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Silicon Valley Cares puts the fun in fundraising



Silicon Valley Cares presents their 7th Annual Broomstick Ball, The Haunted Hoedown, benefiting local non-profits. (Left to right): 2016 Board: **Jessica Semppek-Geddes, Charlene Chavez, Chelsea Pagan, Sheila Seghieri, Kelley Robertson, Leanne Velasco, Marj Moehrke, Katherine Noller-Fernandez, Amber Marienthal, Kelly Avila, Kelly Dippel, Zoey North, Priscilla Avery.** Photo courtesy of Silicon Valley Cares.

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

Just like its logo, Silicon Valley Cares has a big heart, making a real difference for local charities. Its members also appreciate being part of a charity that puts the fun in fundraising.

Founder Kelly Dippel has always been an active community volunteer, starting with walkathons when she was young. While in her 20s, Dippel ran an event business for non-profits. If their funds were low, she undertook fundraising for them free-of-charge. She later served on the boards of the American Cancer Society, American Diabetes Association, American Heart Association and Almaden Valley Women's Club.

"Everyone has an ability to do something to make the world a better place."
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The Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch opens Oct. 8

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times staff writer

The Episcopal Church in Almaden is sponsoring a special Pump-kin Patch event opening Saturday, Oct. 8.

The Pumpkin Patch is located at the tree lot next to the church property located at 6581 Camden Avenue, two blocks east of Almaden Expressway. The event runs through Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday - Saturday and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.

The event is a family-friendly offering for the enjoyment of Almaden residents. All proceeds

From the pumpkin sales are distributed to children and families in need through existing programs at The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA).

The Pumpkin Patch has 25 varieties of premium quality pumpkins, including Swan Pumpkins. Unique gourds will also be offered. Informational displays highlighting ECA programs that support children and families in need, and will provide fun for small children and families.

The church is participating with a 30-year-old organization, Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, a faith-based group. Their pumpkins are grown only for fundraising for charitable purposes, and are sustainably grown, both agriculturally and socially. The pumpkins grow on a 1200 acre farm on the Navajo reservation in Farmington, NM. The field

workers and full time staff are Native Americans. The organization has a positive and lasting impact on a region that experiences 42 percent unemployment.

ECA has organized and planned this event and have asked for volun-

teers to help to staff the Patch, but they didn't stop there - the Marines are coming to help unload 700 pumpkins on the morning of October 8th. Other community based organizations are also being asked, such as the San Jose Police Department, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and other community-based organizations to volunteer as well.

ECA is inviting everyone to come and have fun and purchase a pumpkin to help support those in need. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact ECA at Office@eca-sj.org.



Proposal to allow homes to be built on open space near Almaden Lake Park debated

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times staff writer

A debate has ensued questioning whether a local developer should be given the green light to build eight homes on private land near Almaden Lake Park.

Of the 20-acre parcel, located at 6100 Winfield Blvd., 19 acres would become dedicated open space for the public and one acre would be rezoned to residential to allow for up to 10 homes.

A trail connecting Almaden Lake Park to Santa Teresa County Park would also be developed as part of the project.

Proponents of the project say

the project provides an opportunity to preserve a natural landscape and open it up to the public. Those against the proposal say the project will handicap the city because it could make future buying open space more expensive.

Councilman Johnny Khamis, District 10, says we should consider the project because "it will allow us to preserve 18 to 20 acres." Khamis said passing up on the current proposal could result in an even larger development being built there someday after he's out of office.

The San Jose City council is expected to vote on the General Plan change in mid-November.

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Day on the Bay will be packed with fun activities, vital resources

By Supervisor Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service and the 60th anniversary of Santa Clara County Parks. You can celebrate both by visiting Alviso Marina County Park during our 7th annual Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival.

The free event will be 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 9, at Alviso Marina County Park, 1195 Hope Street, Alviso.

The 18.9-acre bayside park is the gateway to the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, with boardwalks and trails that offer fantastic views and an opportunity to meet the wildlife who call the refuge home. In 2013, the park was designated as a site on the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.

All of this provides a great backdrop to a festival that is jam-packed with fun activities, entertainment and a resource fair focused on health. We have many new features and attractions this year, starting with Bike to the Bay, a community bike ride along the Guadalupe River Park Trail from Guadalupe River Park on Coleman Avenue in San Jose to the festival.

Organized by the Silicon Valley Bicycle

Coalition, San Jose Bike Party and my office, the free family-friendly ride will be about 8.5 miles. A bike valet will be on duty at the park.

Also new this year is an Aquarium of the Bay Mobile Tank; First Tee, a children's golf game; and docent-led nature hikes. Returning this year will be the San Jose Shark's mascot Sharkie and the Slapshot Booth, and, of course, our traditional and popular kayak rides, pumpkin patch and zucchini car races. Free hamburgers will again be grilled by the Santa Clara County Firefighters.

Throughout the day, there will be giveaways, with such prizes as tickets to The A's, the Giants, footballs from the San Francisco 49ers and gift cards to restaurants.

We have signed up 120 service providers for our Resource Fair, where you can receive free flu shots, massages and blood pressure screenings and information on vital area services. We've also enlisted local performers to provide multicultural entertainment on two stages.

But there is still room for more. If you would like to be a sponsor, have a booth in our Resource Fair, perform on stage or volunteer to help at the event, please call Vanessa Turner 408-299-5030 or email her at Vanessa.turner@bos.sccgov.org.



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

Indian lunch, casino trip planned by Almaden Community Center Senior Assn.

Almaden Community Center Senior Association will present a Diwali Celebration, "festival of lights" on Saturday Oct 15, from 12 noon - 3 p.m. and a bus trip on Oct. 18 to Graton Casino.

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

Graton Casino trip

The bus trip to Graton Casino will leave Tuesday Oct. 18 at 8 p.m. Passengers must arrive at the Almaden Community Center at 7:30 p.m.

The price is \$35.00 which includes \$15 slot play or table match play with players card. Graton Casino is located in Rohnert Park.

Sign up for both events on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center.

For more information call 408.268.1133.

Pioneer High School students win of 'Players of the Year' for 2016 Junior Tour of Northern California

By William Bellou
Publisher

Pioneer High school students Thomas Hutchison and Sabrina Iqbal are winners of the "Players of the Year" for the 2016 Junior Tour of Northern California.

Hutchison, 16, captured the 2016 JTNC Boys' Player of the Year title by finishing the season with 2,518 points.

Hutchison, who was introduced to the game by his father, says "Just to know that my name will be with those guys, it gives me a lot of confidence."

Hutchison, who has his future sights on UC Davis, honed his skills as a Santa Teresa Youth on Course member, tallied three JTNC wins during the season: Fall Series III, Spring Series V and Spring Series VI. The back-to-back Spring victories tied a JTNC record for most wins in a row held by six other players. The three victories tied the JTNC record for most wins in one season (held by four other



Thomas Hutchison, 2016 JTNC Boys' Player of the Year; above right: Sabrina Iqbal, 2016 JTNC Girls' Player of the Year.



winning Player of the Year again."

2016 JTNC Girls' Player of the Year Iqbal, 15, is the defending two-time defending JTNC Girls' Player of the Year, and she says she set her sights on winning the title a third time.

Iqbal's goal came through, as she won her third straight crown with a whopping total of 5,003 points.

"Whenever I'm having a good round, I want to be at that level every time," said Iqbal. "When I do play bad, I want to work on fixing things. There's nothing else you can do."

Iqbal learned the game from her father, a PGA teaching professional at Los Lagos GC and later honed her skills as a Santa Teresa Youth on Course member.

All of her wins moved Iqbal to a total of 21 NorCal "major" victories.

Iqbal has her future sights on Texas Christian University.

players).

His biggest win came at July's NCGA Junior Championship at Half Moon Bay GL, where he earned 650 points and joined his older sister, Samantha, as winners of the event. The two became the first siblings to win the championship in its 87-year-history.

