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Almaden Community Center Senior Association to present Diwali 'Festival of Lights' Oct. 15

Almaden Community Center Senior Association will present a Diwali Celebration, "Festival of Lights," on Saturday Oct. 15, from 12 noon - 3 p.m.

Lunch will be served with traditional vegetarian Indian food. Entertainment includes Bollywood dances.

There will also be a raffle for gift baskets and gift cards.

Tickets, \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members, go on sale Friday, Sept 16th. Tickets are available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday's from 8:40-10:00 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center.

For more information, call 408.268.1133.



Lunch will be served with traditional vegetarian Indian food. Pictured: seniors enjoy a presentation about Diwali at last year's event.

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

On Sunday, Sept. 11, white tents will adorn Almaden Lake Park, heralding the 40th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival and it may be the best one yet.

"It gets bigger and better every year," says Festival Co-Chair Carina Ramirez-Johnson. "There's so much activity and there are so many things going on that we have to keep track of, but we make sure everything goes well. I love it when people come to the festival and say, 'You ladies put this huge festival on every year with this much detail and passion and you pulled it off.' They're in awe."

For the Almaden Valley Women's Club, the festival is the culmination of a year's work. "It's an amazing thing to go through the process leading up to the festival and finally come to that day," says Ramirez-Johnson. "It's like waiting to take a trip somewhere and you're so excited—you've worked hard for it and you can't wait—and then it's finally here. You have so many emotions throughout the day. It's all of our blood, sweat and tears that goes into the festival and upwards of 20,000 people attend. By the end of the day, you take a deep breath and say we did it again and we'll be able to give back to our community."

The festival began about 40 years ago when members of the Almaden Valley Women's Club wanted to create a lasting community-oriented event committed to raising funds for organizations in Almaden Valley. "It was built on the backs of previous Women's Club members," says former Vice Mayor and Women's Club member Pat Dando. "They were the original Almaden Valley community activists that wanted to work to improve their local community for their children and their families." Dando credits the festival's longevity to the strength of the women that have been involved in the organization all these years. "The

Women's Club is small in number, but mighty in the talent, time and energy," she says.

Revenue raised at the festival was initially allocated for schools and programs in Almaden Valley; the first major purchases were a Jaws of Life for the Almaden fire station and a piano for the Almaden Community Center. As the festival became more successful, the Women's Club decided to assist organizations throughout San Jose and Santa Clara County. At the same time, the festival remains a community event. "As big as it gets, it's important to keep a down-home neighborhood feel," says Dando.



A pair of happy Leland cheerleaders enjoy the festivities at a previous Art & Wine festival.

"It's a great opportunity for local schools to show off the talent of their students from designing logos to the children participating in the entertainment. That's what gives it a special flair, as compared with other festivals."

In addition to entertainment at the main stage and Kid's Fun Zone ranging from bands to cheer and dance teams, children can enjoy rock climbing, inflatables, carnival games and gymnastics.

"We always try to include school students in our entertainment and highlight them in our festival," says Ramirez-Johnson. "We include cheer groups from local high

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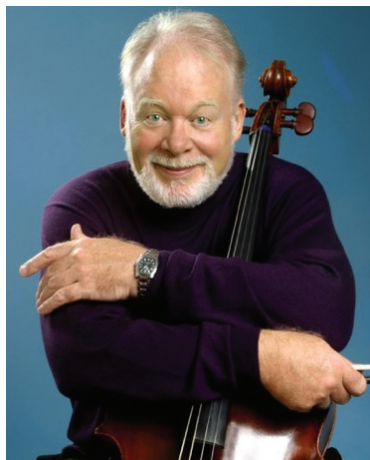
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Almaden Art and Wine Festival set to open Sunday Celebrate 40 years of giving back to Almaden Valley

By William Bellou
Publisher

This Sunday marks a significant milestone in the history of the Almaden Valley.

The Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival at Almaden Lake Park celebrates its 40th year providing a family oriented quality event this weekend. Every dollar raised from the festival is given back to the community.

The Festival opens at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 11.

The weather is forecast is calling for temperatures in the mid 80's, great news for the Festival which has experienced some very hot temperatures during its 40 year run.

"It's a honor for the AVWC to bring the community together every year for this fantastic event! We want everyone to have a wonderful day enjoying the art, music, food, wine, and Almaden community spirit! We love what we do and love that we are able to give back in such a meaningful way," said Festival Co-Chair Ellen Hudson-Snyder.

There will be handcrafted selections from skilled artisans, authentic food from local eateries, wine tasting, beer on tap, top notch performances from some of the community's favorite entertainers, and the popular Kid's Fun Zone. The event is free including parking.

It has been mentioned that if everyone attending the festival this year deposited just one dollar in the donation box at the information booth, the festival could double the amount of money raised for the local community compared to last year's event. If you have ever thought about contribut-

ing money for the Almaden Art & Wine Festival during the past 40 years, a contribution this year makes a lot of sense.

Artists

Don't forget your free sunflower from Bloomster's before browsing booth after booth of photography, paintings, metal sculpture, hand-made jewelry, organic soaps, wood crafts, hand dyed fashions...each as wonderful as the next. And don't forget to visit the silent auction to pick up a unique item for yourself or a loved one.

