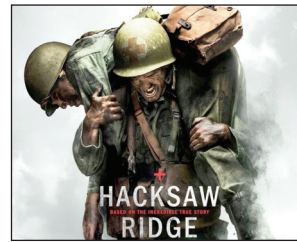


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'Life in Willow Glen' mural depicts history of our town

Local artistic jewel: Lila Gemellos

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Lila Gemellos, artist and muralist, has been interested in graphics since the age of five and that is when her parents recognized her talent and enrolled her in art classes.

She is presently working on a project in Willow Glen called "Life in Willow Glen." The mural depicts the history of Willow Glen and is on the wall at 1133 Lincoln Ave. owned by Michael Mulcahy, Real Estate broker and owner of SDS Nexgen Partners LP.

Gemellos began painting with San Jose's Lee Hartman at age seven. Hartman is an acclaimed artist with an extensive collection of portraits and landscapes. "My parents always encouraged me and found new classes that challenged me," said Gemellos. "Watching Bob Ross on PBS felt like church to me."

Gemellos said she does a mixture of Expressionism, Impressionism, Realism, Modern, Art Noveau, and Pop. "I am none and all of these," she explained. "As a child, I was a post-impressionist. As an adult, I use every style worked together. More importantly, I'm a statement artist and visual story-teller. I use these opportunities to create a visual dialogue and provoke thought. I am also trying to coordinate art with media, trying to paint how the internet



Muralist Lila Gemellos has been interested in graphics since the age of five.

feels." This shows up in her commercial work. When asked where she feels that her art will

lead her, she said: "I would like to continue to pursue public art and large scale stories. I am

trying to find funding for a series of murals in Evergreen, specifically at Capitol Expressway. This is Evergreen's history, addressing blight, crime, and community tensions."

Gemello's forte is in visual storytelling, but she does not limit herself to any certain style of art. She is proficient and confident in traditional, as well as, psychedelic styles. This includes three dimensional illusions. She can repair and repaint holes, restore blemishes in vintage wall-papers, and even creates signs. She can create faux adobe finishes, bright accent walls, with mural accents, custom trims for residential, or less complicated office projects. She can also generate detailed, photorealistic creations that trick the eye.

Gemellos attended UC Riverside, and has a Construction Industry Technician Certification from Clemson University in South Carolina. When asked, "What do you consider your greatest work thus far? She replied, "My best work and my most notable commission are quite different. I found my style, as well as the most notoriety constituting a mural for Falafel's Drive-In at 2301 Stevens Creek Blvd. in San Jose. My best piece to date is 'History of Aviation' at John J. Montgomery Elementary School.

Editor's note: Miss Gemellos was Miss Teen San Jose 2002. She is just persistent enough to make her dream of murals in Evergreen at Capitol Expressway a reality. Lila can be reached at sanjosemurals.com, or call 408.794.5452. Lila Gemellos Murals & No Paradigm Design.

Saving lives, one dog at a time

My name is Madison and I am a serial dog fosterer ... along with my husband Andrew and Ronan, our resident hound, that is.

Together our family brings dogs in need of rescue and rehabilitation into our home to ready them for adoption. Usually that means some level of house training, sometimes it includes medical care, and always it includes a lot of love.

Andrew and I foster dogs for Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP), a non-profit rescue partner with the San Jose Animal Care Center, Silicon Valley's largest municipal animal shelter. SVPP rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes both cats and dogs of all breeds, as well as senior and special-needs pets that are at-risk of euthanasia.

At this time they are greatly in need of more families to help save homeless dogs in our community.

So how does it work?

It all begins by filling out a foster application online followed by a quick home check and discussion to assess what type of dog will be the best fit for your home. SVPP considers all aspects of your lifestyle, members of your family, and any resident pets, to

make the most successful placement possible.

Once you are approved to foster, SVPP pairs you with a "buddy" in the organization who assists you in all aspects such as getting answers to your questions, helping you meet potential adopters, and offering moral support all along the way.

What will be expected of you?

First and foremost, foster families provide a safe and loving home. Your pup will need regular exercise, socialization, and probably some basic training. You'll be asked to bring your dog to vet appointments, photo shoots, and adoption events. You'll also meet with potential adopters and have a say in which family is the best fit for your dog since you know them best.