"I feel like I started playing better in the spring. It was just a matter of a lot of practice," Hutchison said. "I'm already looking ahead to

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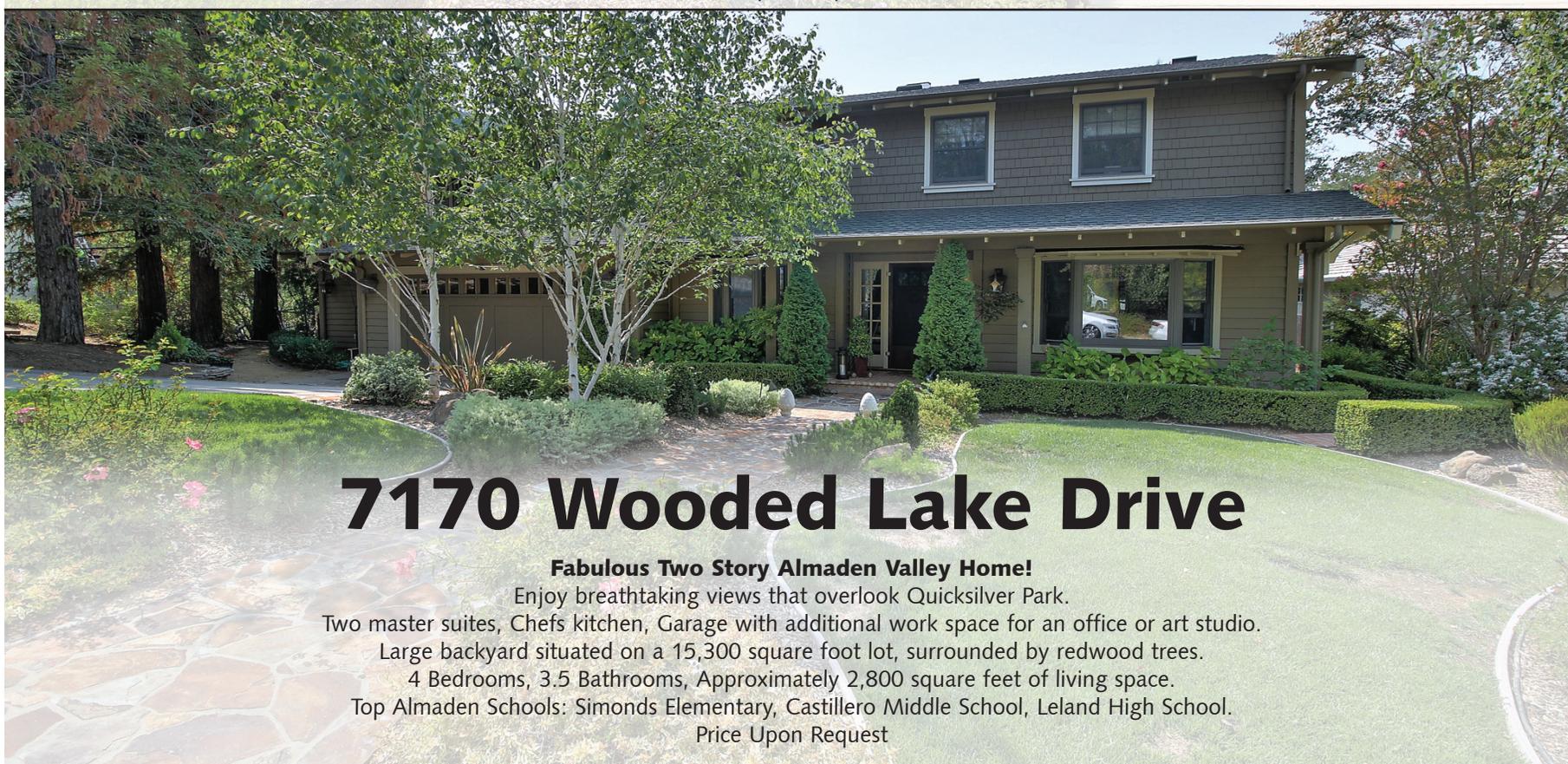
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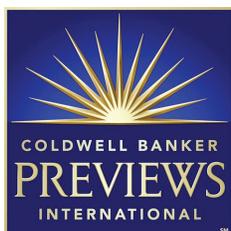
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Times Feature

Viva CalleSJ brings over 100,000 people to the streets of San Jose

By Supervisor Ken Yeager
Special to the Times

On Sunday, I joined more than 100,000 people in venturing out onto some traffic-free streets of San Jose for the second annual Viva CalleSJ street festival.

For five hours on Sunday, the city closed six miles of streets to motor vehicles and allowed residents to walk, run, bike, or otherwise enjoy major thoroughfares such as Fourth Street, San Carlos Street, and Lincoln Avenue free from the noise, exhaust, and dangers of cars and trucks.

I biked the entire route several times and it was great seeing thousands of residents outside enjoying a beautiful late summer day, getting some exercise and seeing Willow Glen and some of San Jose's great neighborhoods such as the Burbank District and Japantown.

It was also great to meet up with Santa Clara County's Public Health Director and Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody for a Facebook Live event.

We did the event underneath the bicycle mural on Lincoln Avenue in the heart of Downtown Willow Glen as throngs of families, groups of friends and individuals walked, cycled, or skated by us.

The county Public Health Department was one of the sponsors of Viva CalleSJ

through its Healthy Communities office. During our Facebook Live, Dr. Cody mentioned that events like that are so important because they help motivate people to get outside and exercise. She said regular exercise is critical for both people who have health conditions such as diabetes and hypertension and for those who are trying to prevent those conditions from developing.

As health officer, Dr. Cody is charged with preventing large scale outbreaks of communicable diseases in the county. Her office is also in charge of implementing the Getting to Zero initiative that I proposed and the Board approved last December. We have set an ambitious goal of zero new HIV infections, zero HIV-related deaths, and zero stigma attached to the disease in Santa Clara County. I am confident that Dr. Cody and her team will reach those goals.

My talk with Dr. Cody is the first in a series I will be doing in the coming months with senior officials in county government. I want to introduce those people to the residents of Willow Glen to the rest of my district, and tell a little bit about their job and how they are working hard to improve the quality of life for all county residents.

I encourage you all to visit my official Facebook page at facebook.com/supervisor.yeager to keep up-to-date with the series.



County Report

Ken Yeager,
County Supervisor

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Our City Forest receives AmeriCorps Programming and Service Award

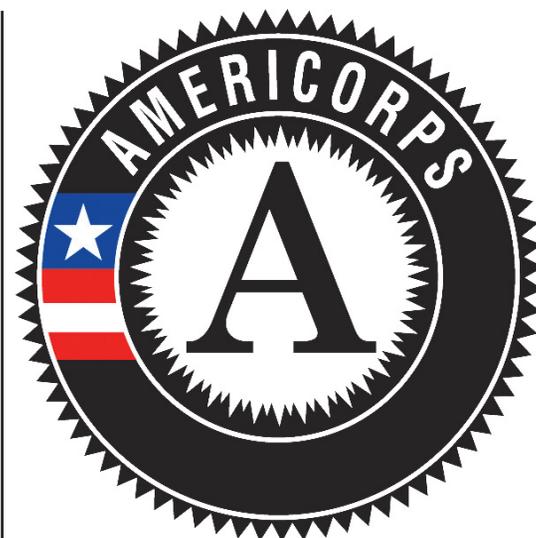
Our City Forest, a San Jose urban forestry nonprofit, has received the 2016 Excellence in AmeriCorps Programming and Service Award from the Corporation of National and Community Service (CNCS), a federal agency.

The award was presented Sept. 22nd at the AmeriCorps State and National Symposium in Washington, D.C. in honor of Senator Thomas R. Harkin, a long-time, tireless advocate for national service.

CNCS Executive Officer Wendy Spencer presented the award to Our City Forest representatives President & CEO Rhonda Berry and Urban Forestry Director Loren Klick.

"It is humbling for a locally-based nonprofit such as Our City Forest to receive this national award," said OCF's Rhonda Berry. "We applaud the tireless work of our staff, our service members and the thousands of volunteers who partner with us to grow a healthier and more informed San Jose."

For more information about Our City Forest, please visit ourcityforest.org.



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Times Feature

You might want to check your IRA beneficiary designations

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:

My husband and I have had a living trust for some time. Last week I emailed our IRA company to put my IRA into the trust. However, they emailed me back saying they could not do that. Is that correct?

Charlene C.
Almaden Valley

Dear Charlene:

I am afraid your IRA company may be correct, Charlene. While many assets you and your husband have, such as your house, should be owned by you as Trustees of the trust, the IRA account will not be owned by the trustees of the trust, but by you as an individual with one or more others named as beneficiaries of the IRA.