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 the Beer Garden presented by Skip's Tire and Auto Centers.

Glasses

Festival glasses featuring the beautiful logo created by local student Tifani Ebrahimi are avail-



able for purchase at many local Almaden merchants. Save a few bucks by buying in advance, and remember they make great gifts.

Fun Zone!

Kids of all ages will have hours of fun in the Kid's Fun Zone. Back this year is the ever popular Rock Wall, jump houses, and more. The Fun Zone stage will be hopping all day with performances by local school bands, dance groups, cheer-leading squads, and professional entertainers. We will have a sunscreen application station supported by Babygenics. San Jose Giants Mascot Gigante is expected to make an appearance as well, and the San Jose Barracuda will be showcasing their Slap Shot booth.

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. You can also pedal to the monitored Bike Check area. Please remember that pets are not allowed in the Festival area.

Almaden adult ESL classes marks 13th year anniversary

This year marks the 13th anniversary of the sponsorship of adult ESL Classes held in Almaden.

The classes are sponsored by WestGate South Hills Church.

All teachers are volunteers and many are credentialed or retired teachers. Classes cover conversation, vocabulary, grammar and American culture.

Nine classes, from beginner to advanced, meet every Monday. The program of 28 classes is free, with the exception of a \$10 registration fee. Some of the classes use a textbook, which costs about \$30, and is charged to the student.

Two special classes are new this month - an American English pronunciation class taught by speech-language pathologist Paula Gally,



and a Literacy (English reading and writing) class taught by literacy specialist Junetta McKewan.

Both special classes are suitable for intermediate and advanced students.

Classes start Sept. 12, 2016, and students may join at any time during the year.

For more information contact WestGate South Hills church, 6601 Camden Ave., 408.268.1676 or ESL@westgatechurch.org.

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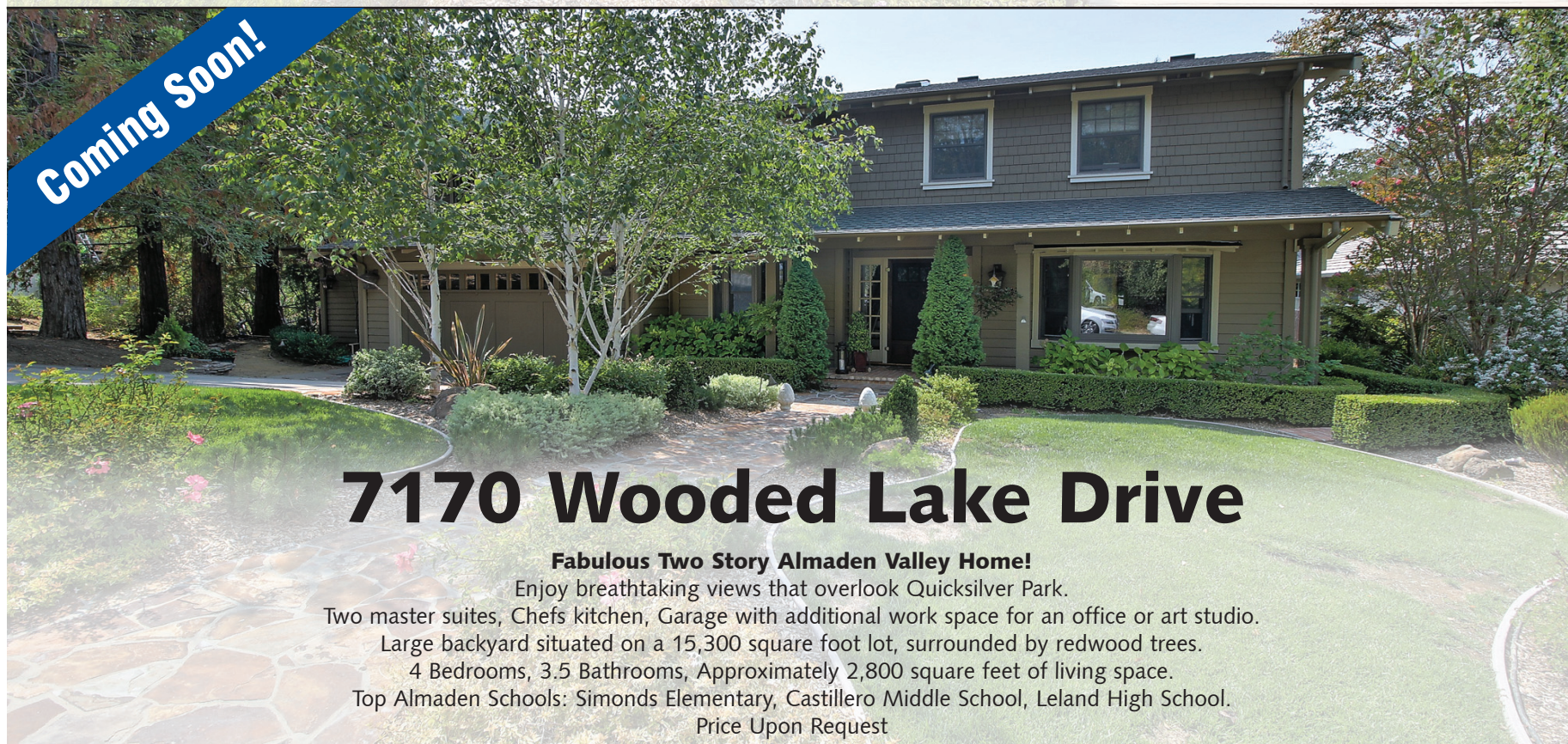
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schools and have a local high school student sing *The Star-Spangled Banner*. We have many bands that return year after year. This year, we're pushing to have high school music groups play between acts. It's fun and they get to showcase their talents on a big stage."

