a
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A classic Corvette impressed the crowds. Photo by Ken Ta Impressions



Leading the Veterans Walk was Katherine Decker, mother to Fallen San Jose Police Department, Michael Johnson. For those who participated in the walk, it was a memorable and dignified.

WHO LOVES A PARADE? WE DO!

It was another successful year for Councilmember Johnny Khamis' third annual Fourth of July Family Fun Festival and Firework Show at Almaden Lake Park. *See photo essay, page 14.*

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New drought resistant landscaping makes a positive statement and earns kudos from the community

By William Bellou
Publisher

Gabrielle Sillas and Chris Segurado are proud of their new drought resistant landscaping and want to share their joy and experience with the Almaden community.

Chris and Gabrielle, who have lived in Almaden since 2008, said they wanted to share their new drought resistant landscaping design with the community.

"By sharing our design, we hope to inspire others to create new landscape designs that are functional and also aesthetic," said Chris and Gabrielle.

"It's amazing that it's caused the neighbors to also alter their front yards, keeping the awareness of the seriousness of our drought at the forefront," said Gabrielle. "Plus, it has brought a lot of smiles and happiness."

The landscape duo installed a drip system which uses water sparingly for each individual plant. "At first, of course, when the plants are little, some hand watering helps to make sure they establish a healthy root system," said Gabrielle. "After that, thanks to the drip system, water use can be dosed accordingly and sparingly," she said.

Gabrielle and Chris said the installation design was not just about water savings. It's much more than just a concern for a drought resistant yard because it has become a playground for humming birds, butterflies and bumblebees, they said. "Working with nature can be therapeutic for anyone."

Materials used in the project

The list of materials used include: lava rocks, mulch, California native drought resistant plants,



small boulder size rocks for diversity, and broken recycled pottery shards for décor.

Installation costs

Approximately 40 hours was spent installing with the help of homeowner's friends. The total cost of the project was reasonable. Here is the breakdown: removal of grass; \$300 (by professional gardener); lava stones and red mulch \$500; and drought resistant native California plants \$150. Total cost of project: \$950.

Water savings

The projected water savings based on Chris and Gabrielle's current water use based on the square footage of their front yard (15 by 10 ft.) reduces their monthly water bill by more than 75 percent.

Reaction from neighbors

The reaction from Chris and Gabrielle's neigh-



Gabrielle Sillas and
Chris Segurado

bors and friends has been very positive. Here are some of their comments:

Dr. Vaji Dharmasena: "It looks so beautiful and creative."

"Irene Ching: "Beautiful front yard that is eye catching and colorful and whimsical."

Dr. Tom Urban: "Looks great, colorful and inviting. Water irrigation is less costly than for a lawn."

Sanjea and his wife said: "You are giving us the incentive to switch to a drought resistant yard."

Chris summed up the experience by saying: "Change is part of life! It will be an ongoing pleasure to work with the needs of Mother Nature. For us, this is just the beginning."

If you would like any support on ideas for a drought resistant yard, feel free to email Chris at chrishak@gmail.com. and Gabrielle at gabriellesloane.org.

'Ugly' Instagram con leads to hacking

Instagram users are reporting a new scam called the "Ugly List." Instagram users are fooled into thinking a friend tagged them in a mean-spirited prank. However, it's really a phishing con.

How the scam works

You get an Instagram notification saying you've been tagged in a post. The catch? The post is called "Ugly List 2016," and it was a friend who tagged you. How mean!

In the notification, there's a link to see the full post. You click on it, and it leads to a page that appears to be the Instagram log in. You need to enter your username and password before you can see the "Ugly List."

Don't fall for it! The form is fake; it's a way for scammers to steal usernames and passwords. Once scammers have your account info, they will hack your

Instagram and tag your followers in new "Ugly List" posts, perpetuating the con and stealing more information.

Tips to avoid this con:

Do a quick search. Be wary of anything that is shocking or sensational on social media. If it seems suspicious, do an online search. If it's a scam, chances are that other victims have posted complaints and information online.

Don't trust your friends' tastes online. It might not actually be them "liking" or sharing these scam posts. Their account may have been hacked.

Hover over a link to see its true destination. Before you click, mouse over the link to see where it will take you. Don't click on links leading to unfamiliar websites.

Report an Instagram scam. If your account has been hacked, see Instagram's advice on securing your account and/or reporting the violation.

To find out more about other scams, check out [BBB Scam Stopper \(bbb.org/scam\)](http://BBBScamStopper.com).

Deployment of body cameras now in effect

The San Jose Police Department has announced the deployment of body worn cameras is now in effect.

Officers participated in a four-hour block of training, in which each officer is issued a body worn camera and then deployed to the field. The media was invited to attend a training session to get an understanding of the technology and its use by officers.

Chief of Police Eddie Garcia and Lieutenant



Elle Washburn, Body-Worn Camera Administrative Unit Commander, were on hand to answer questions prior to distribution of the cameras to the officers.

The body camera selected by the San Jose Police Department is the "AXON Body 2" body worn camera.



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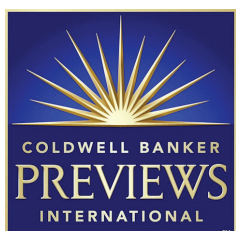
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“HOMEGROWN”

Four Almaden Players Selected for GPS FC Bayern National Teams This Summer



Through our partnership with Global Premier Soccer (GPS), we are pleased to announce that three additional Almaden FC players will travel to Europe this summer to compete in two Global youth soccer tournaments including, **The Gothia Cup** (Sweden) and **SuperCupNI** (Northern Ireland).

