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Ryan Broughton, Director of the San Jose Office of Emergency Services wants everyone to be prepared in the case of an emergency. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

Preparing for emergencies is topic at AVCA meeting

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Are you prepared for an emergency, be it an earthquake, flood or fire? Ryan Broughton, Director of the San Jose Office of Emergency Services posed this question at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.



Ryan Broughton

Broughton recommends that everyone have work, home, school and in-transit food and water supplies to last 72 hours in the case of an emergency. He suggests having a bag ready in case of a house fire with identification, copies of birth and wedding certificates, insurance, prescriptions, medication and any other important materials.

"Determine your risks and make a plan as to who will take care of the kids and pets," he says. "Then invest in emergency kits and make them your own." Broughton urges residents to avoid staying in a shelter during a disaster if possible. "If you can go home, to a friend's, a hotel or out of town,

do so," he says. "We only have 37 shelters and so much capacity."

He cautions residents to be prepared, trained and informed and recommends that everyone take Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training classes. This year, CERT classes will include every firefighter, police

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Crosby runner-up in Miss Teen USA 2016

Athena Crosby of Almaden Valley finished in the top 15 contestants seeking the crown of Miss Teen USA 2016 on July 30, 2016.

"Competing in Miss Teen USA 2016 was an amazing experience," said Athena. "2016 has been the best year of my life. I'm so grateful."

Athena is a Graduate of Leland High School. She aspires to become a disabilities rights attorney and run for public office.

Miss California Teen USA 2016 Athena Crosby competes in the evening gown competition during the 2016 Miss Teen USA Competition at The Venetian Las Vegas on July 30, 2016 in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Almaden Art and Wine Festival: Celebrating 40 great years!

By Sean Eastwood
Times Staff Writer

The Almaden Valley Women's Club has announced the 40th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 at Almaden Lake Park, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The popular Almaden Festival gets better each year, and this year is no exception with community milestone of 40 years of raising funds while offering a fun to attend well organized event. It is a day of shopping, and playing, eating and great refreshments; and every dollar raised at the festival was given back to the community.

Bring your children, your wallet and your appetite, and enjoy all the Festival has to offer: handcrafted selections from skilled artisans; great food from local eateries; the always popular Kid's Fun Zone; performances from some of our community's favorite entertainers, and of course, great wine, cold beer and free parking.

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Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Chairs: Back Row - Standing - (l to r) Lauren Wilson - Scheduling; Linda Stone - Entertainment; Carina Beal - Equipment; Rebecca Stene - After Festival Dinner; Brittney Weinerth - Kids' Zone; Krystal Woodworth - VIP Area; Robin Slawinski - Silent Auction. Front Row - Seated - L to R; Mythili Varadarajan - Glasses; Sarah Grobman - Food; Ellen Hudson-Snyder - Festival Chair, Publicity; Carina Ramirez-Johnson - Festival Co-Chair, Beverages; Patty Barbaccia - Corporate Sponsors; Yvette Fodor-Walsh - Information. Not Pictured: Sue Datta - Artists, Dawn Clarkson - Parking and Electricity, and Beth Swartz - Volunteers.

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Heroes & Villains Fan Fest: It's not your dad's comic con!

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Super heroes and villains will face off in San Jose at the second annual Heroes & Villains Fan Fest on August 27 and 28 at the San Jose Convention Center.

The brainchild of actor Stephen Amell (who portrays Oliver Queen/Green Arrow) and James Frazier (creator of the zombie/horror event Walker Stalker Con), Heroes & Villains Fan Fest seeks to revolutionize the comic con landscape, offering something for everyone, from the diehard fan, to those with a growing interest in the genre. "Our biggest draw is our celebrities," says Frazier, "like Amell and his cast from *Arrow*, the cast from *Once Upon a Time* and Clark Gregg from *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*"

Heroes & Villains Fan Fest began when Amell attended a previous con and asked if Frazier would be interested in doing a similar type of event based on a superhero universe featuring shows like *Arrow* and *Flash*.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet their favorite celebrities through panel discussions, photo ops and interactive panels like charades and Pictionary. They will also gain insight into their favorite shows from the creators and talent behind them. See a full list of celebrity guests at: heroesfanfest.com/sanjose/guests.

Frazier says that San Jose is an ideal site for Heroes and Villains Fan Fest as it's a short flight for the cast, whose CW Network shows shoot in Vancouver, has a large population and is supportive of fan events.

While other cons focus on vendors, Heroes & Villains Fan Fest is mainly a fan meet and greet event



Fans dressed as Mr. Freeze, Two-Face, and Poison Ivy have all escaped from Batman to show up at a Heroes & Villains Fan Fest. Cosplay is popular among attendees of the event.

with 50 rather than 500 vendors. In addition to shopping for unique items, attendees can view artists at work. "We really tried to build our artist base this year," says Frazier, "with leading artists like Rob Prior, who paints live to music." His previous works include Batman and another piece featuring the various Jokers. "His attention to detail is phenomenal," says Frazier. Other featured artists are Brian C. Roll and Lord Mesa.

