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Almaden Valley Women's Club 2016 Board of Directors' Installation Dinner. Front row - Left to right: Ellen Hudson-Snyder, VP Fundraising; Carina Johnson, President; Krystal Woodworth, Secretary. Back Row - Left to Right: Robin Slawinski; Carina Beal, Treasurer; Alka Srivastava; Patty Barbaccia, Mythili Varadarajan; Lauren Wilson; Dawn Clarkson; Denise Myrick; Rebecca Stene, VP Membership; Linda Stone; Wendy Banas, VP Programs; Meg Dore; Yvette Fodor-Walsh; Beth Swartz; Anne Samuel. Photo courtesy of the Almaden Valley Women's Club

Almaden Valley Women's Club celebrates 51 years

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

n Sunday, Sept. 11, The Almaden Valley Women's Club will present the 40th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival at Almaden Lake Park

Voted one of the best festivals in San Jose, the festival has been an Almaden Valley tradition since 1976, and features local artisans, entertainment by popular bands, boutique wines from Northern California vineyards, a silent auction and a Kids-Zone with crafts, carnival games, and rides.

"We're a small, dynamic group of women putting on this huge festival and it gets bigger and better every year," says Almaden Valley Women's Club president and festival co-chair Carina Ramirez-Johnson.

On the day of the event, Women's Club members arrive at the park at 6 a.m. to a line of vendors and artists ready to set up for the day. Their booth locations were carefully chosen and marked the day before by festival committee members.

"When the sun starts to rise, we're at the top of Almaden Lake Park watching the birth of this festival," says Ramirez-Johnson. "It's so cool to think you worked all year for that moment and to watch it all come together. It's an enormous See AVWC, page 15



National Night Out $\,$ is a crime and drug prevention event that was co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department on Aug. 2.

Almaden National Night Out another success for District 10

Fifteen groups of neighbors gathered throughout District 10 in an effort to improve public safety during National Night Out.

National Night Out is a crime and drug prevention event that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department on Aug. 2.

"I would like to thank all of the volunteers that worked so hard in the days leading up to the event to bring their neighborhoods together," said Johnny Khamis, Councilmember District 10. "I visited most of these driveway

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SCHOOL RALLY HONORS SCOTT KRIJNEN

Castillero teacher wins CSN All-star Teacher of the Year Award

School awarded \$20,000

By William D. Bellou
Publisher

astillero Middle School held a rally on Aug 18 to honor its teacher, Scott Krijnen, 2016 All-Star Teacher of the Year.

CSN and Provident Credit Union, sponsors of the annual award, presented the award to Krijnen and a \$20,000 check to Castillero Middle School.

In its 10th year, the All-Star Teacher Award recognizes middle and high school teachers in Northern California for their remarkable dedication to their students and significant presence within their respective communities.

An esteemed panel of community leaders selected five finalists based on four categories: Overall Commitment, Teaching Excellence, Student Rapport, and Distinction Levels. Finalists for this year's award were chosen by a panel of judges consisting of Doug Bartlett, Senior Marketing, BART; Benito Delgado, Executive Director of K



Scott Krijnen is the 2016 All-Star Teacher of the Year.

to College; John Haggarty, VP of Marketing at Provident Credit Union; Lorena Hernandez, Director of Community Investment, Comcast California; Detra Paige; Director of Community Relations, Oakland Athletics; and Sue Petersen, Executive Director of the Giants Community Fund.

Krijnen graduated from San Francisco Conservatory of Music in 2005 with his master's degree in cello performance. He is a versatile musician; a soloist, chamber musician, conductor, artistic director, and teacher.

When Krijnen began teaching at Castillero, there were only 65 working instruments, 45 short with the influx of new students.

Krijnen said that Castillero music students not only gain a sense of belonging and recruit others to join, but learn skills that cross all disciplines. "Hopefully, playing music gives my students joy and a meaningful, engaged existence."

"When I started teaching at Castillero, we only had four sections of orchestra but thanks to Castillero's supportive staff, administration, and a community that realizes that the arts are fundamentally important to the growth and well-being of the students, we were an ensemble with potential," said See TEACHER, page 8

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Quadriplegia victim has extra set of helping paws

an Jose resident and mother Alex Wegman was born with a congenital condition causing quadriplegia. Fortunately, she has an extra set of helping paws each day from her assistance dog,

Because of Bright, Alex has no concerns about caring for her newborn daughter when her husband is not home. Bright can retrieve dropped items and help with chores, like doing the laundry. Alex relies on Bright to reinforce her independence.

Alex and her growing family are featured in the lat-

est video from the Hero Tails dog-umentary series, which celebrates assistance dogs and their remarkable partners. Each video is narrated by TV host Nick Cannon.

The maker of NexGard is donating \$175,000 to Canine Companions for Independence to help train more assistance dogs like Bright.