AFC Quicksilver NPL 03 players, **Beth Mackintosh** and **Daniella Ciprian** were recently selected for The GPS FC Bayern National Team to compete in this year's Gothia Cup in Sweden. The Gothia Cup is the World's largest international youth soccer tournament, attracting over 1600 teams from 80 nations. This year the tournament will run from **July 17th-July 23rd** and will include competition from Europe, Africa & USA.

AFC Mercury Premier 01 player, **Santiago Gonzalez** has also been selected to travel to Northern Ireland with The GPS FC Bayern National Team to compete in this year's SuperCupNI. The SuperCup NI is known for providing a platform for young stars like David Beckham, Paul Scholes and Ryan Giggs, to show off their talent. The tournament will run from **July 24th-July 29th** and will attract soccer academies from across the globe including Liverpool (England), Real Sociedad (Spain), Southampton (England), CSKA Moscow (Russia), Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) and Club América (Mexico).

Back in May, Almaden FC's Coach Robert Stewart and Almaden 01's player, Callahan Boronkay (*first on left*) joined Team GPS USA to compete in the annual FC Bayern Youth Cup at the Allianz Arena in Munich, Germany. Recapping on the Tournament Coach Stewart said, "I would say the experience of traveling to FC Bayern to compete in the Youth Cup was a once in a lifetime opportunity for Callaghan and I. For Callaghan to have had the chance to be coached by the best youth coaches in the world and play at the Allianz arena is a memory he will never forget."

Almaden Soccer would like to wish Beth, Daniella & Santiago the best of luck at each of their tournaments. #almadensoccer

Be sure to check back in via our website at www.almadensoccer.org for updates on each of the tournaments.

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PHOTO OP

Line dancing big hit at All-American Barbecue

The Almaden Senior Association's All-American Barbecue on featured line dancing with many participants.

Seniors cut a rug to the popular Country Western music of Sandi and Mike Bell.

"We got many of the brave guests to participate in a round of line dancing," said Jeanne Sanders. "We munched on ribs, chicken and all the fixin's. A good time was had by all."



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SOLD

3497 Picadilly Drive

Stunning Updated Cambrian home situated on an oversized 7,350 square foot corner lot. This traditional single level floor plan offers 1,700 square feet of living space, 3 bedrooms and 2.5 baths with a backyard built for entertaining. **Sale Price: \$1,120,000**



SOLD

1457 Almaden Valley Drive

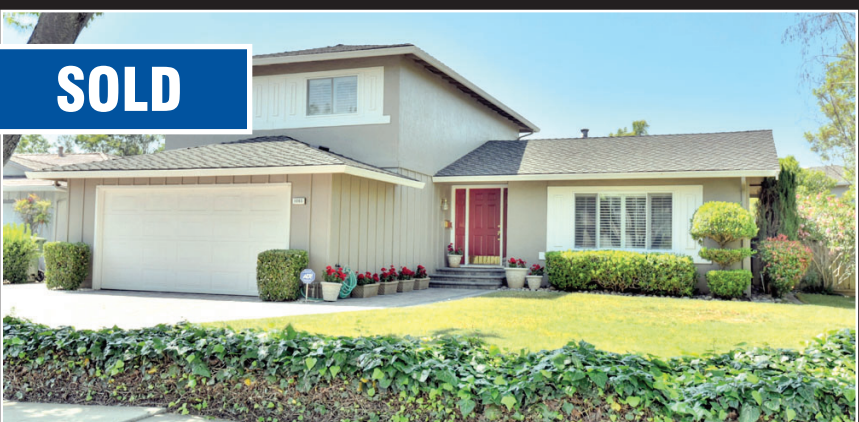
This gracious property shows pride of ownership and has been meticulously remodeled with the finest finishes. Enter the beautiful foyer through the gorgeous solid Oak door featuring glass inserts and side lights to enjoy 2,110 square feet of self-sufficient living space boasting 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths, situated on a corner lot with front covered porch surrounded by 8,580 square feet of park-like grounds. Corner lot. **Sale Price: \$1,300,000**



SOLD

396 Los Pinos Way

Sensational foothill views! This gracious home with contemporary updating offers a versatile floor plan that promotes formal and informal living for all demands. 2,186 square feet of living space, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths situated on a 5,987 square foot lot surrounded by the beautiful Santa Teresa foothills. **Sale Price: \$950,000**



SOLD

1065 Hedgecroft Place

Shadow Brook: Follow the stone paved walkway to the covered front porch to find an updated Shadow Brook home boasting a versatile floor plan with traditional flair. 2,052 square feet of living space offers 3 bedrooms, and 2.5 baths plus a bonus room that could be converted into large in-law quarters, situated on approximately 7,344 square feet of beautifully maintained grounds. **Sale Price: \$1,300,000**



PENDING

17211 Lakeview Drive, Morgan Hill

Beautiful Foothill Views: Stunning Holiday Lake Estates home has remodeled throughout with a contemporary flair and an Open-concept living style, promoting grand everyday living. This amazing home offers 2,592 square feet of living space, 4 gracious bedrooms, 3 lavish baths with one bedroom and full bath on lower level for guest or in-law quarters situated on 20,000 square feet of park-like grounds. **Offered at: \$1,198,000**



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Police

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 officers and stem early retirements of officers leaving after serving 20 or 25 years. Their new military in lieu program allows veterans released with an honorable discharge to substitute active military service for four years of college.