"There's lots of fun stuff like dance-offs and Q&As with the actors," says Frazier. "We're not the standard comic con." Fan Fest-goers can immerse themselves in the superhero experience by participating in zip lining, climbing walls and shooting arrows. "People are looking to do more things at cons and have more interactive experiences," says Frazier,

"so that's what we're trying to do at our event."

At the Nocking Point San Jose Wine Mixer, attendees can mingle with Stephen Amell and Andrew Harding (Nocking Point co-owner) while wine tasting. Stephen and Andrew will even pour wine for the guests. In addition to a live band, actors will sing and entertain the guests. "It's a very social mixer and people really enjoy it," says Frazier.

Adding to the fun, some attendees cosplay (dress as characters from a movie, book, or video game) or take pictures with those in costume. "We had an amazing Captain America last year," says Frazier. "A girl did her hair up in WWI big curls and was wearing a bombesque costume. Suicide Squad was big and will probably be bigger this year. People take a lot of time designing their costumes. They do a phenomenal job." Some of his past favorites include Harley Quinn, Flash, Green Arrow and Mr. Freeze. There will be a costume contest on Saturday.

"Our venue is different and more intimate," says Frazier. "Other events have 60,000 people in a weekend. We have a thousand people a day, so their opportunity to interact with celebrities is much greater and I think people really appreciate that. You just don't get that type of interaction at any other event. When people see it for themselves and get a real understanding of just how small the event really is, they get very excited about it."

Please see: heroesfanfest.com for more information.



Celebrity guests are a big draw for Heroes & Villains Fan Fest. Photo courtesy of Heroes & Villains Fan Fest. Here, **Caity Lotz** (with camera) and **Charlotte Ross** pose for a selfie after a panel session. Photos courtesy Heroes & Villains Fan Fest.

OP ED

Clinton or Trump: who will do more for the leaders of tomorrow?

As the 2016 presidential elections approach, it becomes clear that Americans will be choosing between Hillary Clinton, representing the Democrats, and Donald Trump, representing the Republicans. Now, lots has been said about each of these two candidates in order to determine who will ultimately be a better president, but in terms of the education system of America, who will have a bigger, more positive influence?

On one hand, we have Hillary Clinton. Her educational plan consists of making all community colleges free. This means that all students attending Evergreen Valley College, De Anza College, Foothill, etc., will be admitted tuition free.

As for public universities, Clinton aims to allow students to graduate debt-free, meaning that students that come from families that make a household income of less than \$85,000 per year will receive free tuition. But what will she do for the younger generation? More specifically, what will Hillary Clinton do to make the Evergreen School District a more enjoyable environment to learn in?

As president, Clinton intends to pay the teachers and educators of public schools a higher salary as well as integrate computer science courses into the curriculum of K-12 students. Living in the Silicon Valley, it is fundamental for the children of today to be familiar with computer basics, and

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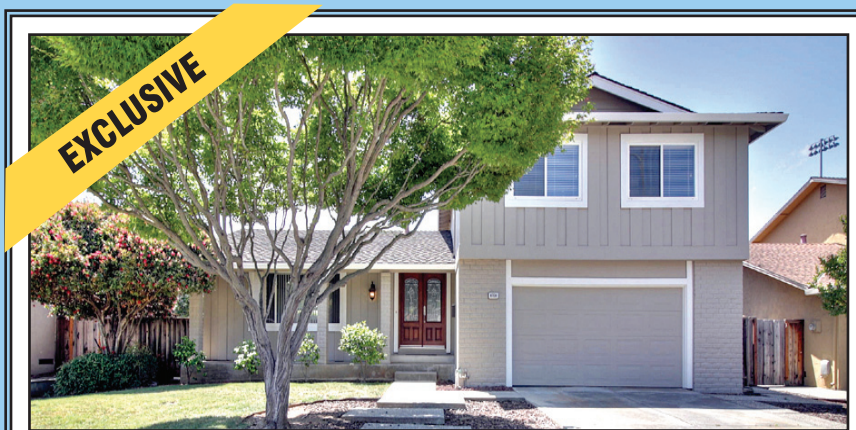


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Hillary Clinton promises to advocate for the teaching of these fundamental skills.

As for Donald Trump, he doesn't seem to be as invested in the education system of the future generations of America. For one thing, Trump states that he would like "colleges to have more skin in the game". What does that mean? Well, Trump wants colleges to share the risk of student loans because, according to recent studies, student loans tend to pile up once a student fails to graduate in the given 4 years because, as a result, they must pay the extra tuition for an unplanned year of college.

Therefore, Trump encourages colleges to be more selective in their admission process in order to ensure that students admitted will surely finish schooling in the expected 4 years and avoid student debt. However, as vague and unclear Trump's plan for college is, he doesn't even have any explicit plans regarding improving the education system for today's K-12 students.

Within 5 months, a new president will be elected to lead the USA for the next four years. While neither candidate is perfect, we must keep in mind what Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump promise to do for our nation. People always say that Today's Students are Tomorrow's Leaders, but which presidential candidate will ensure the well-being and advocacy of today's students? Which presidential candidate will become the role model for tomorrow's leaders? Only time can tell.

Neharika Bandaru
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NEWS BRIEFS

Air China to Begin Shanghai-Silicon Valley Service

Air China's will launch its nonstop service between San Jose and Shanghai on Sept. 1, 2016. The new flight will be operated with A330-200 aircraft, offering business and economy class cabins.