The donation enables Canine Companions to continue its 40-year legacy of providing assistance dogs and skilled companion dogs to children, adults and veterans with disabilities, completely free of charge.

supply lists now available on **TeacherLists**

Local school

EIR prepared for

Kiddie Academy

An Environmental Impact

Report has been prepared for the construction of a 10,625 square foot Kiddie Academy pre-school

and day care facility in Almaden. The facility is scheduled to be

built at the former Shell station location at the intersection of

The daycare facility will

The EIR is open for public comments through August 30, and can be accessed at http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx

accommodate up to 168 students. Several trees are scheduled

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Pre-School

Parents from local schools have a new tool in their back-toschool bag of tricks this year, as all of their schools supply lists now are posted TeacherLists.com.

With just one or two clicks, parents can find all of their 2016 lists and get a head start on this annual back-to-school chore. Parents can print their lists or for the first time - look up their lists right on their smart phones in store aisles. They can even online shop easily TeacherLists automatically shares the lists with national retailers like Target and Staples.

The site now also includes lists

- Los Alamitos Elementary
- Simonds Elementary

"For decades, the supply list process has been a frustration for parents," points out TeacherLists John Driscoll. President. "Where to find the lists? When are they available? Forgetting the list on the counter at home? All of those issues are solved with TeacherLists"

Complete details and all the lists are available at www. teacherlists.com

CSR Cares annual charity golf tournament for autism Sept. 9

SR Cares annual charity golf tournament, held at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club on September 9, is the non-profit foundation's largest fundraiser.

All net proceeds of the tournament benefit autism research and programs in Silicon Valley. Last year, the event raised over \$40,000. The day consists of golf play, banquet dinner, live and silent auctions as well as raffle prizes. The donations all come from local businesses in the form of sponsorship and player paid participation in the tournament.

Tony Odom, Executive Director of CSR Cares, says, "Autism touches the lives of so many in our community. This event allows participants to enjoy a great day of golf and entertainment while at the same time supporting key programs for kids affected by autism and their families. We're constantly pushing to get more donations so we can do even more for the kids and families who so desperately need the help."

Over the past 13 years, thousands of Silicon Valley children and families affected by autism have



Over the past 13 years, thousands of Silicon Valley children and families affected by autism have received much needed help from the tournament.

received much needed help from the money raised during this tournament.

To make a donation and learn more about the tournament, please visit CSRgolf.com or call 408.558.5000.

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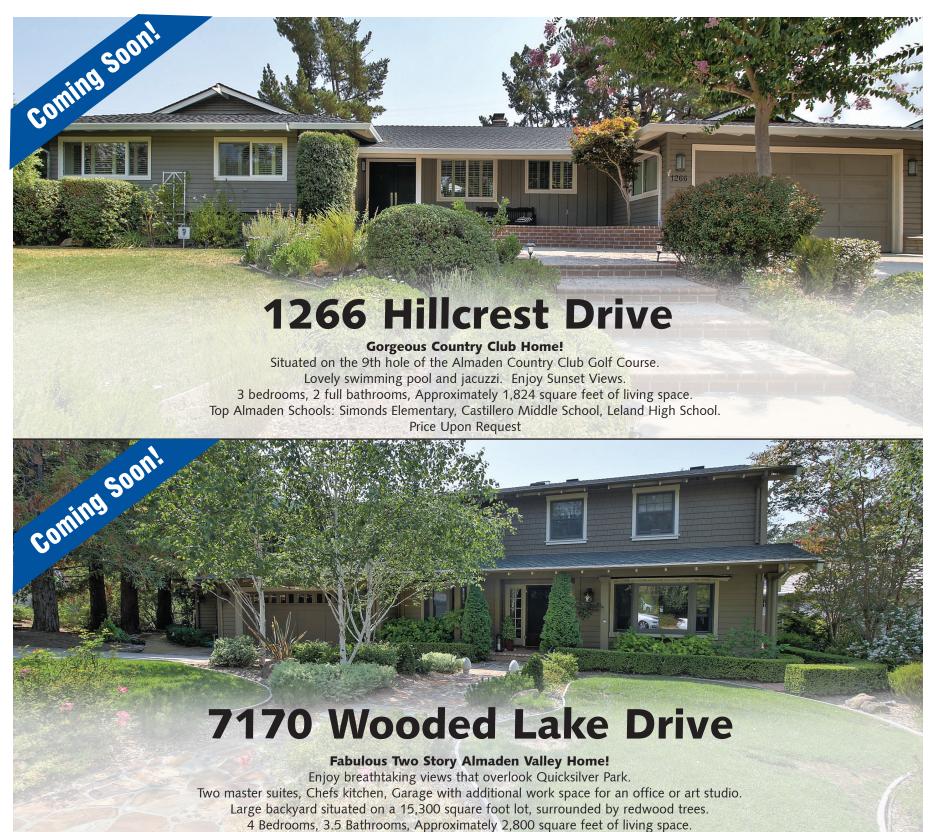
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Times Feature

How to discipline a child with ADHD while avoiding feelings of guilt

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

he symptoms associated with attention-deficit-hyperactivity disorder can put even the best parenting skills to the test.

Children and teenagers with ADHD don't listen, or at least don't seem to listen.

They often fail to complete tasks, whether it's a school assignment or a household chore. They can be impulsive, hitting a sibling or classmate when they feel frustrated, or failing to wait their turn when playing a game.