How much will it cost you to foster a dog?

SVPP pays for pre-approved vet visits and procedures and, depending on donations, also provides toys, food and other supplies such as crates and baby gates. They also work with local dog trainers/behaviorists to assess all of their foster dogs on intake and put them on training plans as needed to prepare them for their forever homes.

How long will you have your foster dog?

Foster time commitments vary and can sometimes depend on the breed or the age of the dog. If you can't agree to an open-ended fostering arrangement, SVPP also needs families to serve as vacation foster homes where the commitment is a very clear length of time.

As you can see, fostering a dog is a serious commitment but it can be a lot of fun too. Please contact SVPP at info@svppetproject.org if you have questions. You'll be glad you did!

Founded in 2014 and launched in 2015, Silicon Valley Pet Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of volunteers committed to saving local at-risk shelter pets through rescue, community involvement and education. Since launch, SVPP has rescued more than 300 pets. Silicon Valley Pet Project is the first San Jose-based Best Friends Network Partner.



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Times **Feature**

Aron Jones is new San Jose Postmaster



Jones

Aron Jones has become the 27th San Jose Postmaster.

Jones took his official oath as San Jose Postmaster in the rotunda at San Jose City Hall on Friday, Oct. 28. Vice President Pacific Area Operations Dean Granholm administered the official oath of office.

Jones now manages 1,075 employees who process and deliver a mail volume of more than 1.5 million pieces daily. The annual revenue for the San Jose Post Office is more than \$140 million.

As Postmaster, Jones is responsible for all delivery and retail operations of 19 post office branches with 638 city and rural routes, 27,310 PO Boxes, and more than 391,000 delivery stops (business and residential addresses).

Jones began his postal career in 1994 as a casual clerk and carrier in Los Banos, CA, and was promoted to his first management position in Morgan Hill in 2000. He progressed through the management ranks, holding several positions of increasing responsibility, including the senior plant manager in Salinas, senior manager of distribution operations at the San Jose Processing & Distribution Center, manager of customer service in post offices at Scotts Valley, East Santa Cruz and the Sanchez Annex, Santa Clara.

"Becoming the Postmaster of the City of San Jose is a life-long dream," said Jones. "The Post Office from its very beginning is woven into the fabric of what connects all Americans. We serve as the common bond to all Americans, as the carrier of news and knowledge and an instrument of trade and industry. My goal is to continue in that proud tradition."

City of San Jose Housing Dept. soliciting applicants for Deputy Director of Housing

The City of San Jose Housing Department is seeking an energetic housing professional to fill the Deputy Director of Housing position. Under administrative direction of the Director of Housing, the Deputy Director has a wide array of responsibilities. For more information on the position and for qualities & credentials/experience the Department of Housing is seeking, please visit www.bobmurrayassoc.com. Interested candidates should submit an application by Dec. 2, 2016 for consideration. The City of San José is committed to recruiting from a diverse pool of qualified candidates.

New Seasons Market's Smart Giving Program for food bank underway

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Silicon Valley luxury home sales rebound says Coldwell Banker

Silicon Valley's luxury housing market rebounded in September with sales increasing from both a year ago and the previous month, according to a report issued by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Some economists predicted a slowdown in homes sales, but that was not the case. A total of 125 luxury properties, valued at more than \$2 million, changed hands in September, up 9.6 percent from the 114 sales in September 2015.

Last month's increase was the first year-over-year rise in sales in the past four months. September's sales total also outpaced August by 11.6 percent.

The upper end of the luxury market was mixed last month with 40 sales over \$3 million, down from 46 a year ago, but 19 sales over \$4 million, up from 17 last September.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury property in September fell 7.8 percent from the same month last year to \$2,580,688. However, last month's median sale price was up from August, when it stood at \$2,475,000.

"Ever so slowly, we're starting to see a few more listings come on the market and that's resulting in improving sales of luxury homes in Silicon Valley," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

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Retyred: Stylish furniture made from recycled tires

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Comfortable, stylish furniture made from tires might sound surprising, but Retyred has made it a reality, and thanks to their partnership with Skip Lightfoot of Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers, it's close at hand for Almaden residents.