Shanghai will mark the eighth nonstop international destination available at the San Jose Airport. San Jose will be Air China's tenth gateway in North America and its first destination with direct connections to Shanghai from the Silicon Valley.

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Art and Wine

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"Since the festival is free including parking, if everyone brought just one dollar and dropped it off at the information booth, the festival could double the amount of money raised for our community compared to last year's event," said Almaden Times publisher William Bellou. "If you have ever thought about contributing money for the Almaden Art & Wine Festival during the past 40 years, a contribution this year makes a lot of sense.

Artists

Carrying your sunflower from Bloomster's, browse booth after booth of photography, paintings, metal sculpture, handmade jewelry, organic soaps, wood crafts, hand dyed fashions...each as wonderful as the next.

Food

This year's menu offers something for everyone, including Indian bites from Mayuri, pizza from Oak & Rye, Mexican selections from Carmen's Taqueria, and asian fusion from Cross Hatch Eatery. Food Trucks will be offering addictive chicken wings from West Wing, falafel and gyros from Falafel Fresh and fish tacos from Shark Bait. In addition, we have shave ice, ice cream, smoothies and kettle corn.

Wine and Beer

This year's Premium Wine Tent features Rombauer Vineyards in Napa and Leal Vineyards in Hollister. Also featured are: Clos LaChance Winery, David Bruce Winery, Fortino Winery, Gianelli Vineyards, J. Lohr Vineyards and Wines, Martin Ranch Winery. All wines are available in both tasting and full pours in your Festival Glass. Two large Beer trucks will be pouring a variety of frosty tall ones. Grab a brew and relax in our Beer Garden presented by Skip's Tire and Auto Centers.

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Fun Zone!

Kids of all ages will have hours of fun in the Fun Zone. Back this year is the ever popular Rock Wall, jump houses, carnival games and more. The Fun Zone stage will be hopping all day with performances by local school bands, dance groups, cheerleading squads, and professional entertainers. We are offering a Cool Down Zone and sunscreen application station supported by Babyganics. San Jose Giants Mascot Gigante is expected to make an appearance as well.

Entertainment

Rock, Dancing, Blues will be featured on two stages. Performing on the main stage are: Kat

Black, Joanne LeBlanc and the Fugitive Blues Band, Bri Cauz, Big Mike & the HartBeats, Jessica Leia, Fog City Band, as well as Liberty Belles Dancers, Leland High School Cheer & Dance, Almaden Mustangs Cheer & Dance, Almaden Spirit Athletics Dance Team.

Entertainment at The Fun Zone Stage features: Purple Fox and The Heebie Jeebies, Tutorial, Math Class Band, Danny Politoski, Shaolin Kungfu Zen Academy, Almaden Mustangs Cheer & Dance, South Bay Dance Center, Dance Attack, and others.

Getting There

The Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is held at Almaden Lake Park between Almaden Expressway, Coleman Avenue and Winfield Avenue.

Free Parking

Free 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. If you'd rather, pedal to our monitored Bike Check area. Please remember, pets are not allowed in the Festival area.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club

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 the raising of funds at the Club's Annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival. All proceeds from the Festival go directly back to the community through scholarships, grants and donations to non-profit groups. All AVWC members volunteer their time to help make this Festival possible and an enjoyable experience for our guests.

Festival sponsors and supporters

The 40th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is made possible through broad community support of various sponsors and partners who help fund the activities necessary to produce and promote the event. Participating artists and vendors play an important and integral part by offering their high quality crafts and services. Also, many members of the community contribute their talents, time and energy, including sponsors, artists, vendors, volunteers and guests for helping us achieve our goal of raising money to help others.

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

For information on joining the Almaden Valley Women's Club, visit our website at: almadenwomen.org/join-avwc.html.

Editor's note: The AVWC is currently seeking new members. Women living or working in zip codes 95120, 95118, and 95123 are eligible to apply.