As a spotlight is put on the condition during October, which is ADHD Awareness

Month, it's worth noting that the disorder has an impact on the parents as well as the offspring. Irritated by repeated undesirable behaviors, mothers and fathers may lash out, dealing more harshly with infractions than they should. Later, feeling guilty because of their overreaction, the parents may allow the child to get away with other misbehaviors.

Then tension builds again until once more the peeved parents explode and begin feeling guilty about their reactions all over again. "It's important to break that cycle of guilt when dealing with the ADHD child," says Daniel Amen, M.D., a clinical neuroscientist and brain-imaging expert who also is the founder of Amen Clinics, which treat patients at six locations around the country.

"The best way to do that is to deal with difficult behavior whenever it occurs and not allowing the tension to build up. Retraining difficult behavior patterns is an essential part of the treatment for ADD."

Amen, author of "Healing ADD" and the New York Times bestseller "Change Your Brain, Change Your Life," says there are steps parents can take that will help shape positive behavior in a child with ADD/ADHD and help the parent avoid those guilty feelings.

☐ Define the desired and undesirable behaviors. Before you can shape behavior,

you need to be clear on what behaviors you want and don't want, Amen says. A desirable behavior might be doing homework before going out to play. An undesirable behavior might be talking back to a parent.

☐ Establish how often negative or positive behavior occurs. Keep a log for anywhere from a week to a month to track how many times a behavior occurs. Having a baseline will allow you to know whether your interventions are having an effect.

☐ Communicate rules and expectations clearly. When children know what is expected of them, they are much more likely to do it. Too often, Amen says, parents believe children should know how to act without the rules being clearly communicated.

☐ Reward desired behavior. Once clear expectations are given, it's essential to reward the behavior that meets expectations. Rewards can be such things as verbal praise, a hug, a small present, a trip to the library or park, and even money.

□ Administer clear, unemotional consequences for negative behavior. Be in control of your emotions, don't nag or belittle the child, and use logical consequences. For example, if a child refuses to put away his or her toys, the toys could be taken away for a few days. Having a good relationship with the child is perhaps the most important factor, Amen says.

"With a good parent-child relationship, almost any form of discipline will work," he says. "With a poor parent-child relationship, any form of discipline will probably fail. Relationships require two things: time and a willingness to listen."

Daniel Amen, M.D., (www.amenclinics. com) is a clinical neuroscientist and brain imaging expert who heads Amen Clinics, San Francisco. He has written numerous books, including "Healing ADD" and "Change Your Brain, Change Your Life." Dr. Amen also has appeared as a guest on such TV shows as "The View" and was a consultant for the movie "Concussion."

Supervisors endorse 'Opportunity to Work' initiative

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors have voted to endorse the City of San Jose's Opportunity to Work Initiative. Opportunity to Work will be on San Jose's November 2016 ballot.

"We support this initiative not only because it is fair to part-time workers, but because it is good for everyone in the County," said Board President Dave Cortese. "As workers earn more and can afford to pay for health care and food, for example, they will no longer need to rely on County programs to fill those needs. The County has a long history of demanding that contractors who are paid with taxpayer's money treat employees with equality and fairness."

"The cost of living in San Jose, and throughout Silicon Valley, remains the region's biggest challenge. I spearheaded the County's adoption of a living wage policy in 2014 but I recognize that is not enough to address the problem," said Supervisor Ken

Yeager. "The Opportunity to Work Initiative will help tens of thousands of residents and their families who struggle to pay bills every month because their employers will not allow them to work full time. The initiative also gives small businesses, including the vast majority of family-owned restaurants and service providers, the flexibility they need to succeed by exempting those with less than 35 employees."

The Opportunity to Work Initiative continues to gain momentum as the number of elected officials, community, labor and religious organizations and individuals that have endorsed the measure grows. Opportunity to Work, as evidenced by a memo released by EMC Research, is supported by more than three-quarters of San Jose voters. It is the first initiative of its kind, aimed at providing part-time employees across all industries access to the work hours needed for a reliable, livable paycheck.

Indian burial site records shed light on solar project

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

anta Clara County admits it should have checked Indian burial site records before starting its solar panel project on a field near Guadalupe Parkway.

After being informed about the burial records by a community newspaper, the Ohlone Indian tribe has been aked to assist the County in ensuring any human bones or artifacts buried there are not disturbed during the final installation of solar panels on the 5-acre site.

San Jose State University records reveal that an archaeological survey was conducted in the early 1970's along Highway 87

between Capitol Expressway and Branham Lane.

Too late?

Most of the panels have already been installed, but it's still possible that workers may encounter native soil when they complete a trench for a fence adjacent to Highway 87, according to a spokesperson.

The contractor, Far Western, said its onsite archaeologist will look at the proposed trench excavation and survey using GPS coordinates before their construction crews resume finish the project.

The Ohlone tribe can monitor the excavation to make sure the archaeological work is performed to the highest standards possible.

Olivero's plan to staff police department gets negative reaction

an Jose City Councilmember Pierluigi Olivero's plan to staff the San Jose Police Department with members of the Santa Clara County Sheriff department and the California Highway Patrol is not getting an enthusiastic response.