A few months ago, Lightfoot came upon the furniture at a car show in Essen, Germany. "I walked by the Retyred booth, sat down in one of their chairs, and that's all it took," he says. "They drew me in." After speaking with company founders Monica Corser and Bernhard Kudernatsch, and Brand and Sales Manager Hubert Nagele, they all knew they wanted to go into business together.

After some texts and phone calls, Lightfoot talked them into coming to California to display their products at the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival, but their plan was almost derailed at customs.

"We didn't think we'd have it in time for the festival," says Lightfoot. As the furniture was imported from Indonesia to Germany and then America within a short time frame, it raised a red flag. "They asked all kinds of questions," says Lightfoot, "and made us unload the entire container—10 tons of furniture—for inspection. We literally had to talk customs into agreeing to release some of the pieces."

It's a good thing they did as it proved California to be a viable market. Their booth at the festival was inundated with interested customers. "It was the busiest booth there," says Lightfoot. "We had five staff working and we were all constantly busy." They ran out of business cards in two hours. "People loved it," he says, "young and old alike." They also liked the relationship of Skip's and recycling tires. "It's a great fit," he says.

Retyred has been exporting their products to Australia, New Zealand and Europe, and Lightfoot will be their distributor in America. "We're ready to conquer the world," says Kudernatsch.

The beauty of Retyred is their innovative solution of recycling old tires destined for landfills into attractive, useful home and garden furnishings. About one billion tires are discarded around the world every year, many ending up in landfills. "There are whole town-sized areas filled with



Comfortable furniture made from tires has been made a reality by Retyred.



Brand and Sales Manager Hubert Nagele, company founders Monica Corser and Bernhard Kudernatsch, and Skip Lightfoot of Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers enjoy meeting the public at the recent Almaden Art and Wine Festival.

used tire places you can see from space with streets of tires," says Nagele. "A guy who picks up our tires just got a contract with the state of Oregon to clean up a pile of a million tires," adds Lightfoot.

"Sometimes tires are burned and sometimes they're shred for playgrounds," says Kudernatsch, "but even when they're recycled, it's a mechanical process that uses a lot of energy. Our tires are cut by hand with knives and handcrafted by Indonesian artisans and are probably the greenest recycling you can do with tires."

"It's fantastic," says Lightfoot. "They're not using gas or electricity, except for a screw gun to build it. It's really energy efficient."

"Tires offer us great service during their working lifetime. It's wonderful to be able to give them new life with practical purpose," says Corser, "and it's satisfying saving what we can from landfills. As well as being eye-catching, our furniture is as green as black can get."

The original inspiration for their furniture came from a rustic armchair Corser and Kudernatsch saw while

vacationing in Bali early in their relationship as a couple. "We thought the idea of making furniture out of tires was brilliant," says Kudernatsch with a grin. "It was a good way to test our relationship." Kudernatsch and Nagele were old friends before going into business together, having met at an event about 12 years ago in Vienna when Kudernatsch was part of kite surf road company and Nagele worked with a communications agency.

Since 2012, Retyred has constantly worked to improve the artistry and quality of their designs, expanding their line to include tables, stools, trunks, baskets, mirrors and more. "People have said it's the best recycling they've seen in a long time," says Corser, who brings her clothing design sensibilities to their products. "It's upcycling."

In addition to being comfortable, the furniture is extremely durable. "It takes 30,000 years for a tire to decompose," says Corser. "There's no doubt our tables and chairs will last a few lifetimes."

It hasn't all been a bed of roses though. "The creative bit has been

great," says Corser. "But it was a long journey to get it to where it is now. There was so much to do. It's still an ongoing project."

Kudernatsch agrees. "It's been hard," he says. "We didn't see it initially as a business, but followed our heart. We went step-by-step and had a lot of learning to do. It's difficult selling and producing and getting that balance right. If you don't sell, you don't have money to produce again, so that's a challenge. But for five years, every event we've gone to, people love our product. That's the reward of it."

"In Australia, people told us that they had bought our chair three or four years ago, and still really love it," says Corser. "With each show, about 95 percent of our contact with people has been positive," says Kudernatsch, "and that's really great."

A woman who saw their print ad in Austria sent them an email saying that although she can't afford their pieces right now, she loves their products and wishes them all the best luck and hopes they become rich. An 87-year-old man attending the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival was amazed by Retyred's table and chairs. "Wow," he said, "That I'm able to see something like this at my age... This great idea..."