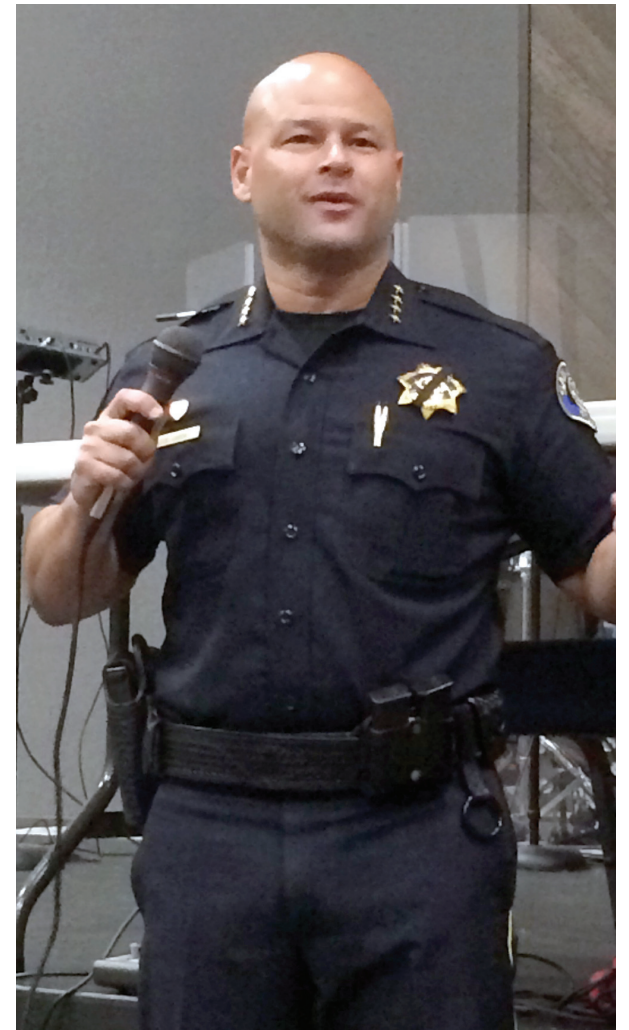
Police academy classes have recently ranged from 8 to 18 officers. Previously, they made offers to hire 15 officers, but only 11 accepted. With their most recent class, they made offers to hire 18 and 18 officers accepted. "It's a start," says Garcia, "and the numbers for the next academy are projected to be even better." Garcia's dream is to move the police academy from the Bernal substation to a local school so the officers can run through the neighborhood singing cadences. In order to do that, and open the substation, the SJPD will have to grow from 420 to 500 officers on patrol.

Although Garcia says that nothing will replace the officer on the street, he credits technology with being extremely useful to the police force. He envisions SJPD utilizing drones in the future. "We have to be mindful what the community feels about privacy," he says, "but we'd like to start a pilot program. If we had a drone when police officer Michael Johnson was shot and killed, it might have made the difference. At 11:00 at night we don't want a drone looking in our bedroom windows, but we would want to use it to find your lost daughter." Garcia says they have a great command center and because of videos are able to bring people to justice. "We are not going to be a police department of 1800 officers," he says, "so we need to find ways of using technology to make our jobs safer." Although SJPD doesn't have access to neighborhood Nextdoor websites, they plan to have a social media team at the police command center.

When an Almaden resident asks why the SJPD didn't do more to protect people hurt during the rioting following Donald Trump's appearance downtown, Garcia says it was a perfect storm. In addition to the SJPD only receiving two days notice Trump was coming, they only had 250 to 315 police officers on-site who were concentrating on Trump's safe arrival and departure. Trump also shook hands after the event, preventing the crowds from leaving the direction the SJPD had wanted them to. In addition, the officers were told to maintain the scrimmage lines. In the days following the event, the SJPD identified 24 assailants and arrested 22 of them with warrants for two more. "I wish we had had more staffing and could have arrested people that night," says Garcia. "We will do our best to make sure this doesn't happen again."

"With police getting shot and shooting people, I'd like to see better relationships between citizens and police, and not worse," says an Almaden resident.

"We need to do a better job of reaching out to the community and getting to know each



"The caliber of the men and women officers you have... is amazing," says Police Chief Eddie Garcia. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

other and having conversations," says Garcia. "There is a lot of mistrust right now. 'Men often hate each other because they fear each other; they fear each other because they don't know each other; they don't know each other because they cannot communicate; they cannot communicate because they are separated,'" he said, quoting Martin Luther King Jr. "We have to make sure to humanize ourselves. We can't get to the trust without breaking down barriers."

SJPD has responded to 2067 weapons calls this year and officers only used their firearms four of those times. "Your officers do a tremendous job day in and day out and it's not spoken about enough," says Garcia.

To create a more progressive and transparent department, Garcia says that officers will wear body cameras and take courses in procedural justice (treating people with respect), de-escalation and dealing with the mentally ill. Garcia tells officers not to mistake kindness for weakness and to remember how they felt when they graduated from the police academy. "We're not perfect and we will make mistakes," says Garcia, "but we continue to look at ways we can better ourselves."