Oliverio says the police department is

stretched dangerously thin, with just 812 street-ready officers. "I want to ask the sheriff's office and the California Highway Patrol for help."

Police Chief Eddie Garcia opposes the idea. He wrote the city council a letter saying he's concerned that asking for outside help would have a detrimental effect on morale, and recruiting efforts.

It's not clear if the sheriff's department has the ability to help out in the first place. The Sheriff's office released a statement saying it, "Remains focused on protecting public safety in the current communities it serves."



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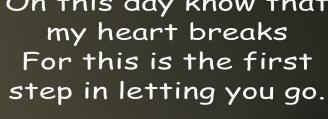
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A nice friend that you can find.

I wonder if the teacher knows
Just how special you are to me.
And if the brightness of your heart
Is something she can see.

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And if you need a hug.

I already miss the sound of your voice
And how you give my leg a tug.

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Times Cover Story



Castillero rally honors Scott Krijnen, 2016 All-Star Teacher of the Year.

Teacher

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Krijnen. "Eleven years later, we have six sections of orchestra. We have raised more than \$100,000 to provide instruments and instruction to our more than 300 incredible music students."

Richard Levin Award

Krijnen also received an award this year recognizing his dedication to music. He was honored with the Richard Levin Orchestra Educator Award presented by the California Music Educators Association.

Here is a list of past All-Star Teacher Award recipients:

2007: Michael Meneses - Presidio Middle School, San Francisco

2008: Allen Nakamura - Alameda High School, Alameda

2009: Jessica Schelegle - Sacred Heart School, Saratoga

2010: Zachary Swan - Jefferson High School, Daly City

2011: Robert "Corky" Black - Oak Grove High School, San Jose

2012: Dr. Paul Ricks - Hopkins Junior High School, Fremont

2013: Ruben Modesto - John H. Pitman

High School, Turlock

2014: Nicole Ellwood - Twin Hills Charter Middle School, Sebastopol

2015: Carmen Kotto - South Valley Middle School, Gilroy

2016: Scott Krijnen - Castillero Middle School, San Jose

Nutcracker

Krijnen will conduct the Cambrian Symphony for this year's performances of San Jose Dance Theatre's production of the Nutcracker which will be presented on two weekends at the San Jose Center for Performing Arts, Dec. 2-4 and Dec. 9-11, 2016.

Free concert Sept. 23

The Cambrian Symphony will perform a free concert on Friday, Sept. 23 at San Jose State University featuring Grammy nominated pianist, Keisuke Nakagoshi. Admission is free

The Cambrian Symphony website and Facebook page are listed here: http://www.cambriansymphony.org and https://www.facebook.com/CambrianSymphony2015

Editor's note: To reach Scott Krijnen, use the handle: @scottkrijnen for social media, including: LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

LGBT History to be taught in California public schools

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

The Board of Education approved sweeping curriculum changes aimed at weaving the contributions of minorities into the story of America this month.

The new curriculum stems from the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful Act, a 2012 California law seeking greater representation of the LGBT community and other minorities in history, social and civic lessons.

The State Board of Education approved curriculum changes to include the history of gay and lesbian leaders and their civil rights struggles. Starting as early as early as second grade, students will learn lessons about families with two moms or two dads.

In a KCRA-TV interview, Lauryn Wild, a curriculum specialist said "We are proud to represent a diverse state, and we are proud that this framework reflects the state that we serve."

But State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson sees the change as overdue. "It will give our students access to



the latest historical research and help them learn about the diversity of our state and the contributions of people and groups who may not have received the appropriate recognition in the past," he told the Los Angeles Times.

In the new framework, second graders will learn that some families have two moms or two dads, a concept that is presented as part of normal diversity among people.



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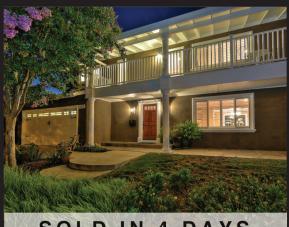
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Times **Features**



The streets of History Park will be covered with up to 200 vehicles from the late 1800s to 1945.

16th Annual Antique Autos in History Park

By Allan J. Greenberg

Special to the Times

ntique Autos returns to History Park San Jose for the 16th year on Sunday, Sept. 11, from 11 a.m. to 4

The event opens with a dancing pair from the Swing Cats Rhythm Revue performing Swing and Charleston dances. Following will be the return of the Toot Sweet Jazz Band playing music from the '20s and 30's.

The grass area between the Hotel and the Empire Fire House will feature demonstrations and displays of early day crafts and collectibles will be presented.

For antique auto enthusiasts, the streets of History Park will be covered with up to 200 vehicles from the late 1800s to 1945. This year the featured automobiles are very early Lincolns which will be on display behind the light tower and many of them will be described by their owners. Some other very rare antique autos will be on display in the Park, such as Stutz, Pierce Arrow, Mitchell, White, Stanley, Rio and Franklin to mention a few.