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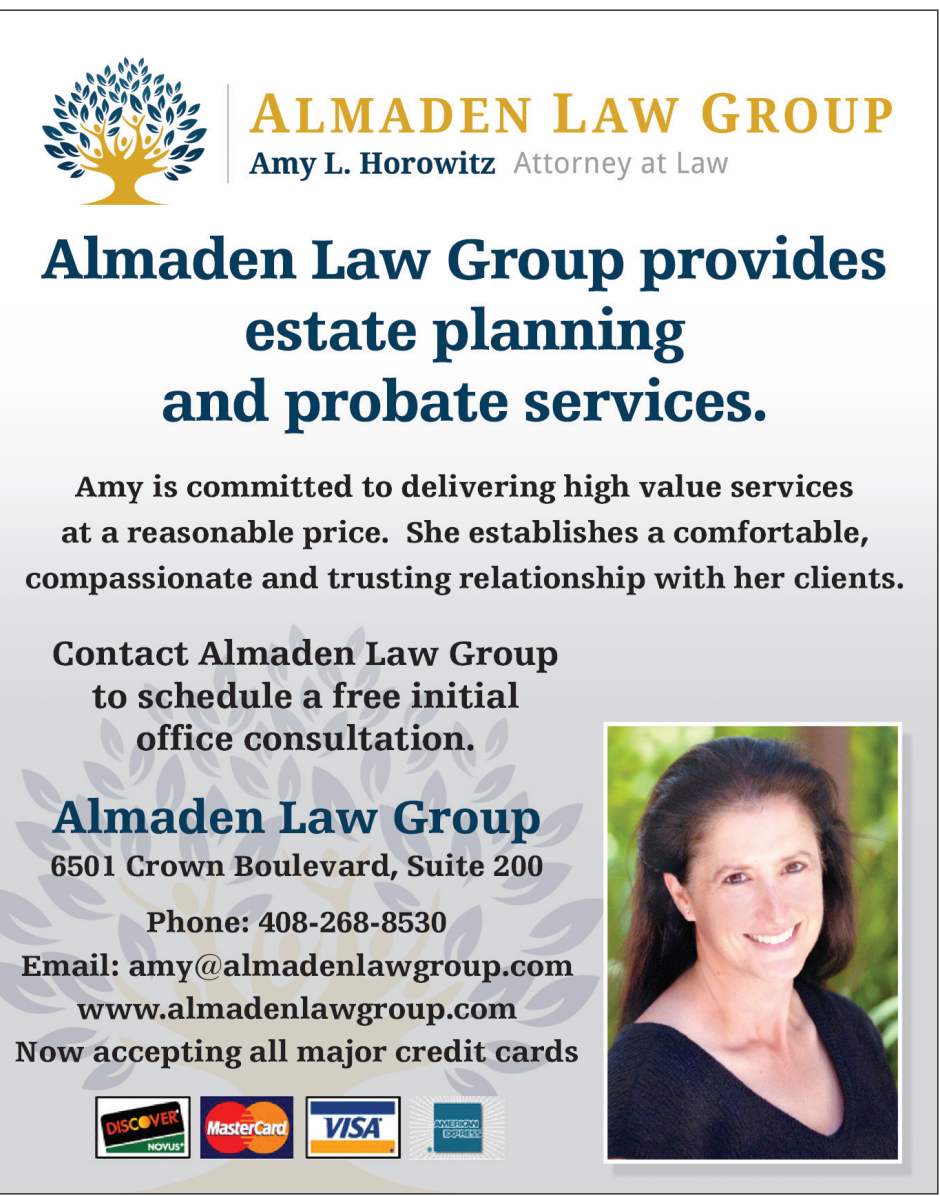


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Times Cover Story

Preparation

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officer, public works and transportation staff in the city. Disaster search and rescue training will also take place. With a budget of \$130,000 for CERT training, the city is bringing in a contractor to provide 12 classes this year as well as creating a plan to effectively deploy readiness in the community. CERT training communities include Almaden, The Villages, Japantown, San Jose State University and other groups that have engaged with the Office of Emergency Services.

In the case of a disaster, Almaden Community Center is the site where people can volunteer to help and fill out forms to receive local assistance for flood damage or other issues.

“Getting all of District 10 prepared for emergencies happens to be one of my major priorities this year,” says councilmember Johnny Khamis. “I’ve been delighted to work with Broughton. He’s been

doing a phenomenal job in the city so far.”

“We find things that work in every emergency and build those up so we can take care of the citizens, businesses and critical assets,” says Broughton. “We have the ability to coordinate resource flows across the entire nation to San Jose.”

The San Jose Office of Emergency Services jurisdiction covers 1.1 million people, 180 square miles and all 10 council districts. In addition, they do Homeland Security and critical asset protection. In San Jose, there are 700 critical assets including utility services like all water purification sites, sewage, power, networks, phones and landfills. They partner with all the local counties as they may pull resources from them. As they have similar hazards, they also share lessons learned.

The Office of Emergency Services is responsible for developing the Emergency Operations Plan, Continuity Plan, running the emer-

gency operations center and incident management process for the city. In addition, they handle public information and warning, educating the public before, during and after an emergency. “The recovery is the hard part,” says Broughton. “and getting people to prepare.”

Through a Proclamation of a State of Local Emergency by the city manager or city council, 74 people, including the city manager and department directors, come into the emergency operations center and manage all the operations within the city, says Broughton. “We short circuit the city hall process of ‘Let’s have a meeting about it’ to ‘You have 12 hours. Let’s do something about it,’” he says.

In response to the city manager and mayor jointly setting targets for emergency readiness and Broughton’s arrival, the Office of Emergency Services has put into effect a strategic road map, business plan and a series of readiness checks. “We’ve increased from

doing one exercise during five years to doing 20 exercises in the last 12 months,” says Broughton. They now have trained 200 people for the city’s emergency operation center and built eight departmental centers including public works, transportation, the airport and shelters. Previously, the readiness core operation coordination /emergency operation center was at eight percent of the national standard. Today it’s at 64 percent. “We’re making a positive impact as to how we’re ready to handle emergencies,” he says. “The next part is how to get everybody else prepared.”