When a person opens up an Individual Retirement Account (IRA), he or she is required to name a beneficiary on the account. This is often the surviving spouse if something happens to the person who set up the account.

The same is true as to life insurance and other deferred compensation account funds. Every life insurance policy must have a beneficiary.

There are now many types of individual retirement accounts, such as 401(k) accounts, education IRAs, Roth IRAs, Keogh plans, simplified employee pension plans (SEP IRAs), tax-sheltered annuities (TSAs), tax-sheltered savings plans (TDSPs), and others.

Each of these plans has specific and often complex and changing rules governing tax and other issues. There are often estate tax and income tax issues to consider as well as your own general wishes.

In a married couple situation, the surviving spouse may be the named beneficiary on the account, so that if something happens to the person who set up the account, all account proceeds will be paid to that person.

If the named beneficiary is not living at that time, then a contingent beneficiary is usually named to acquire the money that was in the account. The contingent beneficiary could be other beneficiaries named in your living trust or some other named person.

All such beneficiary designations and contingent death beneficiary designations often require the help of certified public accountant, a certified financial planner, or other such professionals. The reason is that there are often estate tax as well as income tax issues to consider, as mentioned above.

You mentioned, Charlene, that you were married. Therefore, in all probability your IRA is community property. If, when you were married, you had virtually no assets and now you have accumulated certain

accounts, such accounts are typically classified as community property, unless perhaps the money was inherited. As such, the community property accounts are one-half your accounts and one-half your husband's. You

need to consider that in setting up the beneficiary of the IRA.

For couples that went through a marital dissolution proceeding, often a Qualified Domestic Relations Order ("QDRO") needs to be taken into account when it comes to IRA or other deferred compensation account money. This is important since it is a court order and compliance is mandatory, not optional.

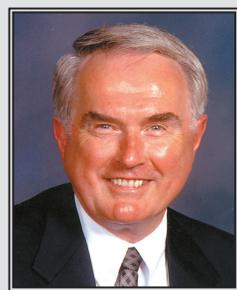
A very common way to designate the IRA beneficiary is to name the surviving spouse as the beneficiary. In that way, the surviving spouse can treat the IRA money as his or her own if something happens to the first spouse. The surviving spouse could even roll over the money into an IRA in his or her own name.

The Internal Revenue Code has numerous provisions that encourage businesses and individuals to provide for their employees following their retirement. The companies for whom the individuals work often have expert assistance available to assist employees and others with IRA and other beneficiary designation issues. Many issues

arise in the retirement area, including roll-over, transfer of benefits, taxation, and other issues.

Donald J. DeVries
Almaden Times

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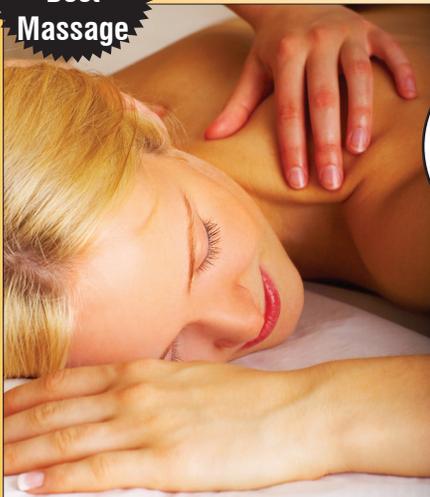
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2016 RAM PROMASTER CITY WAGON AUTOMATIC



MSRP.....\$25,500
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$2,081
SALE PRICE.....\$23,419
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,500
RAM 2016 ON-THE-JOB COMMERCIAL EQUIP/UPFIT BONUS CASH**.....-\$500
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MSRP.....\$18,690
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,202
SALE PRICE.....\$15,488
JEEP 2016 BONUS CASH.....-\$500
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$1,000
JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....-\$500
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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$10,988

5 AT THIS NET PRICE!

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2016 JEEP RENEGADE SPORT 4X4



MSRP.....\$23,080
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,202
SALE PRICE.....\$19,878
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,500
JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....-\$500
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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$15,999

1 AT THIS NET PRICE #D93272

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2016 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN

SEDONA AND QUEST BUYERS, CHECK THIS OUT!



MSRP.....\$24,590
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,702
SALE PRICE.....\$20,888
DODGE BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500
DODGE CA RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$17,888

1 AT THIS NET PRICE #400300

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2016 RAM 1500 4-DOOR



MSRP.....\$32,280
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$5,792
SALE PRICE.....\$26,488
RAM CA 2016 RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$500
RAM TRUCK ENGINE BONUS CASH.....-\$1,000
RAM CA RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$22,988

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #403516, 414468

*Must finance through Chrysler Capital, subject to credit approval.

2016 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT

WHY BUY A CR-V OR EQUINOX?



MSRP.....\$24,490
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,102
SALE PRICE.....\$21,388
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500
JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....-\$500
JEEP CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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5 AT THIS NET PRICE!

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2016 JEEP COMPASS SPORT



MSRP.....\$24,980
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,781
SALE PRICE.....\$21,199
JEEP CA 2016 BONUS CASH*.....-\$500
JEEP CA RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500
JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....-\$500
JEEP CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$16,999

1 AT THIS NET PRICE #776950

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY. **MUST FINANCE THROUGH CHRYSLER CAPITAL, SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL.

2016 DODGE CHARGER



MSRP.....\$28,990
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$2,304
SALE PRICE.....\$26,686
DODGE SELECT INVENTORY 20% BONUS CASH*.....-\$5,798

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$20,888

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #272984, 277057

*ON SELECT UNITS IN DEALER STOCK

2016 RAM 1500 HFE 4-DOOR DIESEL



MSRP.....\$39,575
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$6,187
SALE PRICE.....\$33,388
RAM CA 2016 RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$500
RAM TRUCK ENGINE BONUS CASH.....-\$1,000
RAM CA RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$29,888

2 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE #383021, 389492

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2016 JEEP CHALLENGER SXT



MSRP.....\$23,888
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$3,100
SALE PRICE.....\$20,788
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH.....-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500
JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....-\$500
JEEP CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH.....-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$22,999

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #332079, 332080

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2016 DODGE CHALLENGER SRT 392

6.4L V-8, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC



DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP!

\$7,000

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2016 DODGE CHALLENGER SRT 392

6.4L V-8, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC



DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP!

\$7,000

2 AT THIS DISCOUNT #345251, 309776

2016 RAM 1500 CREW 4X4



DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP.....-\$3,009
RAM 20% SELECT INVENTORY BONUS CASH.....-\$8,991

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$12,000

1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #228674

*On select units in dealer stock.

2016 DODGE CHALLENGER SRT 392

6.4L V-8, 8-SPEED AUTOMATIC



DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP!

\$7,000

2 AT THIS DISCOUNT #345251, 309776

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SALE PRICE

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38 OTHERS

MSRP.....\$29,590
DEALER DISCOUNT.....-\$2,591
SALE PRICE.....\$26,999
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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH*.....-\$500
CHRYSLER CONQUEST TRADE ASSIST**.....-\$1,000
CHRYSLER CONQUEST RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....-\$1,000
CHRYSLER 2017 PACIFICA BONUS CASH COUPONS.....-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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1 AT THIS NET PRICE #552072

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SALE PRICE.....\$30,890
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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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Chrysler CA BC Retail Consumer Cash.....-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$25,999

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #334587, 335158

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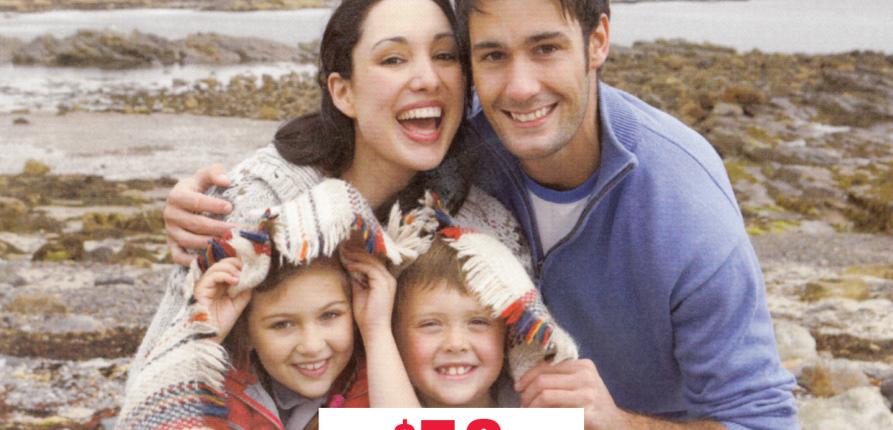
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A ghastly crew haunts Great America during the Halloween season.