"The chairs are so comfortable it's unbelievable," says Lightfoot. Their stuff is so good and people like it so much that they were invited to have their furniture at the Essen show in Germany. They're also hoping to attend the Sema car show in Las Vegas. Locally, Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers will feature Retyred furniture in their waiting rooms and/or showrooms.

Looking ahead, in addition to realizing all of their design concepts, Retyred would like to change the way people think about tires. "If we can have this furniture on everyone's patio," says Lightfoot, "just think about how many tires we could save from being burned or buried. It would be great."

Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers carry Timberland tires, partially because Lightfoot appreciates that they recycle parts of used tires to make boots. "Retyred goes three steps further," he says. "They're using almost 100 percent of truck, motorcycle and car tires, including the steel beads. It's far and away one of the best ways to recycle tires anyone's ever come up with."

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MOVIE REVIEW

Hacksaw Ridge a gripping wartime tribute

By Steven Leonard
Times Media Reviewer

"Hacksaw Ridge," is not a story about a pacifist against war. It's about a man who makes a promise to God and will not allow anyone to force him to break his promise.

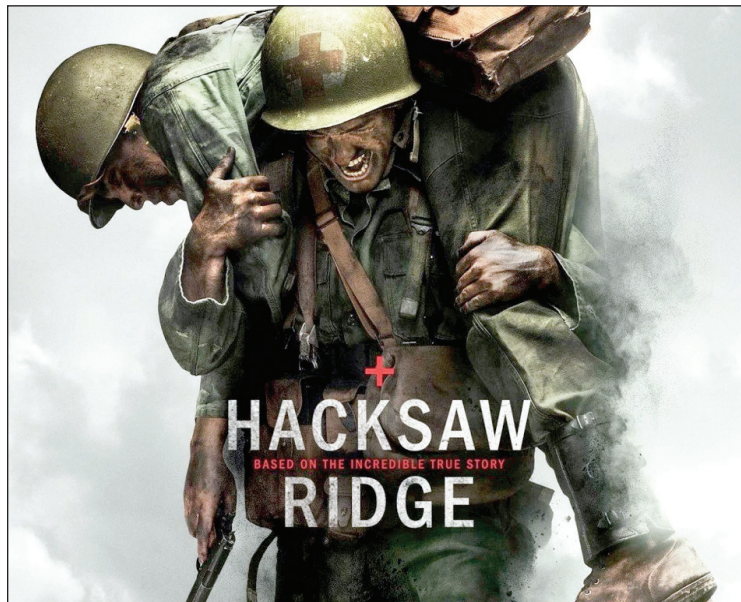
It's a gripping wartime tribute to faith, valor, and the courage of remaining true to one's convictions. Hacksaw Ridge is the extraordinary true story of Desmond Doss (Andrew Garfield) who, in Okinawa during the bloodiest battle of WWII, saved 75 men without firing or carrying a gun.

He was the only American soldier in WWII to fight on the front lines without a weapon. As an army medic, he single-handedly evacuated the wounded from behind enemy

lines; braving fire while tending soldiers and was wounded by a grenade and hit by snipers. Doss was the first "Conscientious Protector" to ever earn the Congressional Medal of Honor.

When he was a boy he almost killed his brother by smashing his head with a brick during one of their fights. When he was older his father threatened his mother with a gun during a drunken bout. He took the gun away from his father; and he would have shot his dad had he not broken down in tears.

In the movie, he related to another soldier that he killed his father in his heart. At that point in time he made a promise to God that he would never touch a gun again. Doss was never against the war.



When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he told his superiors that his heart burned with fire. It's the story of a man who won the Medal of Honor by keeping his promise to God while at the same time serving his country in a war against the Japanese. Doss has no problem with blood-lust or killing Japanese. He never condemns his soldiers for killing Japanese. He just wanted to serve and keep his promise at the same time about not touching a gun.

When Captain Glover played by Sam Worthington (Terminator Salvation) first encountered Private Doss during basic training he thought Private Doss was a coward. After going into combat with Private Doss, Captain Glover changed his opinion of Doss and proclaimed him to be the bravest man alive. If it wasn't for his promise to God about not touching a gun, Private Doss would have been Audie Murphy in battle and would have slaughtered hundreds of Japanese by himself. He was fearless in battle. It got to the point that his men would not step foot into battle with the enemy unless Doss was leading the charge.