"Your officers have proven they will give the ultimate sacrifice," says Garcia. "Following the Dallas shootings, there was fear. I couldn't imagine kissing your wife and kids goodbye and not knowing... There is a lot of fear in the community and among officers nationally, but they still answer the call. You are the reason we do what we do. We raised our right hands to protect you to the best of our abilities."

Garcia says a little girl put a Superman picture on their building and the chaplaincy put blue ribbons around their trees. "To see the support is unreal," he says. "Nothing keeps these officers going more than a thank you."



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OP ED
Do it for the Bay

For the Bay Area sports fans, this past season has been a treat!

It has been *many years* a very long time since two local teams have made it to the Finals at the same time. The two special teams were the Golden State Warriors and San Jose Sharks.

For the Golden State Warriors, they lost the Finals against their rival the Cleveland Cavaliers, which was a rematch of last year's Finals. However compared to last year, their road to the Finals this year has been harder, as they had to overcome a 3-1 deficit against the Oklahoma City Thunder.

This year the Warriors made history by winning 73 games beating the 95-96 Bulls' 72-10 record. Stephen Curry also became the first unanimous MVP in the league. Their series against the Cavaliers went to a disappointing Game seven loss as the Cavaliers' won their first meeting.

As for the San Jose Sharks, it was the first time they made it to the Stanley Cup Finals. They faced the Pittsburgh Penguins, a franchise which won its 5th Stanley Cup this year. The Sharks lost in a tough sixth game series, losing 4-2. This season was the Sharks 25th year anniversary. They had a late season play-off push towards the third spot in the Pacific Division. Goalie Martin Jones stood out this year by having three shutouts in the playoffs.

The best part of this astonishing experience has been the fan support. With the hashtags #BayAreaUnite and #DoltForTheBay, fans have bombarded social media Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat showing their support for their favorite teams. Even other players from Bay Area teams (have shown support) like Hunter Pence of the Giants and 49ers players have shown *their* support. There is also support for players like Draymond Green and Logan Couture. They showed support for each other. All fans enjoyed their experience by wearing gear their Strength in the Numbers and their teal Sharks shirts. With the fan support, also come increased prices.



The tickets, the merchandise and the whole fan experience become more expensive.

Compared to last year's ticket price, upper level Warriors tickets had a 40 percent ticket price increase. The average price for one seat for all four games at Oracle Arena went for \$6,888 in total and the three games at SAP Center went for \$4,294. All of the Warriors tickets were extremely expensive. At times, tickets sold out in a day. For Game seven, Warriors vs Thunder, tickets sold out for Game seven in 40 minutes. Also one fan bought tickets worth \$29,000. It was later topped by \$99,000 for the Finals Game seven. Although I guess all fans will tell you the money was all worth it for the experience.

Sunay Sanghani
*Middle School Student
Silicon Valley*

Leland Boys Basketball Schedule 2016-17

Date	Day	Opponent	Location	Time/Score
11/23/16	Wednesday	Alumni Game	Leland	7:00 PM
12/01/16	Thursday	TBA (Westmont Tournament)	Westmont	TBA
12/02/16	Friday	TBA (Westmont Tournament)	Westmont	TBA
12/03/16	Saturday	TBA (Westmont Tournament)	Westmont	TBA
12/07/16	Wednesday	TBA (Wildcat Shootout)	Los Gatos	TBA
12/08/16	Thursday	TBA (Wildcat Shootout)	Los Gatos	TBA
12/09/16	Friday	TBA (Wildcat Shootout)	Los Gatos	TBA
12/16/16	Friday	TBA (D.J. Frandsen Memorial)	Bellarmine	TBA
12/17/16	Saturday	TBA (D.J. Frandsen Memorial)	Bellarmine	TBA
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01/04/17	Wednesday	Gunderson	Gunderson	7:00 PM
01/06/17	Friday	Oak Grove	Leland	7:00 PM
01/11/17	Wednesday	Santa Teresa	Leland	7:00 PM
01/13/17	Friday	Sobrato	Sobrato	7:00 PM
01/18/17	Wednesday	Live Oak	Live Oak	7:00 PM
01/20/17	Friday	Pioneer	Leland	7:00 PM
01/24/17	Tuesday	Andrew Hill	Andrew Hill	7:00 PM
01/26/17	Thursday	Gunderson	Leland	7:00 PM
02/01/17	Wednesday	Oak Grove	Oak Grove	7:00 PM
02/03/17	Friday	Santa Teresa	Santa Teresa	7:00 PM
02/08/17	Wednesday	Sobrato	Leland	7:00 PM
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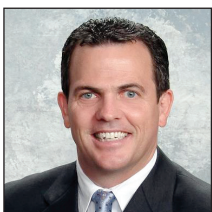
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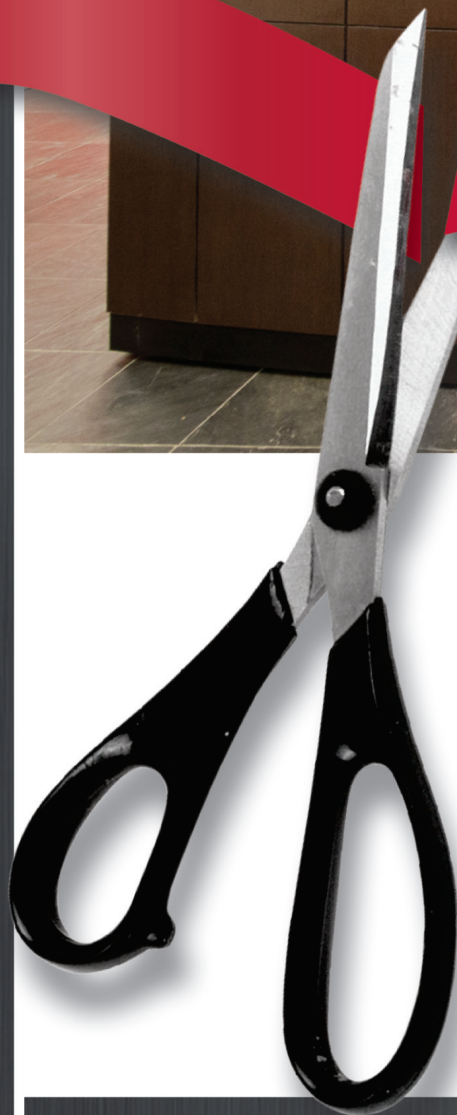
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Annual July 4 Family Fun Festival