Regarding earthquake related emergencies, Broughton notes that the area is bounded by three major (San Andreas, Hayward and Calaveras) and 13 minor fault lines. The Calaveras fault runs through the Anderson Dam which protects 91,000 acre feet of water and is not built to withstand anything beyond a 6.0 earthquake, he says. “About one million people are living off

water that’s brought in,” he says, “so preparing the city for how we can distribute food, water, medicine and services throughout the community if we lost water is one of the things we train for.”

In case of pipeline hazards, they’ve also practiced how fast they can shut off pipelines to protect the community. They also did a practice shooter exercise at Oak Ridge Mall after hours in case of terrorism and share information with Homeland Security.

Recently due to Khamis and other councilmembers pushing, says Broughton, their office went from three people and a budget of \$26,000 to seven to ten staff and a budget of \$1 million. “Normal staffing nationwide is 19 people for a city of our size,” he says.

Beyond organizing the police department, fire department, hospitals and utilities in the case of an emergency like an earthquake, it’s going to come down to the community until resources arrive, says a resident. “What’s the city doing to train people? We have more elementary schools than fire departments. There’s not going to be a fire truck that shows up in our neighborhood or at the elementary schools.”

“I have 19 school districts,” says Broughton. “And one firefighter for every 20,000 people in this city. That’s actually going to be the subject of the city council study session in January.”

“It’s going to come down to us taking care of each other and doing first aid until FEMA comes,” says another resident. “We’re going to have to band together.”

“The first responders are you,” agrees Broughton.

Speaking about possible disasters, Broughton shared the details of the Metcalf power station attack in April, 2013. “The people who attacked it surveyed the area,” he says. “They knew the schedules, what damage they could do and what line connected the alarms to PG&E. They lined up rock cairns to determine distance and used flags to determine wind speed. They shot so many times into the transformers that they drained the oil from them, causing them to overheat. There are 6,000 gallons of toxic material in each transformer and each transformer is custom built. They shot better than army snipers. That attack would have put us in the dark for eight to ten weeks. The only thing that kept us online was that Haywood Station, which was supposed to be down for maintenance that day, picked up the load. Nobody was ever caught. You lose Metcalf, you lose power to the entire city.” Today the power station is heavily armored.

“We’ve been attacked 14 times in the last 18 months from dedicated cyber attack,” he says. “We are under constant threat. My job is to help manage risk for the city so we’re prepared.”

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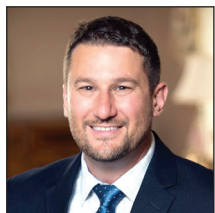
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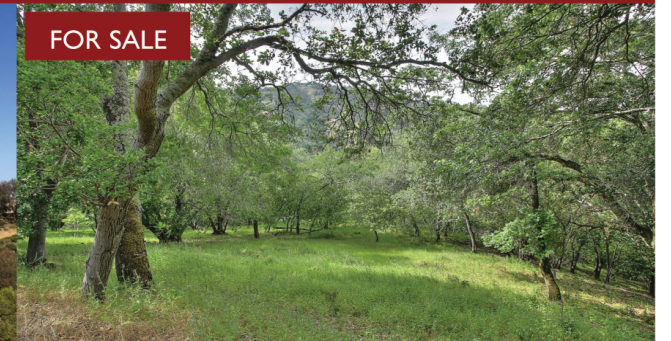
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Times Features

'Johnny Khamis on the Record'

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Transparency is important to councilmember Johnny Khamis. So much so, he has incorporated a new segment on his website: Johnny Khamis on the Record.

The segment will include video clips of his commentary to the city council on a variety of topics depicting why he voted the way he did. "I try to over-inform people," he says. "Some people think I do a little too much over-informing." For instance, he reported on possible zoning changes to the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan.

"The city only has to tell people in a 500-foot radius from where the



Johnny Khamis wants people to be politically informed.

development's being done, says Khamis. "Not me. I put it on Nextdoor and let everyone know there's going to be a new development, and if you want to come to the meeting, please do so you can be informed."

Khamis says he makes Nextdoor postings closed because he can't use staff time to monitor and discuss the posts at length. "People start speculating and it would take me all day to answer their posts," he says. "I just want people to be informed. I will continue to over-inform you about any decision I, or the city council makes and post my newsletter as well." He encourages everyone to sign up on his website to receive his District 10 newsletter.

At a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting, Khamis also touched upon taxes and Measure B, which will be on the November ballot.

"The city council decided to put a business tax on the ballot doubling business tax in the city," he says. "If you pile on all the things that are going to be on the ballot, it will be much more difficult to do business in the City of San Jose; whether it be a business tax, sales tax, parcel tax or rules around the 40-hour work week requirements."

Following their negotiating with 11 unions, the city council is putting approval of charter provisions to Measure B's pension reform before the voters. "It will let us capitalize

on savings and get us out of the courts, where we've been for the last 3 1/2 years," says Khamis. "We'll be able to stop paying for retiree healthcare for Tier 2 employees and save money in the long run. What it won't do is help us solve the pension deficit. We still have a \$3 billion deficit in pension liabilities from bonuses given retroactively when no one paid into the system. However, it will stop growing as fast as it currently is. At this point, I thought it was important to settle this thing because we were starting to lose some of the cases in court." Khamis says he hopes that in the future, the city will be more competitive and stop losing police officers to other districts.