The most spectacular part of the film itself was when it was revealed about just how many lives Doss saves. I thought to myself about a possible Saturday Night Live parody. What if by accident because it was dark during the battle that Doss carries out Japanese by mistake to safety instead of his American soldiers? Oops! Anyway, right when I thought that to myself an American soldier shouts, "Not only did he save countless American soldiers, but he also carried out two wounded Japanese soldiers off the battlefield."

Private Doss remembered that Christ not only taught that we should love our neighbors as ourselves, but that we should also remember to love our enemies. Doss wasn't against killing our enemies, but he did remember to have compassion on another human being regardless of their race during battle. Private Doss looked into the eyes of his enemies and saw young Japanese boys that were just following orders. These Japanese boys were wounded and afraid just like the American soldiers wounded and afraid.

It's a blunt-force, but highly effective treatise on the horrors of war as well as those who rise above the brutality to maintain as much humanity as one can on a battlefield.

"Hacksaw Ridge" is the best emotional movie I have seen this year. Some will not be able to watch the film because of its intensity and war violence, but for those who can it is an amazing emotional story of faith, courage, love and patriotism.

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A certification of your living trust may be necessary sometimes

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:

Several years ago, my husband and I put our house into our living trust, as advised by our attorney at the time. Now, we are in the process of selling it and our real estate agent said that the title company may need to see a Certification of Trust to verify that the trust exists. Isn't this a waste of time and pure harassment? It sure seems like it to us.

Becky B.
San Jose

Dear Becky,

I hear what you are saying, Becky, that it seems like pure harassment to require you to produce a Certification of Trust since your house is already in your trust, but it makes sense and here is why.

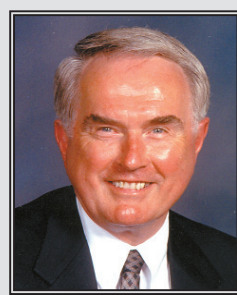
By the way, and before I answer your question, let me say that your attorney was wise in advising the living trust for you and your husband. That is the best way to go in this day and age to avoid probate court just in case something happened to the two of you and often just in case something happened to just one of you.

You and husband must have signed a Trust Transfer Deed when you placed your residence into your Living Trust, and then you must have had that deed recorded. That is the normal way for a property to become trust property, and the title company at this time can verify that fact. All they need to do is to consult the county Recorder Office

records in the county where you live, in this case, Santa Clara County.

However, a case or two might exist where the Trust Transfer Deed was recorded when in fact no living trust existed at the time. It is for that reason why the title company and/or your real estate agent is asking for a Certification of Trust at this time, just to be sure that the trust existed then and exists now, that the trustees have the proper authority to do their job, and that related clauses are in existence for everyone's protection.

In our office, we customarily work up a Certification of Trust as part of our package of documents we prepare for each Living Trust client. The Certification of Trust is typically



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six or seven pages long and it usually covers several different topics, such as confirmation that the trust was created, that the trust is typically revocable, identity of the Trustees, and related provisions related to Trustee powers and the like.

"Related provisions" usually include a listing of the powers that the Trustees have, such as the power to accept property, the power to retain or reject property, the power to invest and reinvest trust property, and in your case, the power to purchase and sell trust property, such as your home.

In your case, since you said that you are in the process of selling your home that is in the trust, it is very important that you and your husband,

as Trustees of the Trust, have legal authority to sell the house. If you did not, many people and institutions could be harmed (i.e. "damaged") by that lack of authority.

Other provisions of a Certification of Trust often include the power to borrow money and encumber trust property, to make loans, to purchase liability insurance, and to pay and allocate trust expenses. You often see provisions that allow the Trustees to hire and employ persons, to execute and deliver legal instruments, and many other provisions as well.

If your attorney prepared a Certification of Living Trust when your documents were signed, fine. If not, chances are that the title company that is handling the closing of the sale will have a standard form that they will provide to you. It has been my experience that title companies often provide a Certification of Trust form at little or no expense to the parties.

I hope that this satisfactorily addresses your concerns, Becky. And I hope everything goes smoothly in the sale of your residence.