GREAT AMERICA

'Halloween Haunt' just got scarier

By Diane Blum
Times staff writer

California's Great America is at it again; they just found more ways to terrify you during its annual Halloween Haunt event.

This year there are five additional interactive experiences as well as an exciting new attraction sure to deliver heart-pounding, cutting edge family fun.

Virtual reality

The Halloween Haunt, along with all of the usual scary fare, will introduce the new Fear VR: 5150. The new virtual reality experience allows guests to be strapped to a hospital wheelchair surrounded by horror as seen through their virtual reality gear (Samsung Gear VR, powered by Oculus). Guests can't escape and are at the mercy of maniacal hospital staff.

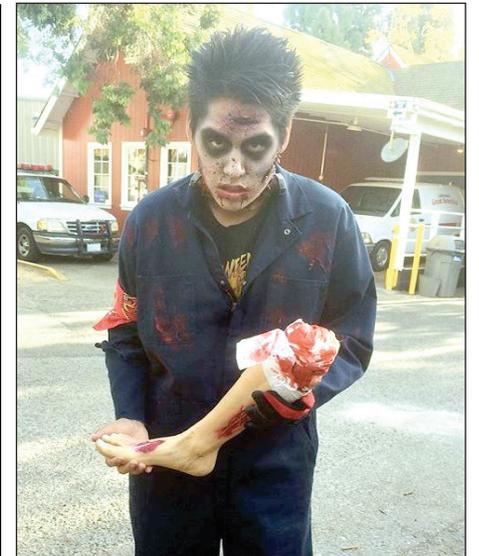
The park has also created five new Skeleton Key experiences. Unlike previous years where the skeleton key was part of existing mazes (which created line delays), this year, along with all-new themes, the keys are used for stand-alone attractions. The all-new themes for these highly interactive experiences include Hoarder House, Dominated, Sorority Slaughter, Bone Crusher and Vanity.

There are eight horrific mazes, with themes that include escaped mental patients, evil clowns and life-sized toys. The park is featuring four Live Shows which include an all-new Nytewalkers acrobatic experience, the misfit performers of Sideshow, the return of Blood Drums and the heinous Academy of Villains. All are "to die" for.

The entire park is decorated for maximum scare effects. Three Scare zones are located throughout the park providing many opportunities to find yourself face-to-face with at least one evil demon of the night. The event is intended for guests 13 and older.

The Fear VR: 5150 and all new Skeleton Key experiences come with additional entry fees. Note that there is also an \$18 parking fee, so car-pooling may be a good option to consider.

Halloween Haunt is open Fridays and Saturdays from 7 p.m.-Midnight through Oct 8 and until 1 am on Fridays and Saturdays from October 14-29. Sundays Halloween



Haunt is open from 7 p.m.-Midnight.

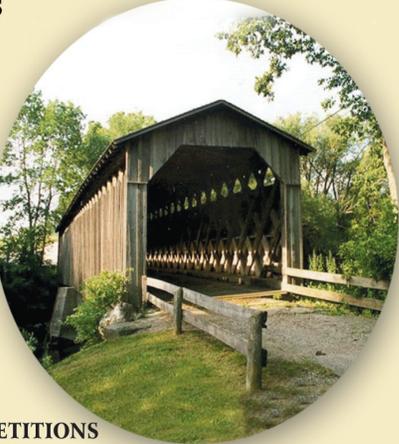
For younger children, the park brings back its Great Pumpkin Fest during daytime hours on weekends October 1-30 (Closed Oct 23 due to 49ers games). Kids can trick-or-treat with Snoopy and the Peanuts Gang and enjoy many Halloween themed events.

Tickets can be purchased online at: www.cagreatamerica.com/haunt with free admission for 2016 and 2017 Gold Pass holders. Students can receive discounts using valid student ID.

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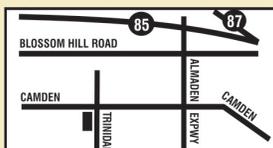
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Times Feature

Concept cars set the stage for an automotive future

Ram's Rebel TRX concept developed to compete with Ford F-150 Raptor

Ram's Rebel TRX concept truck may result in a production model to compete with Ford F-150 Raptor.

The Ram Rebel TRX concept was unveiled at the 2016 State Fair of Texas. Under the hood sits a 6.2-liter supercharged Hemi V8 producing 575hp.

Transmission

The power is sent to all four wheels through an eight-speed automatic transmission with paddle shifters, an unusual feature on a pickup truck.

Suspension

In addition to its potent engine, engineers increased suspension travel by 40 percent compared to a standard Ram 1500 Rebel. The TRX also features a beefed-up rear axle, and 37-inch tires.

Exterior

The TRX fender flares give it a race truck look, allowing the truck to accommodate wider tires. Ram also outfitted the truck with a new hood to provide clearance for the V8's supercharger, and a bed "sport bar," and side-exit exhaust pipes.



Cars of the future

The Rebel TRX features an eight speed automatic transmission, while the electric Volkswagen I.D. will travel 250 to 370 miles on a single charge.

VW electric I.D. concept revealed; production version coming 2020

Volkswagen is planning to show off its electric concept car at the 2016 Paris auto show. The automaker provided an early look at its hatchback about the size of a Golf and goes by the name I.D.

The first will be a production version of the I.D. confirmed for launch in 2020.

What makes the concept car different from the electric cars that VW already sells? Its next-generation electric cars will ride on a dedicated platform called the MEB. The platform features batteries located in the vehicle floor and an electric motor or two featured at one or both axles.

VW says the ID has a single electric motor good for 167 horsepower. It should also offer anywhere between 250 and 370 miles of range and takes just 15 minutes for an 80 percent recharge.

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place,” says Dippel. “It’s the right thing to do.”

After starting a career in commercial real estate, Dippel realized that due to time constraints, she wouldn’t be able to be involved with numerous philanthropies. She also wanted a change from the politics, drama and dull events she had experienced with various organizations. “I noticed that the long speeches and live auctions at charitable events had crowds staring at the exits,” she says. “Or, you’d want to talk to friends at your table and people would be shushing you. I thought there’s got to be another way.”

About eight years ago, this led Dippel to create Silicon Valley Cares. Her goal was to form an organization with a group of dynamic women who shared her vision of combining socializing, entertainment and compassionate involvement with non-profit agencies. “I wanted to do things differently, with an emphasis on fun,” she says. Her vision took hold. Within six months, they had 60 members. “Drama is kept to a minimum,” says Dippel. “We’re not about that and we don’t put up with it. It’s just a group of really good ladies with a common goal of raising funds for local charities.”

As she loves Halloween and anything to do with costumes, Dippel had the idea of creating a themed costume party, the Broomstick Ball, which is now in its 7th year. “It’s not your average fundraiser,” she says. “It’s a fun way to give back and it shows.” This year’s Broomstick Ball, *A Haunted Hoedown*, will take place on Oct. 15, from 5:30p.m. to 11:30p.m., at the Horseman’s Association on McKean Road. The event will include appetizers, dinner by Justin’s Catering, entertainment, a silent auction, music, dancing, western-themed costumes and a mechanical bull.

“I love that we’re mixing it up,” says Dippel. “It’s going to be a huge party.” In the future, Dippel says she’d like to have an evening event for adults followed by a daytime event for children. “We could make a haunted house and have face-painting and trick-or-treating,” she says. “I love doing things for kids.”

In addition to its annual Broomstick Ball in October, Silicon Valley Cares raises funds through a golf tournament held in September, inspired by Dippel losing her mother to cancer four years ago. “After we lost her, I wanted to do something for cancer,” she says. “One of our members had cancer, I lost my mom and everybody’s touched by it.” They soon started the ParTee Classic golf tournament at Cinnabar Hills Golf Club. The tournament offers golfing with a twist, including a shotgun start, themed holes, dinner and silent auction. Prizes are awarded for the best-dressed female and male golfers. “It was going to be a one-shot, but everyone loved it,” says Dippel. “It’s super fun.” Half of the funds raised go to Cancer CAREpoint and the remainder is divided among the beneficiaries of the Broomstick Ball.