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FROM HOMELESSNESS TO INDEPENDENCE

Downtown Street Team aims to promote self-respect

By Renee Robinson
Special to the Times

Chad Bojorquez has gone from homelessness to independence, self-dignity, and personal success. Bojorquez was born with a muscular disease, and by the time he was 10 years old he had undergone 14 surgeries. He was confined to a wheelchair, but even though his body failed him his mind was sharp.

As a youth, Bojorquez had a great deal of academic achievements. He graduated from Campbell's Westmont High School in three years, and was accepted to the University of Southern California. While at the new school, Bojorquez became lonely and depressed. He eventually ended up homeless on the streets of Santa Cruz for four years.

"I just survived that experience, but not everyone gets through it," states Bojorquez.

He worked his way out of those hard times to become a director of the Downtown Street Team, a program to employ the homeless and engage in volunteer projects to improve the community. The biggest challenge he had at his new job was transportation. Because Downtown Street Team has locations all over the Bay Area, he had to travel in his wheelchair throughout Silicon Valley on the bus. In spite of this, he was rarely late.

Julie Matsushima would prove to be the miracle worker he needed. She met with Bojorquez over coffee, and came up with a great idea. Matsushima is a disability advocate in the Bay Area, building playgrounds for disabled children. She



Chad Bojorquez poses with his family.

and other people got together to fundraise for a van equipped to be driven by Bojorquez. They called the fundraiser, "Wheels for Chad." They were able to raise \$78,000.

"It's incredible. It's a dream come true. I believe in humanity," said Bojorquez.

Bojorquez received the full amount for the van. He says the van is being adapted so he can drive it. "It's currently being worked on to meet my abilities." Bojorquez says all that's left for him is to learn how to drive.

Downtown Street Team was founded in 2005 in response to the growing homelessness problem in the Bay Area. The main goal of the organization was to bring a sense of self-respect to the homeless.

"Simply put, we're ending homelessness through the dignity of work. Team members volunteer in their community, building soft employment skills, which gives them their dignity back moving them into housing and employment."

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Local boot maker takes pride in his work

By Terry Donovan
Special to the Times

In an age of mass production, while almost everything is available to the consumer, too often quality has been sacrificed.

After retirement, I continued wearing boots from my last year of teaching, low cut boots—one pair black, one pair brown. In their third year, the boots looked tired. The soles had given out, and large holes not only let in the moisture when it rained but caused holes in my socks. Some might say I was too cheap to buy new shoes.

Not only had the soles gone bad, but the heels were worn. My wife and grown children started to give me the eye whenever we went somewhere as a family. Without a trace of humor, one son said, "Dad, you live in a really nice house and drive a fine car, but some of the hobos living along the Guadalupe River dress better than you."

That hurt.

Eventually it became clear, even to me, that it was time to buy new boots.

But why did a retired guy need two new pairs of boots? Maybe a little fixing up, a repair job was all it would take to solve my shoe problems. A local boot maker had recently been written up in the *San Jose Mercury News*. I remembered the article and decided to ask him if my boots were worth fixing. The shop was situated near a busy intersection. A sign above the structure said it all: Boot Maker. On entering, I recognized the distinctive smells of leather and shoe polish. The linoleum beneath my feet was worn, and some squares were mismatched, but the place was clean, well-lighted, and inviting. An old machine filled the room with a loud hum. I watched as a man stood amidst the rapidly running belts, and buffed a shoe. He was in his late 50s, had a graying mustache, and the build of a young heavy-weight boxer. Taped to the glass countertop was the same half-page news article that I had read several weeks earlier.

I felt certain I was seen entering, but the man didn't acknowledge my presence. At length, he pushed a button and withdrew the shoe. Three wide belts slowed and then stopped. The man turned to greet me, unsmiling. "Good morning."

I offered my hand, and he gripped it firmly. "Good article," I said, pointing to the clipping.

"Can't buy that kind of publicity," he said.

"How's business?"

"Good," he said, managing a smile. "I keep busy."

"Is there enough work repairing people's shoes?"

"Not really."

The man reached for a pair of boots from a shelf on the wall. "This is what my business is all about."

With professional passion, he held the boots just inches from me. I watched as his thumb moved protectively over the smooth leather tip of one boot. Engraved artwork progressed from that point and up to the very tops of the boots. Even the untrained eye could appreciate the skill and professionalism of the boot work.

"I design and make boots for people of means, people with an appreciation for quality and comfort. The boots that I make aren't for everyday wear. They're for special occasions."

The man showed me a photograph of former president George H. W. Bush. The focal point of the photo was not the president, but the boots he held, each engraved with the Presidential Seal.

The boot maker said, "I wish I'd been commissioned to do those boots. What craftsmanship!"

Soon many photographs and a few articles covered the glass counter. The recent newspaper clipping was all but hidden. A lined face sheltered bygone memories. Callused hands hid the artist within. But, I had missed something, something important.

I reached for my all but forgotten boots on the glass counter, "Are these worth fixing?" I said, as I presented the shoes to the boot maker.

His left hand touched the brown boots, while the other hand held the black ones at eye level.

"Of course," he said promptly.

"How much?"

"Both pair, rebuilt, \$200."