"We're really excited. We have a great lineup," says Festival Entertainment Chair Linda Stone. Three Miss California teens will Emcee the festival, including Athenna Crosby who attended Leland High School, and Councilmember Johnny Khamis is speaking around noon. "People from our community come together to celebrate and participate so we can raise money for local charities," says Stone. "It's a win-win situation. We have something for everybody. There's the Kid's Fun Zone, about 90 artisans, music for children and adults, great beer and wine, local food vendors and more than 120 student volunteers helping at the festival."

The Women's Club reaches out to local schools and art programs to ask students to develop a logo for the festival, which is featured on the commemorative glasses. "We've had beautiful submissions and it's terribly difficult to pick one," says Festival Co-Chair Ellen Hudson-Snyder. This year's logo contestants include: Jacqueline Toh, Galen Ducker, Tifani Ebrahimi, Diana Wong and Miki Kinoshita. Ebrahimi is this year's winner.

When the Women's Club first started talking about having an art and wine festival, says Dando, they visited local wineries to see if they could convince them to participate. One winery looked at the three or four women and said, "It sounds like you're a group of Almaden women who want to do a little wine tasting." They told him that it was something they wanted to continue for 15 to 20 years to support local schools and organizations. "You're gambling people will want to come," he said, "especially in Almaden, which is removed from the city at large." They asked him to take a chance and support them that year, and if it didn't pay off, they'd reconsider. "Obviously, it did," says Dando. "It was gangbusters from the beginning."

"The first year was successful and the second year was wildly successful," says Dando. "We had grossly underestimated the amount of ice we needed to keep the wine cold and it was a very hot day. My husband ran to every grocery store to buy every bag of ice he could." He also went downtown to a San Jose ice company and bought a ton of ice from them. "It was a major catastrophe but we sur-

vived and not many people knew we had a problem with the ice," she says. "That's the success of solving a problem; it's when people don't even know you've had it."

Sponsorship can also be a challenge. "We have some sponsors who have been with us forever," says Ramirez-Johnson, "but when others struggle financially, we have to find new sponsors." They also have to pay fees to the city for services such as police, security, fire and equipment. "As the fees go up, it makes it harder for us," says Ramirez-Johnson, "and we have to have more sponsors to cover the cost."

The festivals ongoing sponsors are extremely appreciated by the Women's Club. "Bloomster's is one of those community businesses that have stayed so committed," says Dando. "They support the festival not only monetarily, but also hand out their beautiful sunflowers every year. That's one of the touches that makes the festival so successful; when people support it, they're all in."

Other ongoing sponsors include: Jackie Jones, Almaden Times, 95120 Almaden Lifestyle Magazine, Amato Pizza and Skip's Tire and Auto Centers.

The Women's Club tries to allocate funds for every organization that applies for a grant. "At the end of the day, when we have our net profits, it all goes back to the community," says Ramirez-Johnson. "We earmark a certain amount for scholarships for graduating seniors and the rest of the money goes out to the grantees. The amount varies on their need and what we have available." In addition to local schools, some of the organizations which receive these community grants include: Almaden Valley Counseling Services, Animal Assisted Happiness, Assistance League of San Jose, Child Advocates of Silicon Valley, Family Supportive Housing, Kara Grief Support, Loaves & Fishes, Martha's Kitchen, Next Door Solutions and Turning Wheels for Kids.

"This year, we've had grant recipients come back to our meetings and talk about what they do with the funds," says Hudson-Snyder. "It's been very meaningful."

The festival features a wide variety of artists and craft vendors. Long-term participants include: Nan's Gourmet Foods (blended olive oils, flavored pasta and grilling sauces), Irma Longley (canvas artist featuring flowers, birds, churches and people), Elegant Toes (toe and thumb rings and anklets), Rita Johnson (elegant jewelry made with semi-precious stones) and Ben Leone "Flash Back" (pop and rock artwork).

There are many new artists as well, with
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Wine from local vineyards and premium beer are featured at the festival.

works ranging from leather journals to robes and scarves. Joji Creations, which was new last year, is a favorite of Artist's Festival Chair Sue Datta's. "Kyle Joji is 27 and autistic and sews with his mother to make market bags and iMesh bags," she says. "I love their love of life and love for each other."

Local artists include: Ben Leone "Flash Back," Fredericks Field; (lotions, soaps, lavender bundles), Katy Dolmatch (city and landscape photography), Diane Washington (homemade soaps), Jeanine Meininger (ceramics) and Uncorked Decor (lighted bottle art).