On display this year will be the first auto produced in the city of San Jose — an 1899 Osen & Hunt. When Willow Glen resident and antique auto buff, Dan Erceg, heard that the only surviving Osen & Hunt auto could now be purchased from an estate in Redwood City, it became his mission to acquire the car for the San Jose History Museum so it could be permanently displayed and take its proper place in San Jose history. Upon hearing of this plan and loving the idea, retired San Jose fire captain, 96year young Sam Seibert, offered to fund the purchase and promptly donated the ancient gas buggy to History San Jose. Be sure to hear Dan and Sam describe its history, where it was found, and how it was acquired. And if you are lucky, you may even see the 117-year old Osen & Hunt driven through the vintage streets of History

During the event visitors to the Park will be entertained by a strolling Barbershop Quartet. Strolling also are many participants and visitors dressed in period clothing including members of the Portrait of the Past organization.

Located around the Park will be members of the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association showing their early "hit & miss" engines that powered everything including saws, water pumps, farm equipment and washing machines.

The blacksmiths will be demonstrating

making tools and ornamental items and the print shop will be demonstrating early day printing. Most of the homes will be open with docents available to answer any ques-

Vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park during the event are pre-1946 original or restored-to-original. There is no registration required, and no fee to enter for

The fee for visitors to Antique Autos in History Park is \$5 for all above the age of 2 year. Parking is available for a fee in the City of San Jose parking lots.

Antique Autos in History Park is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose.

History San Jose is located at 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA. 95112.

For more information go to www.scvmtfc.org or www.historysanjose.org or call (408) 287-2290.



Speech and Debate workshop Sept. 7

The 2016 Castillero Speech and Debate Workshop Series will begin on Sept. 7, 2016 from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

The workshop will be held at Castillero Middle School - 6384 Leyland Park Drive. Classes are for current Castillero students

Signups are encouraged only if your child is interested in taking both speech and debate together. This is a 10 week session (12 weeks for the Debate workshops) with at least one optional tournament during the

For more information, contact Rebecca O'Connor at: Rebecca_O'Connor@sjusd.



Night Out

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parties, block parties, and other gatherings, and I was inspired to see so many people interested in keeping their neighborhoods safe, working together to build ties with their neighbors, and supporting our police officers in the difficult work they do every day throughout San Jose."

This year was the thirty-third anniversary of National Night Out more than 38 million people across the country participating. The goals of the program are to:

- Heighten crime and drug prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts.
- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships.
- Send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

One of the largest NNO gatherings occurred at Almaden Hills United Methodist Church where more than 100 volunteers created a block party for several hundred people from the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood, right next door.

The following services were there in sup-Hoffman port of the Via-Monte Neighborhood:

- Council District 10
- SJPD Crime Prevention Unit
- Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force
- Santa Clara County District Attorney's Parent Project
 - Anti-Graffiti and Anti-Litter Program
- Office of the Independent Police
- La Mesa Verde
- Blossom Neighborhood Association
- Law Foundation of Silicon Valley
- South Valley Family YMCA
- The San Jose Youth Foundation
- English as a Second Language (ESL Classes)

Foothill Community Health Services offered free dental and health exams, and Walmart donated four bicycles with helmets and bike locks and also provided dessert.

"I want to recognize Junetta McKewan and Bruce Eshleman, of Almaden Hills United Methodist Church, for their efforts," said Khamis. "These two awesome volunteers took the lead for the Hoffman-Via Monte NNO event and we extend our appreciation to all of their volunteers who prepared over 150 backpacks by filling them with school supplies and distributing them to school children on the night of the event. They prepared a wonderful dinner for all attendees, as well, and the church youth put together many fun games, with prizes, for those in attendance.'



Foothill Community Health Services offered free dental and health exams; volunteers enjoy reading books to children that came to National Night Out.



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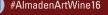












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job, but you gain such a sense of accomplishment when it's done."

The Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is the primary fundraiser and purpose of the Women's Club, which recently celebrated 51 years of service. All of the proceeds benefit non-profit organizations and schools in the community, as well as support merit-based scholarships to deserving students.

The fundraiser began as a moving carnival in the Safeway shopping center. In 1977, as Almaden Valley grew, the Women's Club held its first art & wine festival. As current president, Ramirez-Johnson possesses a tiny wine glass commemorating that event.

With the restructuring of the library and community center and surrounding landscape about 10 years ago, the festival relocated from Parma Park to Almaden Lake Park. "It was definitely a challenge the first year, but we made it work," says Ramirez-Johnson, "and now we've got it down to a science."

Ramirez-Johnson joined the Women's Club in 2001. As a stay-at-home mom with three small children, she was looking for something beyond the home for a creative outlet and personal growth. "I attended the Almaden Art &

Wine Festival and it looked so fun," she says. "I thought, 'What a cool event. They're raising money and giving back to the community. I'd like to do that."

Recently, the Women's Club considered calling it quits when membership was low, but Ramirez-Johnson wasn't about to let that happen. "Not on my watch," she says, "The club means too much to me. I'm going to give it whatever I can and inspire these ladies to keep going, give back to the community and have a good time while we're doing it."

To reach her goal of building the club's membership to a solid level, she convinced the club to open it to women who live or work in the 95118 and 95123 zip codes, as well as Almaden's 95120.