Jerry Williams (far right), Vietnam Vet, reading a Letter to a Soldier that was written at the festival.

‘Veterans Walk’ is new at this year’s festival

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

It was another successful year for Councilmember Johnny Khamis’ third annual July 4th Family Fun Festival and Firework Show at Almaden Lake Park.

The festival featured 25 booths, including the San Jose Veterans Center and two booths dedicated to writing Letters to the Soldiers. District 10 residents, Robin Hayr and Cheyanne Segura headed this effort. The letter writing tables were constantly busy the whole day.

The entertainment included District 10 resident George and Cindy Nowicki with Snarky Cats, School of Rock, District 10 resident Pete the Magician and San Jose Theater Company, Lyric Theater.

New to the event this year was a San Jose Vet Center Festival Walk. Many San Jose Vets with the San Jose Vet Center walked through the festival area through a path that was specifically delineated by red ribbon up to the stage.

Leading the Veterans Walk was Katherine Decker, mother to Fallen San Jose Police Department, Michael Johnson. For those who participated in the walk, it was a memorable and dignified.

Ending the fun-filled day was the spectacular fireworks show produced by District 10 resident, Craig Cutright, owner of Devastating Pyro. The spectacular show lasted more than 20 minutes and provided a colorful and unique display of colors in the night’s sky and a perfect ending to a fun-filled day.



The “JustServe” non profit organization help volunteers sign up.



A child shows the photographer his “letter to a soldier” that he created at the festival.



“Letters to Soldiers” table all-day volunteers Robin Hayr, Cheyanne Segura, and Rebekah Souza.

and Fireworks Show a big success



Almaden residents camped out early for the amazing fireworks display. Below: the fireworks arsenal awaits ignition.



Sunday Friends and the San Jose Vet Center welcomed visitors to their booths.



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Councilmember Khamis and Cheyanne Segura.

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Organizer **Mike Hennessy** speaks at opening ceremony with singers **Mike Hugill** and **Debbie Zimmerman**. Photos by Ken Ta Impressions (except Big Mike and the Hart Beats)



Model military aircraft from RC Baylands Club 3.

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parachute Flag Jump and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Mike Hugill and Debbie Zimmerman.

More than 100 booths, many showing off their robotics creations, were a big hit with crowd. A number of spectators were given an opportunity to control a number of robotic vehicles and toys.

More than 200 antique, classic sports cars and custom cars were on display. New this year were a dozen electric vehicles that were converted from combustion driven engines. New battery technology was also demonstrated in the cars.

Military tank personnel gave family members free rides to show off the tanks maneuverability. Free tank rides were available for the first time this year. Many visitors climbed into the cockpit of vintage aircraft, and some were given a short flight in a new Cessna aircraft.

There was a wide selection of food available with festival goers enjoying ribs, chicken and Chinese food. This year there was a hot wings cook off that generated a lot of excitement.

Live music took the center stage with all day performances by Big Mike & the HartBeats, Rockin' Blues Express and the Bi-Polar Bears. Square dancing was also featured at this year's event.

One of the most popular attractions of the event was the Baylands RC Airshow, with propeller and jet powered model aircraft demonstrations.

The Aerial Sports League showed off its caged Drone Wars. Fire engines and police cars were also on display, along with many robotic vehicles.

A number of notable citizens and organizations including Second Harvest Food Bank, Sal Pizarro, Kathy Jackson, Rich Alvari, Dick King, Ken Palmer, Dan Montsier, and Steve Angus were presented with awards for their contributions to the community. Food collection barrels from Second Harvest were filled to capacity.

Hot San Jose Nights presents S.T.E.A.M. and Airport Day is sponsored in partnership with Chris Wilder, CEO of Valley Medical Center Foundation, County Supervisor President, Dave Cortese & 2nd District County Supervisor, Cindy Chavez. One-hundred percent of the money raised during the event is donated to charitable organizations.

Organizer Mike Hennessy said we made a lot of improvements this year, such as expanding the food vendor area, and moving the stage to a central location. "Plans are already in the works for next year's event, even bigger than this month's successful show," he said.