"The community loves all the different art work," says Datta. "Some to buy and decorate their homes with and others to admire the workmanship of the artists. Many fill their Christmas lists here at the festival."

Wine from local vineyards and premium beer are featured at the festival and served in commemorative souvenir glasses. Partnering with the festival are: David Bruce Winery, Clos LaChance Winery, Fortino Winery, Gianelli Vineyards, J. Lohr Vineyards, Leal Vineyards, Martin Ranch Winery, Rombauer Vineyards and DBI Beverage.

Food offerings include Carmen's Taqueria, Asian fusion from Cross Hatch Eatery, Mayuri Indian Cuisine, pizza from Oak & Rye, Falafel Fresh Food Truck, Posh Bagel, fish tacos from Shark Bait and chicken wings from West Wing.

This year's silent auction includes artwork by Salvador Dali, Picasso and Chagall, autographed sports memorabilia, designer jewelry, kayaking at Moss Landing and a vacation getaway to Lake Tahoe.

In 2014, the Women's Club honored Dando's contributions on the festival's stage. "It was wonderful having the chance to hear her stories about the club and what the festival meant to her," says Ramirez-Johnson. "I was very touched to have her there."

"Of the many organizations I've been involved with in my career," says Dando, "I can't think of any that I value more than the Almaden Valley Women's Club. With the quality of the women and their dedication, hard work and commitment to make things happen, it's been a real honor to be involved with that group through the years."

Ramirez-Johnson agrees. "It's a

wonderful group of women, past and present," she says. "It's an opportunity to work together and do something great for the community," says Hudson-Snyder. "It's been a pleasure to work with everyone who's stepped up to work on the festival."

"We've been able to bring families out to enjoy a beautiful day and the surroundings, from the arts to good food and games for children," says Dando. "Whenever the Almaden Art & Wine Festival comes around, there's always a special place in my heart for it. I hope this is another special year and I'm sure it will be."

"I hope the people who attend the festival

have a fabulous time," says Hudson-Snyder. "I hope they enjoy the wine and entertainment, that their kids have a great time in the Kid's Zone bouncing in the jumpy house and taking shots at the San Jose Barracuda's net. I hope

they have a tasty meal and listen to great music and have a wonderful day. When they leave, I want them to know that their participation has helped make Almaden a better place."

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Times Feature

Just what is a contract, anyway?

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:

I have often wondered just what is a contract. I do not have any contractual problems right now, but I am really curious about the legal definition of a contract. Please address this issue in one of your future columns. Thanks.

Denise D.
Almaden Valley

Dear Denise:

That sounds like a very simple question, Denise, but volumes have been written about that word. In law school, one of the important courses in the first year in this country is Contracts.

The California Civil Code (herein "C.C.") Section 1549 defines a contract as "an agreement to do or not to do a certain thing."

Almaden Times readers can go to their computers and enter any of the California Civil Code sections in their favorite search engine and that particular section will be up on their monitors in a heartbeat.

It is essential to the existence of a contract that there should be: 1. Parties capable of

contracting; 2. Their consent; 3. A lawful object; and, 4. A sufficient cause or *consideration*, according to C.C. Section 1550. (This section, by the way, was adopted by the State Legislature in 1872; yes, that's 1872.)

You may also wonder about just who is capable of entering into a contract. That question is answered in C.C. Section 1556 that provides "All persons are capable of contracting, except minors, persons of unsound mind, and persons deprived of civil rights".

Two people can enter into a contract for the benefit of a third person and the third person may enforce that contract at any time before the contracting parties rescind it, pursuant to C.C. Section 1559.

According to *Within, Summary of California Law, Tenth Edition, Contracts, p. 59*, the word "contract" is often used with different meanings, e.g., as a synonym for "agreement" or "bargain." It may refer to legally ineffective agreements, or wholly executed transactions; to acts of parties, to a document that evidences them, or to resulting legal relations; and a statute may give still other meanings.

You will note in the third paragraph of this response above that "*consideration*" is essential to the existence of a contract. Consideration is covered in Chapter 5 of the California Civil Code, starting with Section 1605.

It provides that any benefit conferred, or

agreed to be conferred, upon the promisor, by any other person, to which the promisor is not lawfully entitled, or any prejudice suffered, or agreed to be suffered, by such person, other than such as he is at the time of consent lawfully bound to suffer, as an inducement to the promisor, is a good consideration for a promise.

Of course, the consideration of a contract must be lawful, i.e., not contrary to an express provision of law, not contrary to the policy of express law, though not expressly prohibited, and not otherwise contrary to good morals, according to C.C. 1667.

There are, of course, many different types of contracts. A contract is either *express* or *implied*. An express contract is one, the terms of which are stated in words. An implied contract is one, the existence and terms of which are manifested by conduct, according to C.C. Sections 1619 to 1621.

Pursuant to C.C. Section 1622, all contracts may be *oral*, except such as are specially required by statute to be in *writing*.

If the contract is required by law to be in writing, if it is prevented from being put into writing by the fraud of a party to the contract, any other party who is by such fraud led to believe that it is in writing, and acts upon such belief to his prejudice, may enforce it against the fraudulent party.