Silicon Valley Cares also holds social events throughout the year, some including spouses and/or families. Past events include girls-night-outs, Texas Hold’em/Bingo, attending a Carrie Underwood concert and a luau. “We try to keep it light and fun,” says Dippel. “Close friendships have been made as well as business connections. Some members even travel together. It’s a very tight group and we support each other.”



Kelly Dippel, Founder of Silicon Valley Cares. Photo courtesy of Silicon Valley Cares.

In addition to a focus on fun, Silicon Valley Cares differs from other organizations in involving its entire membership in selecting grant recipients. They choose three charities each year focusing on children, teens, families, the homeless, crisis situations and animals. In November, the members receive a ballot with each organization’s mission statement and they vote on it. At the February or March meeting, a member of each chosen beneficiary is invited to make a presentation, so Silicon Valley Cares members can get excited about who they’re raising funds for. “They really get drawn in,” says Dippel. “The chari-

ties share such great stories. It really creates a connection between us and our beneficiaries.”

Grant applicants must be 501(c)(3) nonprofits situated in Santa Clara County, not funded by a government agency, have been around for at least a year and ideally, be a smaller, grassroots organization. “Our check doesn’t mean as much to an organization with deep pockets or one that’s funded by an umbrella organization...but to a smaller one, our check means everything,” says Silicon Valley Cares Community Outreach and Grants Chair Amber Marienthal.

Grant requests are due by Nov. 1 of each year. Last year, they raised \$16,000 for the Alzheimer Activity Center, Nike Animal Rescue Foundation and Youth Science Institute. This year’s grant recipients include Breakthrough Silicon Valley, Silicon Valley Pet Project and The Grateful Garment Project. Key sponsors like Heritage Bank, Frank Rimerman, Delucchi Hawn, Skip’s Tires and Auto Centers, Barracuda Networks and Coldwell Banker have partnered with Silicon Valley Cares this year to help raise awareness and support.

After the Broomstick Ball, Silicon Valley Cares hand-delivers checks to their grant recipients. Almaden Valley Counseling Service was their first beneficiary. “I will never forget giving them the check,” says Dippel. “It was our first year, so it wasn’t huge. I apologized and said, ‘I’m sorry it isn’t more,’ but when they opened the envelope, they started crying. ‘If it wasn’t for this check,’ they said, ‘we would’ve shut our doors.’ Since then, they’ve grown and are able to serve so many more communities and schools. It’s amazing what we were able to do from a Halloween costume party.”

Some Silicon Valley Cares members are so taken with their organization’s beneficiaries,

they end up volunteering for them. One member became involved with Sunday Friends and was able to secure in-kind donations for them through her company. “By introducing three organizations each year, it gives the membership a chance to learn about them,” says Dippel, “and for them to become near and dear to their hearts.”

Grant recipients are asked to partner with Silicon Valley Cares by assisting with the Broomstick Ball. “We ask our beneficiaries to attend if they can, promote our event and supply us with volunteers,” says Dippel. “We keep track of who did what and the board decides partially based upon that what amount of the proceeds each grant recipient receives. One year, we had a beneficiary with a board with deep pockets, but they did nothing. The other group was barely making it, but attended and provided us with many volunteers, so they received the lion’s share of the grant. It gives them incentive to support us.” In return, Silicon Valley Cares supports their beneficiaries, promoting and attending their events, including some from many years ago.

For Marienthal, being a member of Silicon Valley Cares helps her to carry on a family legacy. “I wanted to model charitable behavior for my children and have them be involved,” she says.

“My mother modeled this behavior by collecting canned food. She was always charitable and that’s how I learned to be.”

Dippel agrees. Her mom was also involved in her community and always gave back. “I grew up in a family where we had to work very hard,” she says. “Now, I’m more fortunate and see the need to give back to those who are struggling.”

For more information, please see: www.siliconvalleycares.org.

Measure B survey shows support

In a survey of 600 likely voters, sixty-nine percent indicated they are in favor of the Valley Transportation Authority’s proposed half-cent sales tax increase (Measure B) on the Nov. 8 ballot.

If approved by two-thirds of voters, it could raise as much as \$6.5 billion for transit and road improvements during the next 30 years.

Measure A is also on the ballot which asks county voters to approve \$950 million in general obligation bonds to provide affordable housing for seniors, at risk veterans, foster children, the disabled and the homeless. There have been no surveys regarding voter sentiment regarding the measure.

Sample ballot pamphlets begin mailing for election

The Registrar of Voters’ Office began mailing Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets for the Nov. 8, 2016 Presidential General Election to Santa Clara County voters.

Mailing will continue as pamphlets are printed. Nearly 1.2 million pamphlets will



be produced for this election to send to voters and to have available at polling places on Election Day. As required by law, pamphlets are printed in the languages of English, Chinese, Spanish, Tagalog and Vietnamese.

Sample Ballot and Voter Information Pamphlets contain important election information including voting instructions, a sample of the ballot, and information about local candidates and measures. The back cover of the pamphlet indicates each voter’s assigned polling place location, and contains a removable application to request a Vote by Mail ballot.

Individuals must be registered to vote in order to receive a pamphlet. To register to vote or to check voter registration status, Santa Clara County residents can visit sccvote.org.

A voter should complete a new registration form if he or she has moved, changed a name(s), or would like to change his or her political party preference. To register to vote in Santa Clara County, a voter must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on or before Election Day, a Santa Clara County resident and not imprisoned or on parole for a felony.

Online registrations will be accepted as long as they are completed before midnight on Oct. 24; paper registration forms that are postmarked by Oct. 24 will also be accepted. Paper registration forms are available at post offices, public libraries, city halls and most local government offices.

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

Times **Feature**

Gifts for Teens delivers joy as well as presents

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

During the holidays, several organizations collect toys and gifts for young children, but teenagers are often overlooked. Gifts for Teens brightens the lives of these young people, providing not only fun and practical items, but also the knowledge that people care about them.

"I think it really helps the teens and young adults to realize there are people in the community who want to help them and wish them well," says Gifts for Teens founder Elaine Benoit.

While volunteering at a holiday gift sort, Benoit noticed the lack of items for teenagers and rallied members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to sponsor Gifts for Teens. In 1997, they started with compiling 21 baskets of cosmetics for girls. Over time, this evolved to stuffing 1250 to 1300 duffle bags for boys and tote bags for girls.

"Everyone wants to give gifts for puppies or little kids," says Gifts for Teens volunteer Adela Cech, "but not teenagers...and they're still children. When you feel like everyone's forgotten about you, and you get a gift, it's very special."

One goal of Gifts for Teens, says Benoit, is to involve the community and let people know that there are low-income, homeless teens and kids in foster care and group homes that don't have anything. "They really are out there in this 'Valley of Influence' and they truly appreciate something nice," she says. "It makes them feel good."

The teenagers, recommended by local San Jose service agencies, are affiliated with Sacred Heart Community Service, homeless youth helped by the Bill Wilson Center, street kids served by HomeFirst, and teens living in group homes run by Unity Care Group and Advent Group.

In addition to making them feel wanted, Gifts for Teens seeks to improve these young people's lives. "In order to receive our gift bags, we insist the recipients be involved in school or a job training program," says Benoit. "The goal is to keep them off the streets."

"By having the teens pick up the gift bags at Sacred Heart Community Service, they find there's help available," says Gifts for Teens volunteer Lea Kammerer. "They're put in the system and people can approach them about city services." Benoit agrees. "The gift bags are motivating young people to go to city agencies, which offer them counseling, job training, healthcare and housing," she says, "and to stay in the programs."

Benoit says that the Gifts for Teens volunteers really enjoy the project. "There's so much enthusiasm every year," she says. "People work as a team and feel good about it." "I'm amazed to be in the company of these volunteers," says Cech, "who invest so much of their time doing something so special."

Five schools—Archbishop Mitty High School, Bret Harte Middle School, Leland High School, Notre Dame San Jose High School and Presentation High School—run donation drives at their schools and/or volunteer assembling bags for Gifts for Teens. "Teenagers are helping other teens and that's exciting to see," says Benoit. "They get such a



Gifts for Teens member **Lea Kammerer** (left) and founder **Elaine Benoit**. "We try to put a smile on their faces and make them feel like someone's looking out for them," says Kammerer.

kick out of it."