Big Mike and the HartBeats performed.

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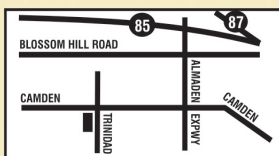
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Times Feature

Results certified for June 7 Presidential primary election

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office has posted final, certified results for the June 7, 2016 Presidential Primary Election.

"This election saw a turnout of 54.66 percent of registered voters, with 430,779 ballots cast," said Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey. "We are pleased to report that voter turnout increased nearly 16 percentage points compared with the last Presidential Primary Election in 2012."

Bushey noted that Santa Clara County had over 800 polling place precincts. "We are extremely grateful to the thousands of volunteers who staffed polling places throughout the county," Bushey said. "Their service and dedication are truly indispensable on Election Day."

Post-Election Canvass

California Elections Code requires the Registrar of Voters' Office to perform a Post-Election Canvass before certifying the final results of an election.

During the Post-Election Canvass, the Registrar of Voters' Office counted all remaining valid ballots and performed a series of mandated audits to ensure the

accuracy and integrity of the election. Election results were updated at least once daily by 5 p.m. during the canvass period.

Ballots Counted after Election Day

There are four types of ballots that are counted after Election Day – "last minute" Vote by Mail ballots, provisional ballots, damaged ballots, and ballots that contain write-in votes.

"Last Minute" Vote by Mail Ballots

Vote by Mail ballots that arrived on Election

Day were processed and counted starting Wednesday, June 8. Vote by Mail ballots that were postmarked by Election Day and arrived by Friday, June 10, were also processed and counted after Election Day.

Vote by Mail voters who forgot to sign their return envelopes had the opportunity to complete and sign an Unsigned Ballot Statement form by 5 p.m. on June 15.

Provisional Ballots

Provisional ballots were cast by voters whose eligibility could not be determined at the polling places on Election Day or who had received Vote by Mail ballots but did not have them to surrender at the polls and wanted to vote in person. Provisional ballots must be researched and verified in order to be counted.

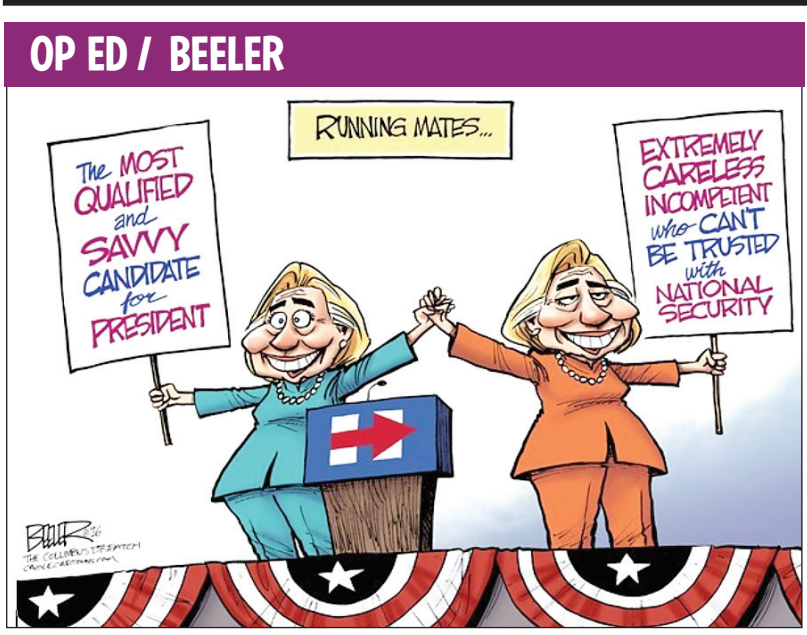
Damaged Ballots

Some ballots were torn, damaged, or marked in such a way that the tallying machines could not read them. These ballots required additional processing before they could be counted.

Write-In Votes

Write-in votes must be tallied manually. There were 33 contests with valid write-in votes in this election.

For more information, contact the Registrar of Voters' Office at 1-408-299-VOTE (8683) or toll-free at 1-866-430-VOTE (8683), or visit www.sccvote.org.



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Times Feature

Filing too many lawsuits may make one a 'vexatious litigant'

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:

We have a neighbor down the street who is constantly filing lawsuits against everyone, it seems. In fact, he even brags about it. Can anything be done about that? (By the way, keep my name out of it.)

Romano M.
Almaden Valley

Dear Romano:

First of all, of course we will keep your name out of it. I always use assumed names when writing these articles for the *Almaden Times*. I have not used a person's true name in submitting a question in 30 years of writing these articles.

Now, as to the substantive part of your question. I have some good news for you and for our readers. In California, the state legislature has adopted California Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) §391, Title 3A, dealing with "vexatious litigants".

You can go to your computer and bring CCP §391 up on your screen and see what it says. It is quite thorough in nature. Of course, you may need your own attorney to help understand it and see how it may (or may not) apply to your situation.

"Litigation" is defined as any civil action or proceeding, commenced, maintained or pending in any state or federal court.

"Vexatious litigant" has several meanings, including the filing by a person within the preceding seven-year period in propria per-

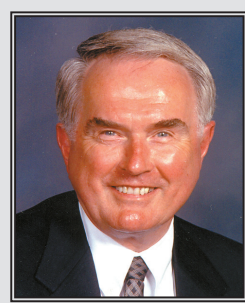
sona at least five litigations other than in a small claims court that have been decided adversely to the person.