One of the more recent additions to the California Civil Code concerning contracts is

Title 2.5, entitled "Electronic Transactions". It is known as the Uniform Electronic Transactions Act and it was passed into law in 1999.

Said Act provides new or expanded definitions of such things as "Agreements", "Automated transactions", and "Computer programs." Under Section 1633.2(e), "Electronic" means relating to technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities.

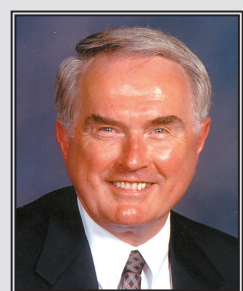
Under that same law in 1633.2(f), "Electronic agent" means a computer program or an electronic or other automated means used independently to initiate an action or respond to electronic records or performances in whole or in part, without review by an individual.

So, you can see, Denise, that the definition of a "Contract" is very broad and has many implications and much involvement with other areas of the law, such as family law, property rights and obligations, criminal law, and much, much more. I wish we had more time and space to address those issues.

Thank you for contacting us with that very good question.

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Mike Ward, Leland's new head coach. Photo: Quianna Marie Photography

Ward takes over as head football coach at Leland

By John Murphy
Prep2prep

Mike Ward is the pick as the new football coach at Leland High. He was an assistant coach last season with the Chargers.

“I’m really excited – it’s my first head coaching position and I’m not looking to move on,” said Ward, 32. “I want to build the program. It has a good tradition and has the support of the administration and the faculty and students and community as a whole.”

Ward is from Baltimore and is a big Orioles’ baseball fan. He played high school football at Loyola Blakefield, a Catholic school as a wide receiver and defensive back. He also played soccer and football at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

Before assisting at Leland he assisted for four years at Coral

Springs Charter in Florida, helping the program to go from a 3-7 record to 11-1.

Ward met his wife Kristi, a Pioneer High graduate, at grad school at the University of Miami and they decided to move to the Bay Area to be closer to his wife’s family and possibly start a family of their own. Kristi (maiden name Kimura) played basketball and tennis at Pioneer and was also on the track and field team.

Ward said he will fit his offense to the Charger personnel but that one possibility is to run a Pistol or shotgun formation with a West Coast Offense out of that.

The Chargers went 6-6 in 2014-2015 under coach Jake Shaughnessy. Shaughnessy is now an assistant coach at Burlingame.

Leland had its last winning season in 2013-2014 under Shaughnessy, going 7-4 overall, 5-2 in league.



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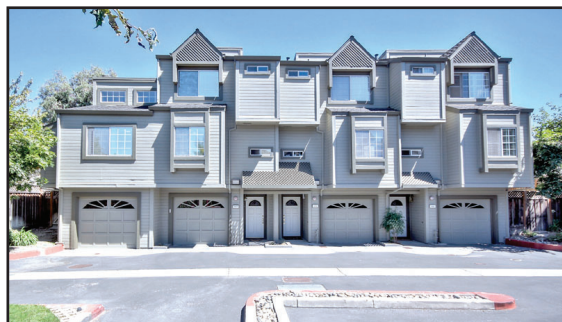
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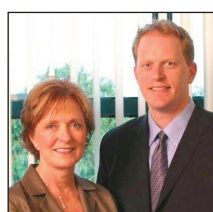
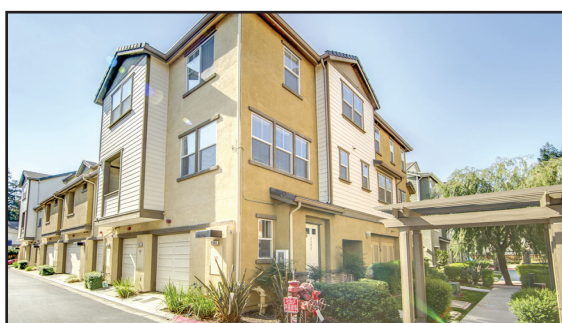
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10:00 am	Star Spangled Banner performed by Katlyn Barbaccia	12:50	Telephono Band
10:10	Local Schools: Cheer and Dance Teams	1:10	ConfIDance
10:30	Tutorial Jazz Band	1:30	AVWC & District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis
11:00	South Bay Dance Center	1:50	Fog City Band
11:20	Joanne LeBlanc	3:00	BriCauz Band
12:20	Kat Black	3:30	Jessica Leia
		4:30	Shaolin Kung Fu Zen Academy
		4:50 - 6:00	Big Mike & the HartBeats

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10:15 am	Purple Fox and The Heebie Jeebies
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11:30	BriCauz Band
12:35	South Bay Dance Center
1:00	Tutorial Jazz Band
2:05	Dance Attack!
2:30	Danny Politoski
3:35	The Little Gym of San Jose
4:00	Math Class Band
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Outstanding Features**Main Level**