"I love that teens are involved," says Kammerer. "I want them to realize that kids their age are struggling. We live in such an affluent neighborhood, and it's nice for them to be able to help those who don't have it as good as they do."

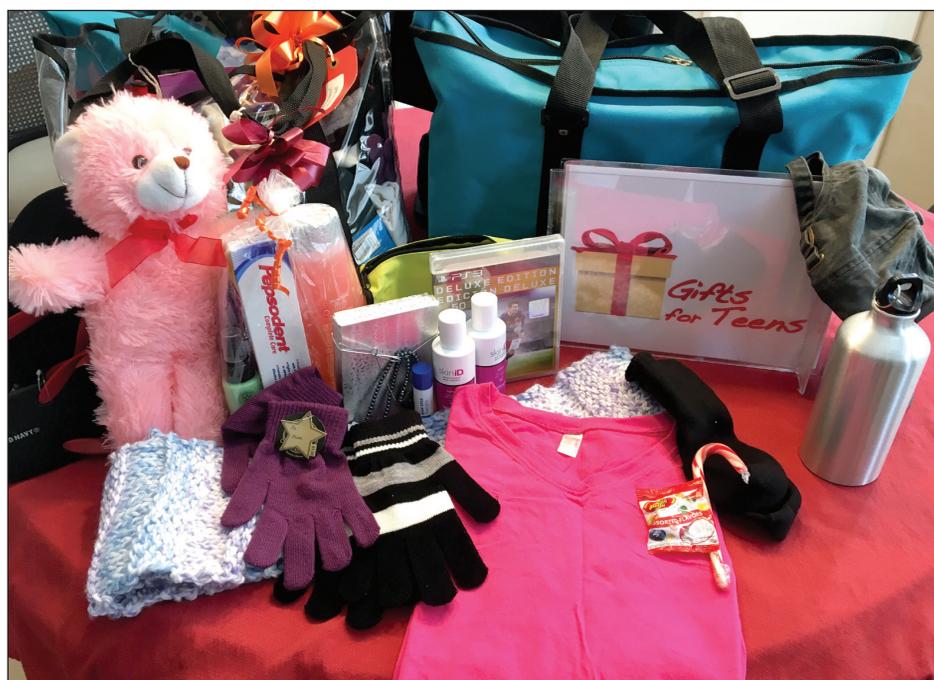
The gifts bags were received with great appreciation last year. At one group home, a girl baked cookies to thank them, and at another, teens formed a band and sang holiday songs, playing everything from a keyboard to pots and pans. "It was touching," says Elaine.

"Not only did you make my Christmas fun," said a teen, "but you gave me hope and a sense of happiness." "I enjoyed all the gifts I received," said another. "I'm grateful that there are still agencies and groups that help youth. It's a nice feeling knowing that we're not always alone and that not everyone has given up on us."

"We try to put a smile on their faces and make them feel like someone's looking out for them," says Kammerer. "The fact that the kids like the things they get and are really excited to get them makes my heart swell. You feel like you're making a difference in a small way."

Silicon Valley residents, corporate sponsors and community organizations volunteer their time and donate gift items to Gift for Teens. Local organizations include: Almaden Valley Singles, Almaden Valley Women's Club, Braces for Pretty Faces, National Charity League, Safeway, Silicon Valley Cares and Whole Foods. They also received donations from AAUW San Jose, Adobe, Bellarmine College Prep Women's Group, Cisco Systems, Hitachi, Los Gatos History Club, Trombetta Foundation and more.

"We plan for this all year long," adds Kammerer, "and it's so neat seeing it all come together." Benoit loves to include something



The teen recipients greatly appreciate the gifts they receive and being thought of during the holidays.

fun, like yoyos, Rubik's Cubes and playing cards, as well as practical hygiene items, cosmetics, t-shirts and/or hooded sweatshirts in the gift bags. This year, the gift bags will include video games, flash drives to keep contacts and resumes on, socks, flip-flops, handmade scarves, gloves, journals and a self-esteem book for girls. "It's really terrific," says Benoit. "I like adding these extra special things."

Last year, Gifts for Teens received gift cards from the Sharks Foundation for Payless Shoes and they hope someone will donate gift cards for shoes again this year. They would also appreciate cash donations or \$10 to \$15 gift cards for teens, ranging from clothing stores to Starbucks. "If someone would like to donate \$100, they can contribute 10 cards for \$10 each," says Benoit, "that way we can serve the greatest number of teenagers."

Gifts for Teens will start signing up volunteers in mid-October. Individuals should contact kathy@gifts4teens.org and groups can contact cheryl@gifts4teens.org. From Dec. 1 to 15, gift bags will be assembled at Cambrian Park Plaza, located at Union and Camden Ave.

"It's such a great experience to be able to provide the gift bags," says Cech. "It's very rewarding. And even if it's momentary, the happiness the teens receive from getting the gifts is just great."

For more information, contact Elaine Benoit at: elaine@gifts4teens.org. To volunteer or donate gift items, go online to: www.gifts4teens.org. Tax deductible cash donations can be made through PayPal, or send checks to: Gifts for Teens, 1165 Minnesota Ave., San Jose, CA 95125.

Harper Bill to stop cyberbullying signed into law

Law deters bullies from posting harassing videos online

Legislation by Assemblyman Matthew Harper (R-Huntington Beach) to suspend or expel students for posting harassing videos online has been signed by California Governor Jerry Brown.

The new legislation will take effect January 1, 2017.

"It's wrong to allow students who post harassing videos to go unpunished," Harper said. "Almost every teenager has a smartphone that has the ability to record video. They need to understand that these tools shouldn't be used for bullying."

Assembly Bill 2212 changes the definition of "bullying" in the Education Code to include the posting of a harassing video online. According to a study by Yale University, victims who have been bullied can be up to 9 times more likely to consider suicide.

"I'm glad the Governor signed my bill into law so that we can protect students from all forms of bullying," Harper said. "This new law sends the message that bullying is wrong and will not be tolerated."

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By Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times

There are likely few San Jose residents who have time to sit through four or five hours or more of a City Council meeting on any given Tuesday afternoon, let alone attend additional evening City Council meetings and Council committee meetings. As a service to my District 10 constituents, and anyone who may be interested, I have launched a new YouTube channel: Johnny Khamis on the Record!

Have you ever wondered how I voted on a particular issue or been curious about the thoughts that went into my decision to vote a certain way? If you have, you may now visit the Johnny Khamis on the Record channel on YouTube and watch short snippets from the City Council meetings that highlight interesting discussions and my own comments on important issues in the City of San Jose. This new channel provides a simple and easy way for you to access portions of Council and community meetings that pertain directly to you!

I have chosen YouTube as the platform to share these highlights due to its simplicity of use. If you have a Gmail address or Google account, you already have a YouTube account! If you do not have a Gmail address or Google account, you may type the following address into your web browser to sign up for free: <http://bit.ly/1daEcJG>.

Once you have your account set up, type the following address into your web browser

to subscribe to my YouTube Channel: <http://bit.ly/2bBZw36>. It is free and easy to subscribe - just push the big red and white Subscribe button!

Once subscribed, simply click on a video that interests you to start watching. Be sure to take a look at the Rules Committee discussion of the San Jose Police Staffing Emergency here: <http://bit.ly/2cmTMKj>.

Other clips of interest that are now available include:

■ Alternative Pension Reform Act (Measure F):

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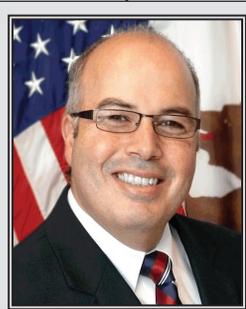
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Look for new videos to be posted within about a week of the Council meeting where hot topics are discussed. Because

all of the videos will be uploaded to YouTube you can access them any time you want, almost anywhere in the world. As long as you have an internet connection and can get to YouTube, you are good to go!

My new YouTube channel is another way that I am promoting further transparency between you and my Council office. I know how difficult it can be to stay engaged when you have to sift through hours of meetings or discussions when you simply want to know how your own City Council representative voted. Johnny Khamis on the Record allows you to become familiar with my views on issues of importance to you, quickly and easily!