Taken aback by the amount, I stammered, "When the boots were new I paid \$150 for both."

"You paid too much."

I watched as he ran his index finger over the edge of one sole. Without looking up he said, "These were mass-produced and poorly made in some faraway sweatshop by underpaid workers, and I bet they were on sale the day you bought them."

"Yes." My jaw may have dropped a little. "How did you know?"

"I know boots and I know people. It's what I do."

His fingers gently touched the heels. Next he looked me in the eye and said, "Feel the inferior rubber. Touch the leather of the poor quality soles. Basic shoe leather and sole leather accomplish entirely different functions. You get what you pay for."

Taking him at his word, I refrained from reaching out.

"I got three years of wear out of 'em."

"And one more day would've been one day too many. I'll rebuild your shoes, both pair, \$150, not a penny less. They will be better than the day you bought them. Your three-year-old shoes will last another three years. Proper soles, new inner soles, high-quality heels, and a shine that will knock your eyes out—you won't be sorry."

The boot maker withdrew a shoe tag from his stained apron pocket, and began writing up a work order. I noted a trace of a smile as the man's general attitude seemed to soften. Agreeing with his words, I returned his smile.

He said, "I'll give you a ring."

A week later the shoes were ready.

On shelves along a wall, behind the counter, and to the right of the mechanical equipment, rested many repaired shoes. He placed my boots in a large sack. I paid the \$150, thanked him, and headed for the open doorway.

A stern voice resonated from across the room. "Just a minute!"

I turned.

"Aren't you going to check 'em to see if they're satisfactory, that they're okay?"

There was no doubt why he was calling me back. With a weak grin, I returned to the glass counter, removed the items from their sack, and inspected first the black and then the brown boots. They looked great and smelled like new. Smiling, I said, "You did a fantastic job."

Putting the boots back in the sack, I again left the counter and approached the doorway. He called after me a second time. "I'm surprised you didn't first check the work. You know, customer satisfaction is what it's all about."

Mid-stride I stopped, turned, and approached the counter. I had sized up the situation. I realized what I had missed earlier. The boot maker, the professional, the artist, the man wanted recognition of the quality of his workmanship. I had been unintentionally rude.

My eyes met his. "Quality work was a given, I anticipated satisfaction. One expects professionals to do their work, in a workmanlike manner. That's a legal term."

With an inquisitive look in his dark brown eyes, a smile formed. The man's massive shoulders leaned forward, followed by the rest of him. "Never heard that terminology before. I've learned something new."

"And so have I. Next time I'll speak up and show more respect for the workmanship and a job well done. My apology."

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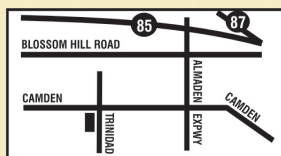
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Explore Quicksilver with California State Assemblymember Mark Stone

By Mike Wasserman
Special to the Times

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County Report
Mike Wasserman,
County Supervisor

10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Breakfast with Asm. Stone and Supervisor Wasserman at Casa Grande
11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Walking tour of the Town of New Almaden
12 p.m. – 1 p.m. Tour of Casa Grande

For more information and to RSVP for *Enjoy and Explore Almaden Quicksilver*, please call Assemblymember Stone's office at (831) 425-1503.

Zika
The Zika virus has been making headlines due to increased detections in neighboring states and countries. The virus is transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito, and can cause birth defects, including microcephaly. To date, 77 confirmed human cases of Zika have been reported in California; all were travelers that acquired the virus in another country. Zika carrying mosquitoes do not currently exist in Santa Clara County. However, the rate at which these mosquito species are spreading suggests that they may be a threat to our community in the future. While only imported cases of Zika have been reported in Santa Clara County, the County's

Vector Control District is working hard to keep the mosquito species known to carry Zika out of our County. Since there is currently no specific treatment or vaccine available; preventing mosquito bites is the best way to stay safe. Click here to read more about the Zika virus and how to avoid it.

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Sunday 9:30 AM
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Sunday 8:15 AM
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Times Feature

Child visitation may depend in part on drug, alcohol testing

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:
My ex-husband and I have a 5-year old son, Jack, together. We have joint legal custody and an equal time share as to visitation. My ex-husband wants more time with Jack but I have a problem with that due to my ex-husband's drinking problem. Do I have any rights to refuse more visitation because of his alcohol issue?

Karla K.
Almaden Valley

Dear Karla:

You just might be able to refuse more visitation because of your ex-husband's drinking problem, Karla. Of course, all facts and circumstances of the case will be considered the by Judge, but here we are focusing on the issue of excess alcohol at this time.

The issue of alcohol and substance abuse in custody and visitation cases was the topic of a recent California case entitled *Heidi S. v. David H.* The Court of Appeal in Los Angeles held that the Family Court acted within its authority in ordering a mother of a child to undergo drug and alcohol testing as a condition of increased visitation with her child.

Background information includes the following facts. The case started out in Juvenile Court between Heidi and David. Heidi, the mother of the child, had been found under the influence of alcohol and controlled substances. The Juvenile Court awarded David,

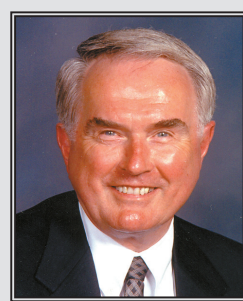
the father of the child, sole legal and physical custody of the child. The Juvenile Court also granted Heidi limited supervised visitation.