"The character of the club has changed through the years," says Ellen Hudson-Snyder, Women's Club vice president of fundraising and festival co-chair. "We wanted to reach out to a broader demographic, increase the diversity of the club and add new perspectives. It's a pleasure working with the new members and experiencing their skills and the strength they've brought to the team. We'd love to have the energy and input from as many people as we can."

Hudson-Snyder says that she enjoys the Women's Club as a way to connect with other women n the community and give back. "I find

it very personally rewarding to be able to make Almaden better, provide scholarships and help nonprofits," she says. "It's a fun, fabulous group of people who do something great for the community. There's a lot of work that goes into it, but there's a lot of fun as well. It's an opportunity to develop relationships with other women and do something very rewarding."

Ramirez-Johnson says she's also made some good friends through the Women's Club. "It's a wonderful group of women," she says. "We do some social events and have fun, but you have to be involved. You get out of the club what you put into it. It's a lot of work, but you get a lot back. I want all our members to be welcomed, informed and inspired...toward a common good."

Each year, a portion of the proceeds from the festival are awarded as Academic and Service Scholarships to graduating seniors living in Almaden Valley. The 2016 recipients include: Niveditha Lakshminarayanan, Jonathan Pang, Sierra Thompson-Klima and Esther Wang. "I was floored with the talent and the dedication of these kids," says Ramirez-Johnson. "They volunteered thousands of volunteer hours, on top of maintaining a 3.3 grade point average, to create non-profit organizations and travelled to India or Mexico to help build homes."

With the remaining funds raised from the festival, the Women's Club distributes grants to local schools and non-profit agencies, especially those that support children and animal causes. "There are so many deserving charities," says Hudson-Snyder. "It can mean a tremendous amount to receive those funds."

"We get letters from associations like Family Supportive Housing and Kara Grief Support thanking us," says Ramirez-Johnson. "They're so grateful with what we've done for them, no matter how big or small."

In 2014, the Women's Club was recognized by Councilmember Johnny Khamis and presented with a City of San Jose Commendation. "This talented and thoughtful group is dedicated to producing the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival; one of the oldest continuously held festivals in California," said Khamis. "It is important to note that all of the monies raised from the festival are donated to groups doing fantastic charitable work throughout the Almaden Valley and greater San Jose."

"It was very exciting, says Ramirez-Johnson. "For a small group of women to be recognized by the city is a big thing. Not many privately owned festivals go for 40 years and this one's put on by a women's club in the small town of Almaden. It's pretty huge."

Ramirez-Johnson says she wants the Women's Club members to be proud of themselves, their club and their city and tells them to take a moment to appreciate what they've accomplished. "Look at what you've done," she says. "This great endeavor you've helped make happen. We're able to give back to our community and to the students. We've put on this tremendous festival and given it everything we had. There were highs and lows, ups and downs, laughter and tears, but we've succeeded. We're strong, dynamic women who can do some powerful stuff and make some great strides for our community."

Note: This is the first of a two-part article on the Almaden Valley Women's Club and the Almaden Art & Wine Festival. For more information, please see: www.almadenwine.



Jack Huston stars as Judah Ben-Hur. Photo courtesy Paramount/MGM

MOVIE REVIEW

Ben-Hur

By Steven Leonard

Times Media Movie Reviewer

I liked Jack Huston as Judah Ben-Hur. Prior to going to see Ben-Hur, I lost a court case. I didn't mind losing, but what I didn't like was the judge allowing people to testify against me while I couldn't call any witnesses to my defense. I can now see how the world can evolve into conflicting viewpoints that allows hatred to rise.

I went into Ben-Hur thinking we didn't need another interpretation of this story, but I left no longer angry at my enemies. The movie allowed me to let go of my anger, hatred and fear.

This movie does not escape the shadow of its namesake, but when this Ben-Hur comes into its own, it does so with a thrilling fire-and-brimstone ferocity followed by an emotional release of forgiveness and mercy towards those who have caused great harm in our lives.

Ben-Hur has two strong lead performances, a terrific first act, an exciting chariot race, and a message of hope and forgiveness. Is the chariot race as exciting as in the original 1959 movie? Yes, but the original race, directed by Andrew Marton, was extremely dangerous to film (no CGI) and a stunt man died during the filming.

I walked out liking this Ben-Hur with its pulsating battles and chariot races, its proclamation that mercy and sacrifice are more revolutionary than anything happening in our world today or on screen.

Paramount's remake of Ben-Hur stands on its own as a decent film. Timur Bekmambetov delivers a solidly entertaining, well-shot, biblical epic. I believe Charlton Heston would like this film, although it won't earn any Academy Awards.

The film's opening is mediocre but finishes above average. The drama is somewhat stilted during the first half of the film, but Morgan Freeman shows up as Ilderim to rescue the film. I walked out with a tear in my eye.



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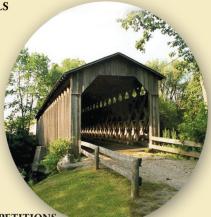
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Times Feature

Your expert witness may live in another country

Ask The

Lawyer

Donald J. DeVries, Attorney at Law

By Donald J. DeVries

Special to the Times

This week's question:

I have some legal issues that call for me to have an expert witness, according to what I have read. I may need to look into an expert from another country. Would he or she be allowed to testify in a California courtroom?