Be sure to stay tuned as more videos and discussions become available!



District 10 Report

Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

Silicon Valley Cares Costume party Oct. 15

Silicon Valley Cares (SVC) is celebrating their 7th year of giving back to the community with a western theme to their annual Broomstick Ball Halloween Costume Party.

The fun and unique event that benefits local nonprofits will take place on Oct. 15, 2016 at the Horseman's Association located in Almaden on McKean Road.

This event will include a dinner provided by Justin's Catering, a mechanical bull, silent auction, games, music and dancing among costumed guests.

Silicon Valley Cares is an all women volunteer nonprofit organization that raises funds for local non-profit agencies and organizations benefiting children, teens, homeless, crisis situations, and animals.

The goal is to raise these funds while bringing the community together for socializing, entertainment, and compassionate involvement with non-profit agencies and organizations. Key sponsors like Heritage Bank, Frank Rimerman, Delucchi Hawn, Skip's Tires, Barra-cuda Networks, and Coldwell Banker have partnered with SVC this year to help raise the awareness and support levels.

Proceeds raised throughout the year will be donated to the 2016 beneficiaries: Breakthrough Silicon Valley prepares motivated middle school students with limited

educational opportunities for success in rigorous college-preparatory high school programs and entry into four-year colleges. The Grateful Garment Project prevents victims of sexual assault who have their belongings seized for DNA evidence, having to be released from the hospital in a gown. Victims are provided a bag of basic necessities to walk out of the building with dignity, and Silicon Valley Pet Project rescues and rehabilitates dogs and cats from shelters to avoid euthanasia and fosters the pets with love and shelter until they find their "forever-home."

Eager to support non-profit charities within Santa Clara County and searching for a creative way to do so was the drive behind Kelly Dippel who founded Silicon Valley Cares in 2010.

"After devoting several years to different non-profit organizations,

I formed SVC because I wanted to touch the lives of many people within our community who were struggling without all the drawn out live auctions and speeches that you typically see at other events," said Dippel. "My goal was to put more fun into it and as a result, Silicon Valley Cares has achieved tremendous success over the years."

To purchase tickets and for more information about Silicon Valley Cares, visit siliconvalleycares.org.



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Times Feature

Police warn of malware-infected USB sticks placed in mailboxes

Police in Melbourne, Australia are reporting that a number of USB sticks are showing up in mail boxes used by hackers to spread malware to unsuspecting residents.

Although no US cities have been hit with the problem yet, recent surveys suggest a high percentage of people find it hard to resist popping a found USB stick into their computer. Curiosity can get the better of many recipients, many learning it's really not a good idea to plug such an item into a computer.

Plugging a found USB stick into your computer -- whether through curiosity or in the hope that you can discover its owner so you can return it -- isn't worth the potential hassle.

The malicious software on USB sticks can read keystrokes, giving the hacker access to the computer owner's user names and passwords, as well as other personal information.

As for an unmarked drive showing up in your mailbox, the only place you should stick the stick is straight in a trash can.

A Juerga Jam

The Flamenco Society of San Jose hosted "Summer Juerga" (Flamenco Jam Session) on Saturday, Sept. 17th at the Historic Hoover Theatre, which showcased a great cast from the Virginia Iglesias Flamenco Dance Company.

This was a performance of the traditional Flamenco festival style. Evolving from the many cultures in Southern Spain, the tradition has become an expressive and rich folkloric genre of song, music and dance.



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A wild scene... but what a bash!

On Oct. 1, Anne and Mark's Art Party, an "occasional art festival" held in San Jose, hosted its closing night bash with a fashion show at the Santa Clara Fairgrounds. The theme was "Alice in Wonderland."

Art Party is an artist driven, volunteer-led event with over 300 artists and performers contributing to the festivities. Over 5,000 attendees were estimated at the party, giving the artists ample opportunity to show and sell their artwork and to network with other artists.

A portion of the ticket sales benefited Silicon Valley Creates, a non-profit network of local leaders dedicated to raising the visibility of the arts. Learn more at artpartysj.com.

Times Feature

Van Cliburn finalist Dong to perform in San Jose

By William Bellou
Publisher

Pianist Fie-Fei Dong, a 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano competition, will perform Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Trianon Theater in San Jose.

Ms. Dong has received praise for her "natural musicality and beauty of tone" (Cincinnati Enquirer). She is featured in the Cliburn Film.

Her inaugural season as a Cliburn winner includes debuts with the Corpus Christi and Big Spring symphony orchestras. Ms. Dong made her trio debut at The Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C. in February 2014 as part of its Conservatory Project.

Born in Shenzhen, Ms. Dong became interested in the piano when her older sister started taking lessons. She began her piano lessons at the age of five, and her early repertoire included Chinese folk songs and Western classics.

Ms. Dong gave her first recital at age 10 and made her orchestra debut three years later, performing Rachmaninoff's Third Concerto with the Macau Youth Symphony Orchestra. She has since appeared with the Aspen Music Festival, Hong Kong, Juilliard, Shanxi, and Shenzhen symphony orchestras.

Ms. Dong has made debuts in Alice Tully



Fie-Fei Dong

Hall, Warsaw Philharmonic Concert Hall, and the Louvre Auditorium, and has been featured multiple times on New York's WQXR radio.

Ms. Dong moved to New York to study at Juilliard, earning her bachelor of music degree and her master's degree. She was two-time winner of the Juilliard Bachauer Piano Competition in 2012 and 2013.

TICKETS/INFO: Single Tickets: \$40-\$60. Senior/Student Discounts Available at: steinwaysociety.com or call 408.990.0872



'Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone' in concert adds fourth performance

The first-ever Harry Potter Film Concert Series has added an additional Sunday performance due to popular demand.

There are now four performances scheduled on Oct. 29 and Oct. 30 of the first film concert, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

Two concert performances are scheduled Saturday, Oct. 29 at 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. On Sunday, Oct. 30, the concerts will be held at 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. The location is the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose.

Symphony Silicon Valley has contracted with CineConcerts and Warner Bros. Consumer Products to present The Harry Potter Film Concert Series, a new concert tour celebrating the Harry Potter films.

The film concert will feature a live symphony orchestra and a women's choir performing every note from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*. Audiences will be able to relive the magic of the film in high-definition on a giant 40-foot screen while hearing the

musicians perform John Williams' unforgettable score.

Justin Freer, President of CineConcerts and Producer/Conductor explains, "The Harry Potter film series is one of those once-in-a-lifetime cultural phenomena that continues to delight millions of fans around the world. It is with great pleasure that we introduce the opportunity to experience the award-winning music played live by a symphony orchestra, all while the beloved film is simultaneously projected onto the big screen.

It will be an unforgettable event." Symphony Silicon Valley's General Director, Andrew Bales added "The Harry Potter Film Concert Series is a great addition to our programs, enabling us to reach many new audiences who have listened to orchestra music but didn't always associate it with live musicians. This format presents a heightened experience for the audience."

Harry Potter tickets can be ordered at symphonysiliconvalley.org or at 408 286-2600 ext. 23.



Ride across the Galaxy newest attraction at Great America

California's Great America and Electronic Arts (EA), a have teamed up to create a first-of-its-kind guest experience at Great America called Mass Effect: New Earth.

The attraction features a 4D Holographic Journey on the world's largest and highest resolution 3D LED screen.

The attraction features settings and characters from EA's popular Mass Effect™ videogame series developed by BioWare™.

Guests travel through space to a distant planet; face off against bigger than life adversaries and ultimately help save the day. Riders will climb aboard motion-based seating and wear 3D glasses as they are taken on

a thrilling adventure. Motion seating, high tech sound and other 4D effects combine to create a truly compelling and immersive attraction for guests.

Holiday themed event

Great America also announced a new holiday themed event to start in late Nov. 2016. Winterfest will be a larger than life holiday event with the entire park transformed into a winter wonderland. Guests will be able to ice skate, enjoy magnificent displays of lights and other holiday decor, view spectacular live holiday shows and enjoy 18 rides and attractions.

For additional information on all of the upcoming events, visit: CaGreatAmerica.com



Daniel Radcliffe stars as Harry Potter

Times **Feature**

Martha's kitchen averts student food insecurity

By **Rene Robinson**
Special to the Times

Throughout the Bay Area local news sources have reported that College students have struggled to get their basic needs met while trying to gain an education.