A "vexatious litigant" also includes a situation where a loser of a suit constantly relitigates issues after the case is over, or in which the person repeatedly files unmeritorious motions, pleadings, or other papers.

Other activities are listed as well as coming within the "vexatious litigant" statute, too numerous to list in this article.

The "vexatious litigant" statute is designed to curb misuse of the court system by those persistent and obsessive litigants who by their improper conduct waste the time and resources of the court system and other litigants.

What can you do about it? A person such as you, Romano, can file a court motion to obtain a prefiling order against the vexatious litigant, prohibiting him (or her) from filing any new litigation in propria persona (i.e., self-represented). If that were success-



Ask The Lawyer

Donald J. DeVries,
Attorney at Law

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ful, the order would require a new court order for the new suit to be authorized by the presiding judge of that court.

If that would be successful, you could obtain a "Prefiling Order-Vexatious Litigant", Judicial Council Form MC-700, a copy of which you should be able to view online.

Then, if that order would be disobeyed by the vexatious litigant, it could be enforced by a contempt of court citation.

What else can you do about it? You may have the right as a defendant facing a vexatious litigant plaintiff to file a motion with the court to require the posting of security

(i.e. a monetary deposit) to protect against your losses, or to have the case dismissed, under California Code of Civil Procedure §391.1.

Thanks to our excellent system of justice, the vexatious litigant has certain rights too. For example, he or she might be on the court's vexatious litigant list that requires a

court OK for the filing of any new suit by the vexatious litigant, and have sufficient grounds for a new suit to be filed.

In that event, the vexatious litigant could file a "Request to File New Litigation by Vexatious Litigant", Judicial Council Form Mc-701 that should be available online for you to review. If granted, the new suit could proceed normally.

The vexatious litigant could also file a motion to be removed from the court's vexatious litigant list. This is as provided in California Code of Civil Procedure §391.8.

You might find it interesting to know that this vexatious litigant statute and procedure has been found constitutional on a number of grounds.

Also, a vexatious litigant cannot merely employ counsel to insulate the party from the statutory consequences of CCP §391.

As our *Almaden Times* readers read through the vexatious litigant statute, CCP §391, you can see that we have a pretty good system of justice.

Donald J. DeVries
Almaden Valley

You can reach Mr. DeVries with your questions by email at don@almadenvalleylawyers.com, with "Almaden Times" in the subject line, fax at (408)268-6502, telephone at (408)268-9500, or mail at DeVries Law Office at 6475 Camden Avenue, Suite 200, San Jose, CA 95120. Your name will not be used. No attorney-client relationship is created by these articles.

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Times Feature

Major cause for injury death for kids is drowning

Summer is here, which means millions of people hit the pools, beaches and lakes to cool off and take in the sun.

The nation's emergency physicians strongly advise all parents and guardians to get their children familiar with water - specifically teaching them to swim safely as early as possible.

"It only takes a few seconds and a few inches of water for a child to drown," said Dr. Jay Kaplan, president of the American College of Emergency Physicians. "While it's impossible to predict and prevent every scenario, you can take steps to protect kids, stay safe and still enjoy the water."

Facts about Drowning

Drowning is the leading cause of unintentional injury death among children between one and four years of age, with almost 400 cases reported in 2014, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Young children aren't the only ones affected. Every day about ten people die from unintentional drowning. Overall, it ranks fifth for unintentional injury death in the United States. More than 50 percent of drowning victims who are treated at emergency departments require extended hospitalization or long-term care.

Several factors can contribute to a person drowning and obviously not all of them can be controlled. However, steps can be taken to keep a child and even an adult safe as possible when near or in the water.

Ways to Stay Safe

Supervise Young Children - They must be watched at all times when near water. It can take only a matter of seconds for a child to accidentally drown when an adult turns away.

Learn to Swim - Formal swim lessons can protect people, especially young children from drowning.

Learn CPR - It can take paramedics several minutes to arrive. Having CPR skills often times can mean the difference between life and death or permanent brain damage.

Use the Buddy System - Never swim alone. Always be with someone. Swim in areas that have lifeguards on duty if possible.

Don't Drink and Swim - Drinking alcohol while on a boat or swimming in the water can severely impair a person's judgment and cognitive skills. Also, never drink alcohol while supervising children.

Use Life Jackets - When on a boat, make sure the number of (Coast Guard approved) life jackets match the number of passengers on the boat and that they are easily accessible in case of emergency. Young children should have a life vest on at all times in a boat, or in the water. Potentially half of all boating deaths might be prevented with the use of life jackets.

Air-Filled or Foam Toys Not Safety Devices - These toys are not substitutes for life jackets and are not designed to keep swimmers safe.

Be Aware of Weather Conditions - If strong winds or heavy thunderstorms and lightning roll in, get out of the water and seek shelter immediately.

Understand Waves and Rip Currents - If on the beach, watch for dangerous waves and rip currents. If caught in a rip current, swim parallel to the shore. Once free of the current, swim toward the shore.

Don't Overestimate Your Swimming Ability - Everyone has limits, even the most experienced of swimmers.

For more information on drowning or other health-related topics, please go to www.EmergencyCareForYou.org.