Jerry J. Almaden Valley

Dear Jerry:

Very interesting question, Jerry. One would think that a foreign expert would not be allowed to testify in a California courtroom as an expert witness, but that may not be necessarily

The issue that may often arise is the "standard of care", as in a medical malpractice case. Presumably, a "foreign" doctor would not be that familiar with the standard of care in California, but that is not necessarily so.

A recent California case addressed that issue directly. In that case, Plaintiff Lidia Borrayo sued defendant Dr. G. James Avery, alleging that he had engaged in medical malpractice during the course of treating her

for a condition known as thoracic outlet syndrome.

Plaintiff Lidia Borrayo had seen Dr. Pineda in Mexico for examination purposes and about a year later saw Dr. Avery in California who performed surgery which involved the removal of the right first rib of Ms. Borrayo. That surgery by Dr. Avery did not go well and Ms. Borrayo filed suit against Dr. Avery.

Dr. Avery moved for summary judgment which is a motion to have him declared the winner because a suit was not stated against him. The plaintiff opposed the motion and submitted a declaration signed by Dr. Abraham Pineda, a licensed physician who the plaintiff had seen in Mexico about a year before, as stated above.

The Mexican doctor's expert witness declaration was opposed by Dr. Avery's attorneys who argued that Dr. Pineda in Mexico, although a qualified orthopedic surgeon for 30 years, was not familiar with the applicable standard of care in California.

However, the Court of Appeal in this case found that Dr. Pineda's declaration shows that he possesses the "special knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education sufficient to qualify him as an expert on the subject to which his testimony relates," as required by California Evidence Code section 720, subdivision (a).

The Court of Appeal decision, in overturning the trial order granting the Motion for Summary Judgment, relied on a 2008 court decision entitled Avivi v. Centro Medico Urgente Medical Center in which the Court of Appeal concluded than an orthopedist who lived and practiced in Israel was sufficiently qualified to provide an opinion on the standard of care in Southern California pertaining to the treatment of an arm fracture.

And this was true despite the Israeli doctor never being board certified by any United States medical board, nor providing any treatment to patients in the United States.

The Borrayo v. Avery case may be significant, as was the Avivi case mentioned above, in showing that an expert witness can no longer be automatically excluded from testifying in court simply on grounds that the expert witness is licensed and/or practices outside of the United States.

In looking at the standard of care, the key issue is that of physicians in similar circumstances rather than similar locations.

The Avivi case held in part that today, "neither the Evidence Code nor Supreme Court precedent requires an expert witness to have practiced in a particular *locality* before he or she can render an opinion in an ordinary medical malpractice case?

Almaden Times readers can read about this case by going to their computers and heading for their favorite search engine, such as Google. If you enter Lidia C. Borrayo v. G. James Avery,

case information and related articles should be on your monitor in a fraction of a second.

We need to note that this is a very recent case in the California Court of Appeal for the First Appellate District, Division One. As such, it may still be heard (and changed) by the California Supreme Court, I do not know.

And we all need to remember that each case is different and the holding in the Borrayo v. Avery case may not apply to every case that involves those issues.

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Hyundai's concept pickup gets reality check in 2018

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

yundai is ready to start producing its concept truck prototype for the 2018 model year.

Dave Zuchowski, he of the automaker's American Division has confirmed to that the Santa Cruz pickup, first shown as a concept at the 2015 Detroit Auto Show, will go on sale in

Zuchowski says the decision to put it into production has been made, but the official announcement is yet to come. He added that the final design of the car-based pickup will be locked in soon.

The Santa Cruz is a midsize pickup that aimed more at lifestyle than commercial buyers. It will likely share a chassis with the Santa Fe. or another of Hyundai's crossovers.

The concept was powered by a 2.0-liter diesel engine, but the powertrain offerings for the United States have not been finalized.

One feature on the concept that hasn't been confirmed for production is its unique bed, which can be extended like a drawer to accommodate longer items when necessary.

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By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

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Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday -Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

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10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

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We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden. CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel

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St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass

St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM

Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road

Sunday 9:30 AM The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium) Sunday 8:15 AM

For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's

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Times Feature

Cambrian Park Plaza carousel will remain intact despite redevelopment of shopping center

By Ken Yeager County Supervisor any residents of the Cambrian Park neighborhood have been worried about the fate of the Cambrian Park

Plaza carousel since the family that built the landmark shopping center sold it last

I have been very concerned about the carousel as well. That is why I am happy to report that the Board of Supervisors is expected to officially declare it a county historic landmark on August 30.

The new owner of the shopping center, Texas-based Weingarten Realty Investors, has pledged to keep it intact if any redevelopment of the plaza is undertaken. The historic landmark designation gives the sign an extra layer of protection and recognition as a community landmark

The 17-acre Cambrian Park Plaza shopping center was built between 1953 and 1954. It contained eight acres of stores complemented by nine acres of parking. Cambrian Park Plaza joined Rancho Los Altos as one of the first of Santa Clara County's first new style shopping centers that fully embraced the postwar car culture.