Several students, who have been forced to live in their cars close to campus, are also having food insecurity issues.

Martha's Kitchen, a non-profit hot meal soup kitchen in Willow Glen, is keenly aware of this crisis and wants to assist these students.

Edita Cruz, Executive Director of Martha's Kitchen states, "In various studies that have been reported in the

Mercury-News and other media outlets found that as many as one in four students in higher institutions experience food insecurity." Cruz continues, "To address this issue we are turning to social media, passing out flyers, and old fashion word of mouth that Martha's Kitchen welcomes students needing a meal anytime during our hours of operation."

This approach is a throwback to the Depression era. Martha's Kitchen will gladly open its doors to make it convenient for low-income students to have a meal regardless of their class schedule.

Cruz states, "This grass-root approach to feed students is just one of many ways Martha's Kitchen has taken to put a

dent in the serious problem of hunger in the Bay Area and surrounding counties. Our near term goal is to serve one million meals annually. We are close to the half-million mark, and have the ability to serve more."

Martha's Kitchen not only serves at the leased facility at Sacred Heart Church, but at over 50 sites as far away as Gilroy, Salinas, Los Banos, Merced, and Santa Cruz. Cruz offers an invitation to any non-profit with a clean facility, utensils, volunteers and most of all a passion to feed the needy to contact her organization. She will provide FREE of charge the hot meals.

Martha's Kitchen has collaborated with Lohbeck Capitol Management Group to have workshops to teach organization how to expand their meal program.

For more information or to donate contact Edita Cruz at 408-293-6111.

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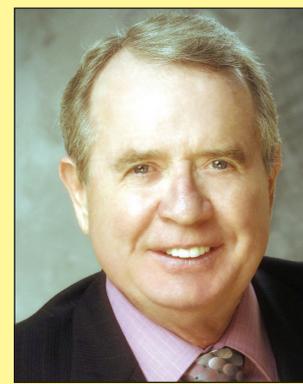
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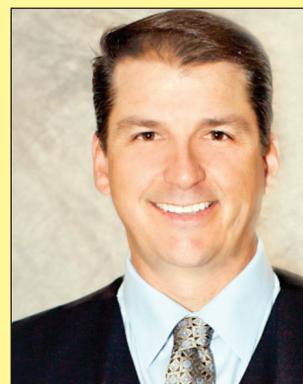


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Times Feature

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The celebration started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson, and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on Sept. 15 and ending on Oct. 15. Sept. 15 is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico celebrates its Independence Day on Sept. 16, and Chile celebrates on Sept. 18. Come to the library and check out a book on the history, culture, or food of Hispanic Americans. *Vamos a*

celebrar!

9th Annual Battle of the Bands

San Jose Public Library is excited for the 9th annual Battle of the Bands, a contest open to local teen musicians in San Jose. Encouraging teens to express themselves through music and technology and open to all musical genres and styles except those with obscene or offensive lyrics, the contest application process ends Friday, Oct. 14, and voting begins Monday, Oct. 17. The live concert finale will be at your Almaden Branch Library and Community Center on Saturday, Nov. 19 at 3 p.m. where the top five finalists will perform up to 20 minutes each. Support teen creativity and check it out!

Harvest Festival Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016

Almaden Community Center and the Almaden

branch of the San Jose Public Library are getting ready for the 9th annual Harvest Festival and *Holiday Boo-tique* – are you? Mark your calendars for Saturday, Oct. 22, 2016 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. for festive activities like our haunted hallway, petting zoo, pumpkin patch, magic show, carnival games and much more! For more information, call the Community Center at 408. 268.1133.

Diwali Rangoli Art Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016

Celebrate the ancient Hindu festival Diwali, “the festival of lights,” and make a beautiful rangoli pattern art project. Diwali, arguably the most important festival in Hinduism, is celebrated in October or November each year. Diwali originated as a harvest festival that marked the last harvest of the year before winter, and spiritually signifies the victory of light over darkness. The festival gets

its name from the row of clay lamps that are lighted outside homes to symbolize the inner light that protects us from spiritual darkness. Rangoli is the art and tradition of decorating the floors and walls of a home with elaborate designs to welcome guests and bring good luck to a family.

Read for the Record Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016

Read for the Record is a national campaign launched over a decade ago to address educational inequalities that leave too many children unprepared for kindergarten. On Thursday, Oct. 27, 2016 at 4 p.m. join us at the library for a reading of this year’s book, *The Bear Ate Your Sandwich*, a classic tale of a bear’s epic journey and the mystery surrounding the disappearance of a delicious sandwich!

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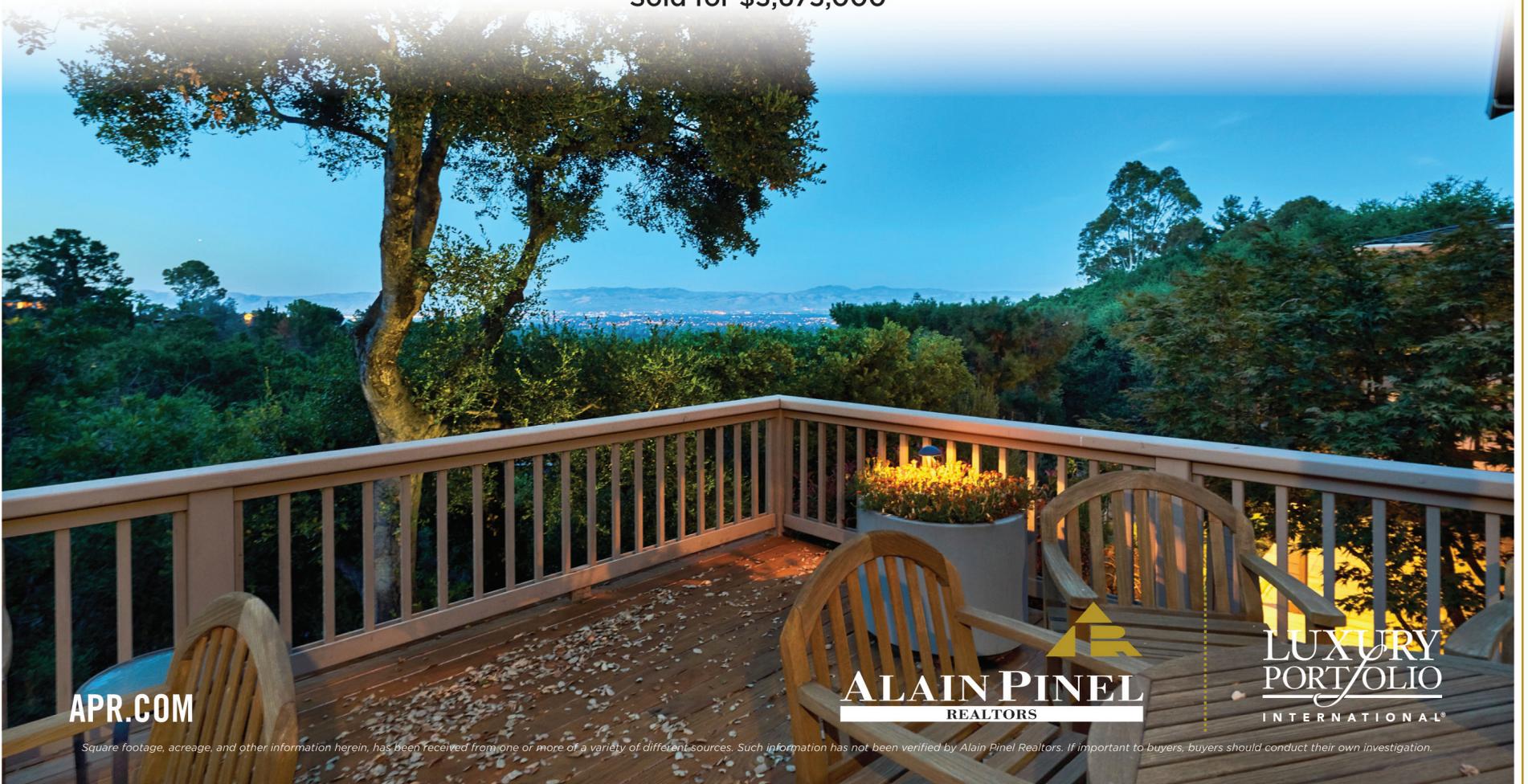
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