ER Docs: Teach Your Kids To Swim This Summer

Drowning is one of the leading causes of death among children under four years of age. It only takes a few seconds for a child to drown, and small children can drown in just a few inches of water - in a bathtub, a toilet or a bucket.

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Every day, about ten people die from unintentional drowning.

1 in 5

About one in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger

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More than 50 percent of drowning victims treated in emergency departments require hospitalization or long-term care.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Ways To Stay Safe In The Water

Teach your children to swim. It's not too early, never too late.

Never allow children to swim without adult supervision.

Never swim alone!

If at a beach or public pool, swim near a lifeguard.

Don't drink alcohol and swim.

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115, in San Jose, or at participating businesses or churches. Red and blue backpacks cannot be accepted.

Donors can fill their backpacks with new school supplies such as pens, pencils, rulers, dictionaries (great for spelling bees) erasers, crayons, colored pencils, markers, paper, dividers, binders, and glue sticks.

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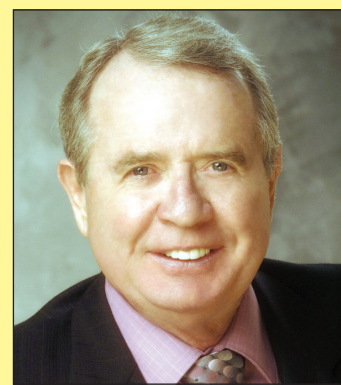
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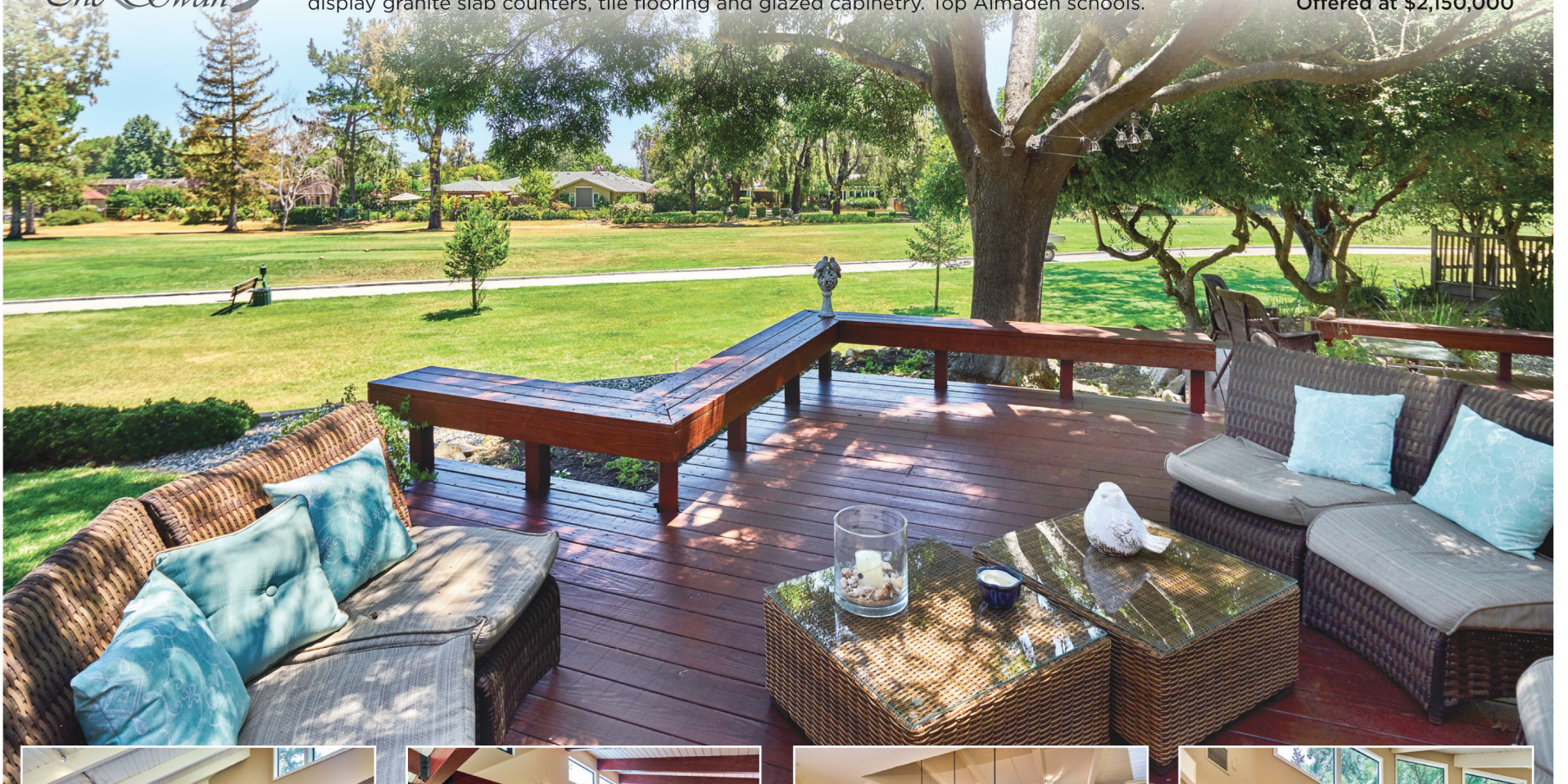


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