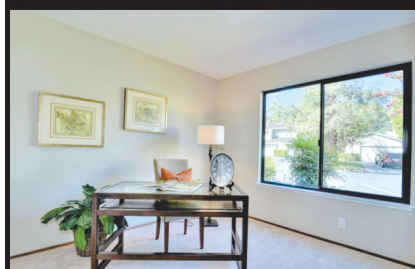
- Updated kitchen with granite counters, stainless steel appliances including a glass-top convection cook-top, maple cabinetry, wood laminate flooring and an oversized window overlooking the front porch
- Dining area is conveniently situated between kitchen and main living area with wood flooring and a glass slider to the back patio, making this perfect for al fresco dining
- Living room with vaulted ceiling, wood flooring, brick fire place and a wall of windows overlooking the rear patio
- Guest room/den
- Full bathroom with tile flooring
- Backyard backs to open green space and offers a decked patio with pergola as well as built-in seating

Upper Level

- Master suite features a double-door entry, vaulted ceilings, and oversized windows making this room feel bright and airy. The bathroom has a huge 3-door closet, spacious vanity with dressing area and an oversized oval tub

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2016 Festival Art – Josh Kimball

Born and raised in Almaden Valley, Josh Kimball began shooting images of anything and everything back in high school while enrolled in photography class at Leland. After graduating from UCSB in 2001, what began as a hobby soon became a career as dozens of magazines, books, calendars and websites went on to publish hundreds of his images.

When not shooting photos, Josh's other life-long passion is surfing. Josh currently lives in San Francisco. Please view Josh's full portfolio and online store at www.joshkimball.com.

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Welcome to the 40th annual Almaden Valley Women's Club Art & Wine Festival!

It is such a privilege to serve as the 2016 Festival Co-Chair for the 40th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival!

Every year the members of the Almaden Valley Women's Club work together with the Almaden community to put on this premier event. The AVWC is a small group of energetic and committed women who donate their time and energy to put on this big Festival for everyone to enjoy. Every dollar we raise is donated back into the community. I am so honored to be a part of this group of women!

The 40th Annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival is made possible through broad community support of our sponsors and partners who help us fund the activities necessary to produce and promote the event, the participating artists and vendors who offer their high quality crafts and services, and by the many members of the community who their contribute talents, time and energy.

Thank you to the City of San Jose and the Almaden Lake Park staff for partnering with us to help this event run smoothly, and to the City of San Jose Cultural Affairs department for their generous grant. Thank you to all our sponsors and partners for their continued support and generous donations.

And finally, a huge thank you to all the ladies of the Almaden Valley Women's Club for their tremendous efforts to make our festival a great success.

Cheers! Ellen Hudson-Snyder 2016 Festival Chair



2016 Festival Chairs

Back Row - Standing - L to R

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- 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
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- (Left to Right)
- Niveditha Lakshminarayanan
 - Jonathan Pang
 - Sierra Thompson-Klima
 - Esther Wang



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- SJB** San Jose Barracuda
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Upper Festival Food Booths

- A** - Dippin Dots
- B** - Bay Bridge Coffee
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- D** - Mayuri Indian Cuisine
- E** - Posh Bagel

Entertainment Area Festival Food Booths

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- H** - Carmen's Taqueria
- I** - Oak and Rye Pizza
- J** - Lee's Sandwiches
- K** - Peter's Kettle Corn
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Times Feature

Redmond Ave. Round Table Pizza remodeled and re-opened

Giving back to Almaden for more than 20 years

By William Bellou
Publisher

Round Table Pizza on Redmond Ave. has announced its re-grand opening after nearly \$200,000 of renovations making the popular family restaurant a state-of-the-art location for the franchise.

Restaurant owners Howard and Shanaz De-faii moved to Almaden Valley and opened their Round Table Pizza business on Redmond Ave. more than 20 years ago. Their children attended Almaden Schools and graduated from Santa Clara University and Stanford University. Howard earned a Bachelor's Degree in Pharmacy from Tehran University in 1962.

Over the past 20 years, the Defaii's have contributed to local elementary and high schools with hundreds of fund raising events, including baseball and soccer leagues, and the Almaden Library.

"Giving back to the community has always been great pleasure," said Howard. "Groups that we have helped raise money during the past 20 years have shown their appreciation by continuing to patronize our restaurant. We appreciate them immensely."

Howard and Shanaz are known for their dedication to service and cleanliness. Over the year, their restaurant has received awards for "execution of quality, service and cleanliness among the top 10 Round Table restaurants in America."

The renovations were extensive said Howard. "Everything in the restaurant is brand new," said Howard. "New floors, new furniture, new equipment, a remodeled meeting room, installation of eight new flat screen TV's, new bathrooms, new everything!"

Shanaz said everyone is excited about their new sports bar with a greater variety of craft beers on tap. "With the football season starting, this will be great feature for sports fans," said Shanaz. "We also have installed a photo montage of Almaden events over the past 25 years."

The Defaii's said they always treat their staff with respect. "We take good care of our staff and we treat everyone like family, said Howard. "And the staff, in turn, treats our customers like family as well. We have hired hundreds of kids in Almaden and we feel great giving them their first start in a quality working environment."

For information regarding reserving the new meeting room at Round Table Pizza Redmond Ave., call 408.997.2313.



Howard Defaii gives a customer for a tour of the new Round Table Pizza Restaurant on Redmond Ave. Howard and his wife Shanaz, moved to Almaden Valley and opened their restaurant on Redmond Ave. more than 20 years ago. The Defaii's just completed a major remodel, spending nearly \$200,000 for the benefit of local pizza lovers.