Three months later, Heidi filed a case in the Family Court to have sole physical custody and unmonitored visitation. The Family Court granted her motion in part, awarding Heidi increased visitation on condition that she submit to additional testing for alcohol and controlled substance use.

Heidi did not take kindly to the testing issue, so she filed an appeal. She argued in the Court of Appeal for the Second Appellate District in Los Angeles that the imposition of new drug and alcohol testing violated Family Code Section 3041.5 and basic due process.

The Court of Appeal noted that Section 3041.5 expressly authorizes the Family Court to "order any person who is seeking custody of, or visitation with, a child who is the subject of the proceeding to undergo testing for the illegal use of controlled substances and the use of alcohol if there is a judicial determination based upon a preponderance of evidence that there is the habitual, frequent, or continual illegal use of controlled substances or the habitual or continual abuse of alcohol by the parent".

The Court of Appeal also found that the



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trial court properly considered Heidi's prior drug and alcohol abuse in imposing the testing requirement for increased visitation. The Family Court, said the Court of Appeal, was not bound to consider Heidi's present circumstances only.

To the contrary, said the Court of Appeal, Family Code Section 3041.5 expressly authorizes the Family Court to consider "a conviction within the last five years for the illegal use or possession of a controlled substance." And, for that matter, nothing in the statute limited the Family Court to ordering drug testing for a fixed period of time. In other words, the testing could go on "indefinitely".

Almaden Times readers can read the *Heidi S. v. David H.* case for themselves by going to their favorite browser, such as Google, and entering the name of the case in the search box. It is officially known as Heidi S., Plaintiff and Appellant, v. David H., Defendant and Respondent. It should be up on your monitor in a heartbeat. It should also be available via FindLaw.com soon.

The case was decided July 28, 2016 and it was heard by the Los Angeles County Superior Court. There are many more facts and circumstances of this case that merit reading, far more than this rather short arti-

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cle can discuss.

Keep in mind that all cases are different and you really need your own attorney to assist you with how the case or any other case or statute may apply or not apply to your particular situation. There is no substitute for your own legal advice.

Karla, best wishes in your efforts to do the best thing for your son, Jack.

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Times **Feature**

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Almaden Hills United Methodist Church invites the public to a huge sale of gently used items on Saturday, August 20, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

There will be lots of good, gently used clothing, household items, linens, etc. A bake sale will also be included.

Free coffee will be offered while patrons shop for goodies. Low prices will be featured on a huge variety of items.

You are encouraged to bring cash in small denominations.

Location: Almaden Hills UMC is located at 1200 Blossom Hill Road, San Jose 95118, two blocks west of Almaden Expressway.

For more information, visit: <http://www.almadenhillsumc.org/findingus.htm>

Cambrian Park carousel landmark status update

The landmark carousel sign at Cambrian Park Plaza at the corner of Camden and Union my soon become part of history.

On July 21, the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission recommended that the board of supervisors designate the colorful sign historic after an architectural historian determined it meets the necessary criteria for preservation.

Supervisor Ken Yeager asked that the mandated report be commissioned by the board of supervisors in February as many Cambrian Park residents sought his help to save the popular distinctive sign before the site is redeveloped by a Texas-based company that also wants the sign preserved.

The sign's fate is in the hands of the board of supervisors' scheduled vote at its Aug. 30 meeting.



Adrianna De La Torre (left) prepares for the planting of a home's curbside tree.

El la Torre recognized at the AmeriCorps graduation ceremony

Adrianna De la Torre was recognized at the AmeriCorps graduation ceremony on Aug 6, 2016 at Bramhall Park Amphitheatre in Willow Glen. She was joined 30 other service members that have dedicated this past year to helping their community's grow.

Adrianna, 23, remembers how planting a tree at her school at age 11 inspired her to care about the environment. When she later attended San Jose State University, she signed on to be a Tree Amigo volunteer at Our City Forest, the same nonprofit who had helped her plant the tree at Lee Mathson Middle School.

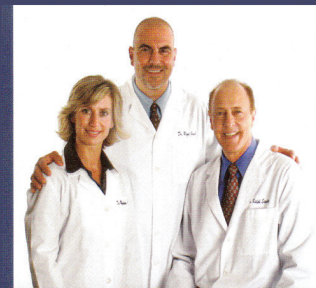
Adrianna is nearing the end of a year of full-time community service as an AmeriCorps service member with Our City Forest. In this capacity, she has assisted hundreds of residents throughout San Jose in obtaining trees and technical assistance.



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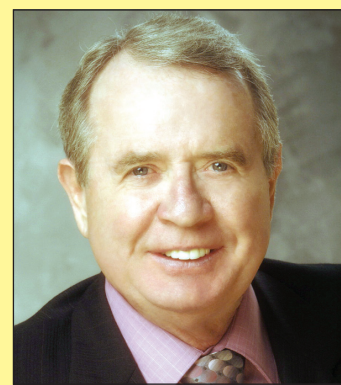
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