Because the shopping center was made up of low-slung buildings that were as much as 200 feet from the street, it lacked visibility in the rapidly suburbanizing neighborhood. The carousel solved the visibility problem and became an

In a report to the County's planning department, architectural historian Kara Brunzell

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called the carousel an "eye-catching example of Roadside Vernacular architecture." Brunzell says that type of mid 20th Century architecture used "bright colors, exaggerated scale and kitschy panache to seize attention." The carousel is one of

only a few examples of in the San Jose area of Roadside Vernacular that she cites. The others are the orange Mark's Hot Dogs building as well as the Babe's Mufflers and Futurama signs.

Developers Paul Schaeffer and Christian Wilder built Cambrian Park Plaza using Wilder's earlier Rancho Los Altos shopping center as a template. The Schaeffer family continued to own the shopping center, with its 170,000 square-feet of retail space, until it was sold to Weingarten Realty Investors.

While the shopping center currently sits on an unincorporated parcel of land, state law will require it to be annexed by the City of San Jose if Weingarten undertakes and significant redevelopment of the property. That redevelopment would be governed by the city. The Board of Supervisors would have no authority over how the property is ultimately developed.

I am happy that the Board is poised to agree with the architectural historian's conclusion that the carousel deserves historic landmark status, and I am heartened that Weingarten has publicly committed to preserving it. I hope that officials in San Jose will ensure that the future redevelopment of the shopping center maintains the neighborhood character of what has long been considered the unofficial town center of Cambrian Park.



Music fans are impressed by Jazz Fest

It was three days of food, great music and fun in the sun. San Jose Jazz Summer Fest was held over August 12 – 14 throughout various locations

in town. Large crowds streamed in from far and wide to enjoy the rich and eclectic lineup of this year's performances. The weather was warm and the music was COOL. San Jose Jazz Winter Fest is scheduled for February 16 – 26, 2017.





Speakeasy event makes a hot summer even hotter

he Ladies of the San Jose on Wednesday, August 10.

swinging affair.

-Brigitte Jones

Clubhouse threw a hot party The gathering was attended by some gangsters with their dolls in tow. A few flappers joined the soiree, which made this speakeasy event a really





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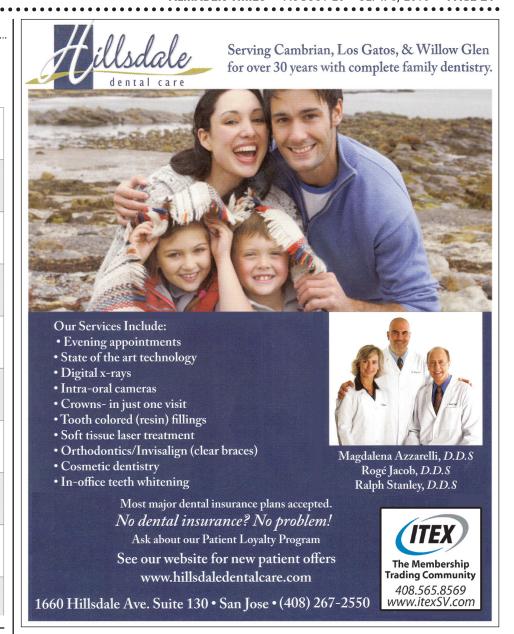


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Times Sports

Leland High School Football Schedule

August 27, 2016	Santa Teresa	3:00 PM
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September 2, 2016	at Gunderson	7:00 PM
September 9, 2016	at Homestead	7:00 PM
September 23, 2016	at Independence	7:00 PM
September 30, 2016	Silver Creek	7:00 PM
October 7, 2016	at Branham	7:00 PM
October 14, 2016	at San Jose	7:00 PM
October 21, 2016	Westmont	7:00 PM
October 28, 2016	Sobrato	7:00 PM
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Times Calendar

'S' Wonderful concert celebrating Gershwin is set for Sept. 11

an Jose Musical Theater's Fundraising Concert and Gala featuring some of the finest entertainers in the Bay Area singing and dancing to the music of George Gershwin at the newly reopened Hammer Theater.

Guest Star is Kathryn Crosby with Special Appearances by Tammy Nelson of Beach Blanket Babylon and Prima Ballerina Karen Gabay with Solo Dancer Alex Kramer. Gershwin's music is vibrant, lush, jazzy, sophisticated and uniquely American.

The concert features songs such as "Our Love Is Here to

Stay," "The Man I Love," some "Fred and Ginger" classics and selections from the inimitable Porgy and Bess. The Gala will include live auctions and an optional reception beginning at 5:45.

The venue will be the recently reopened Hammer Theater in San Jose at 101 Paseo de San Antonio, formerly referred to as San Jose Rep.

Included in the evening's festivities will be a live auction and raffle tickets start at \$44.00. Reception Tickets \$20.00 are sold separately. For tickets go to www.sjmt.org or call 800-838-3006.



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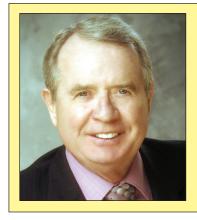
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