Above: Howard Defaii stands next to a photo montage capturing Almaden events from the past. Below, Howard and Shanaz Defaii are known for their dedication to service and cleanliness.



At left: The remodeled meeting room at Round Table Pizza Redmond Ave. can be reserved. "Groups that we have helped raise money during the past 20 years have shown their appreciation by continuing to patronize our restaurant," said Howard Defaii.

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Times Arts

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The program opens with Hector Berlioz's *Le corsaire* overture, a delightfully boisterous tribute to a brazen buccaneer; and ends with Johannes Brahms' magnificent fourth and final symphony.

ABOUT THE ARTISTS

Lynn Harrell, cello

Lynn Harrell's presence is felt



Conductor: John Nelson
Photo by Marco Borggreve

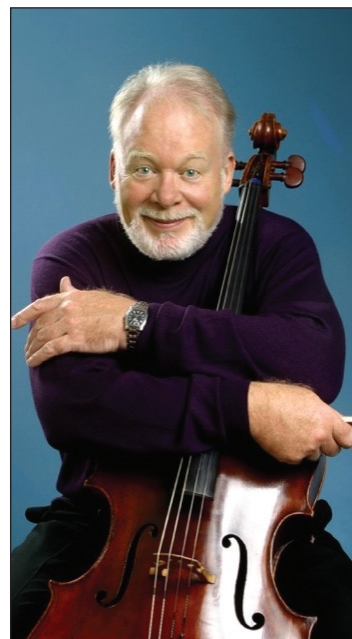
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PROGRAM

■ Hector Berlioz: *Le corsaire* overture, H 101



Soloist: Lynn Harrell, cello
Photo by Christian Steiner

■ Dmitri Shostakovich: Cello Concerto No.1 in E-flat major, Opus 107

■ Johannes Brahms: Symphony No. 4 in e minor, Opus 98

Single tickets range from \$45 - \$90, and discounts are available for seniors and students.

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Tony Bennett

Tony Bennett coming to San Jose Nov. 5 at the Civic

Tony Bennett is celebrating his 90th birthday with a tour and he has scheduled a stop in San Jose at the City National Civic on Nov. 5, 2016.

According to Tony's spokesperson, San Jose will be the only scheduled tour stop in Northern California.

With millions of records sold worldwide and platinum and gold albums to his credit, Bennett has received seventeen Grammy Awards-including a 1995 Grammy for Record of the Year for his MTV Unplugged CD, which introduced this American master to a whole new generation-and the Grammy Lifetime Award.

Tony's initial successes came via a string of Columbia singles in the early 1950's, including such chart-toppers as "Because of You," "Rags to Riches," and a remake of Hank Williams "Cold, Cold Heart." He had 24 songs in the Top 40, including "I Wanna Be Around," "The Good Life," "Who Can I Turn To (When Nobody Needs Me)."

Tony's signature song, "I Left My Heart In San Francisco," garnered him two Grammy Awards.

The concert starts at 8 p.m. at the Civic, located at 135 W. San Carlos St. Tickets are now on sale priced at \$70.50, \$85.50 and \$125 though Ticketmaster.

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Times **Feature**

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This annual membership drive and fundraiser includes a raffle with donations from more than 30 local businesses, along with the 50/50 raffle - where you win half the amount.

There will be activities and educational booths presented during the celebration. Informational booths will be presented on native plants, local birdlife, "how-to" gardening tips, water conservation, and how to choose the right tree for that empty space in the yard. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.

A history of park trees and including saving more than 100 mature park trees from removal by PG&E will be presented.

Kids' corner activities include painting Halloween pumpkins at the Orchard Supply Hardware booth. For the dog park enthusiasts, there's



Every "Strut Your Mutt" participant will take home a ribbon.

"Strut Your Mutt" where every participant takes home a ribbon.

Those attending the celebration are encouraged to become a member of the Martin-Fontana Parks Association (MFPA), or renew their membership. All proceeds benefit neighborhood parks.

Jeffrey Fontana Park is located at the corner of Meridian Ave. and Oakglen Way in Almaden Valley.

Cahill recipient of Pat McMahon Masters Level Scholarship

By William Bellou
Publisher

Aine Cahill, who makes her home in Dublin, Ireland, is this year's recipient of the Pat McMahon Masters Level Scholarship, sponsored by the San Jose - Dublin Sister City Program in partnership with Cypress Semiconductor, San Jose State University (SJSU) and Dublin City University.

Cahill is currently attending Dublin City University this fall, followed by spring semester 2017 at San Jose State. While at SJSU, her curriculum includes a three-unit accredited practicum at Cypress Semiconductor, followed by a four-month paid summer internship.

Cahill is an electrical and electronic engineer who was awarded first calls honors degree and a gold medal in her Bachelors of Engineering at Trinity College Dublin in June 2016.

She is also the recipient of the Intel Leixlip Women in Technolo-



Aine Cahill

gy Scholarship.

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Times Feature



Dramatic 'Bloodless Bullfight' held in Silicon Valley last weekend

The drama and flair of bullfighting took place at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds last Saturday, August 27 featuring Matador (bullfighter) **Omar Villaseñor** from Mexico (pictured above right) and Cavaliers (horsemen) **Alberto Conde** from Portugal and **Jorge Hernández** (above) from Mexico.

Both Portuguese and Mexican-style bullfighting was featured with all the pomp and circumstance of a traditional Corrida de Toros including a live brass band, bullfighters in their Traje de Luces (suit of lights), and Cavaliers on horseback along with the danger of fighting in the ring with a very live bull but without the kill.

California's Bloodless Bullfights which take place mostly on Central Valley's cattle ranches and dairy farms are rare to see in a more urban environment such as Silicon Valley where techies and hipsters may find themselves engrossed in an ancient practice not found in an app.

The Villages Concert Band



Performance Season

The band's five concert season, led by conductor Natalie Chia, runs from September through early June. The band performs a wide variety of literature, including band classics, modern band concert music, popular songs, show tunes, film, and television music. These special musical events provide listeners and performers alike with an enriching experience. The band also brings in concert soloists for many of its concerts. Distinguished guest performers in past seasons have included Jeanne Smith (mezzo soprano), Carlos Aguilar (bass), David Ladd Anderson (flute and sax), jazz and blues vocalist Nate Pruitt, Dr. Carl Blake (piano), Robert Calonic and Andrew Kotarba (clarinet), John Russell (trombone), Dale Wolford (alto saxophone), Rick Vandivier (guitar), and jazz singer Michelle Hawkins.

Membership

The band is a community group welcoming anyone who plays a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, even pianists who are feeling adventurous to play percussion! Members of the band include Villagers, adults from the nearby San Jose community, and students from local schools.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7PM – 9:30PM at Cribari Auditorium, The Villages Golf & Country Club, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose CA 95135.

Contact Us

To inquire about joining the band or anything else, contact the Villages Concert Band Manager Larry Miller at (408) 238-1030/email larry.wm.miller@sbcglobal.net. Also, look for us on Facebook (The Villages Concert Band)!



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Target audience:

K-12 Students from all language backgrounds including native English-speaking students



Contest Categories and Groups

Calligraphy (Pen/Brush)	Grades: 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 students from all language backgrounds
Painting/ Drawing	Grades: K, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 students from all language backgrounds
Mandarin Chinese Poetry Recital*	Grades: K, 1-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 Group A: students from all language backgrounds except Mandarin as home language spoken Group B: Mandarin as home language spoken
Mandarin Speech*	Grades: 6-8, 9-12 Group A: students from all language backgrounds except Mandarin as home language spoken Group B: Mandarin as home language spoken
Team Video	Grades: 6-8, 9-12 (2-4 Members Per Team) Group A: English or Mandarin** Video Group B: World Language** Video (**Need to provide English subtitles)

Notes: * Language of these contests will be in Mandarin. (Home language refers to the language that is spoken by the student or adults in the home and marked on the Home Language Survey when registered in schools.)

Registration Opens: Thursday, August 25, 2016

Application Deadline: Monday, October 3, 2016

Date of Contests: Saturday, October 15, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Date of Awards Ceremony: Saturday, November 12, 2016
10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Contest Location: Santa Clara County Office of Education
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To Register: Please visit: www.sfsu.edu/~ci



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Almaden U17 Girls Vision Soccer team brings home 1st place

The Almaden U17 Girls Vision Soccer Team brought home gold over the Labor Day Weekend at the Copa de las Sierras Tournament in Lake Tahoe.

Their first place finish was hard fought victory, as they competed against four tough teams to bring home the championship.

They went into their fourth match undefeated, scoring 16 goals.

Pictured: Almaden U17 Girls Vision Soccer

Team Champions - *Left to Right - Back Row:* Head Coach **Lisa Lubke, Anna Jasso, Lindsay Arenson, Callie Fitch, Miranda Thompson, Thanairi Guzman, Gabby Avalos, Lauren Guerra, Grace Furlong, Maddie Lewis, Sophie Guy. *Second Row:* **Faith Demaree, Leah Loftus, Jessica Simms, Rachel Welch, Amy Lynn, Sophie Pace. *Front Row:* **Claire Amistoso, Assistant Coach Frank Guzman, Lisa Lynn and Emily Keller.******



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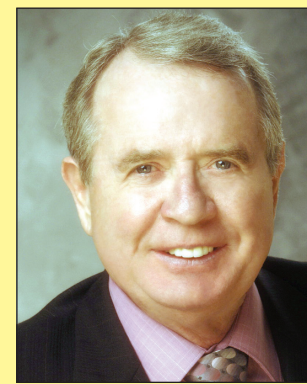
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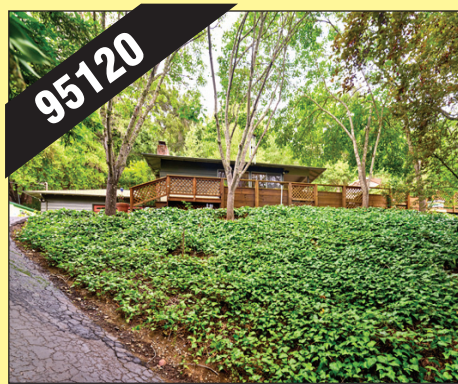
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