Donald J. DeVries
San Jose

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Oakmont of San Jose holds grand opening Oct. 27

It was a grand affair indeed at the new Thornton Way location for Oakmont of San Jose. Guests were given tours of the facility and feted to various locales around the globe via each floor representing a passport stop of international dining as they viewed the truly luxurious amenities for just 72 residents. Photo by Brigitte Jones

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 www.AlmadenCongregational.org
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 2nd Sunday in Worship: Folk Choir
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 4th Sundays in Worship: Blessing of Birthdays/Anniversaries/other "joy"

Occasions
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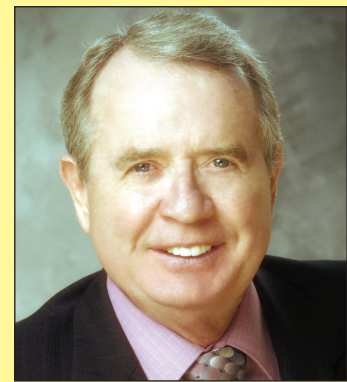
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The Episcopal Church in Almaden 6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector Phone: 408-268-0243 Web: www.eca-sj.org
At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:30AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

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Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com
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Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

THE POINT CHURCH
www.ThePoint.Church
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For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchsthanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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Experience our Lord Jesus Christ in the beauty and magnificence of Holy Week & Easter after the manner of the earliest Christians. All are welcome to our warm, multicultural Church community, where services are done primarily in English. What happens when you reunite created matter to its Creator? Come and see! Holy Week Services preparing for Eastern Orthodox Easter on May 1:
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7 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction (anointing of oil for healing of body and soul)
Thursday 4/28 7 a.m. Morning Vespers
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
7 p.m. Nailing of Christ to the Cross - Reading of the 12 Gospels
Friday April 29
7 a.m. Royal Hours
3:30 p.m. Descent from the Cross
7 p.m. Lamentation Service
With candlelit funeral procession around

church
Saturday April 30 8:30 a.m. St. Basil morning Vespers
Divine Liturgy
11p.m. Candlelight Resurrection Service - "Come receive the light!"
Midnight-Sunday Pascha/Easter Service - Divine Liturgy
Sunday May 1 Easter Sunday
11 a.m. Agape Vespers - Christ's Good News in many languages
1-5 p.m. Pascha/Easter picnic at Almaden Lake Park Cinnabar 1, 6099 Winfield Bl., San Jose 95120

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com
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We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star - Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offer-

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St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)
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For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!


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Preparing for a flood safe winter season

By John Varela
Santa Clara Valley Water District

The signs of seasonal change are upon us: trees shedding colorful leaves, dewy mornings and chilly evening gusts. With the arrival of fall we will soon welcome chances of rain. Our region's rainy season can begin as early as October.

While climatologists do not predict a weather phenomenon like an El Niño this year, any time it can rain, it can flood. It is to our benefit to invest time and efforts toward being flood safe.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers you a few tips to prepare your family and home for flooding:

Prepare an emergency kit for your home and your car with non-perishable food, water, medical subscriptions, copies of important documents and supplies such as a flashlight, batteries and tools. Keep a full tank of gas in your car so you don't get stranded during a flood. An emergency kit is essential for any kind of disaster, including earthquakes.

Check your rain gutters and drainage system and remove any debris clogging them. Check your property for cracks in foundation, exterior walls and small openings around pipes; be sure to seal them.

Learn how to turn off utilities in your home, such as gas, electricity and water. Keep a wrench handy near the

shut-off valves to assist you.

Keep a stockpile of emergency building materials on hand, like plywood, plastic sheeting and sandbags. Sandbags are available at any of the water district distribution sites. For more information visit: www.valleywater.org/sandbags

Know your flood hazard. Be familiar with neighborhood streams and learn the best route to higher ground, if necessary. Never walk or drive in flood water. Six inches of moving water can you make you fall and as little as one foot of water will cause many vehicles to float.

Purchase flood insurance. Even if it's not required by your mortgage lender, flood insurance is a good way to protect your property and belongings. Be aware there's a 30-day waiting period before your policy goes into effect.

As the flood protection agency for the county, the water district fights floods year round. During the summer months, district crews repair banks and remove accumulated sediment and clean up vegetation in creeks throughout the county to help our waterways carry floodwaters safely. Year round, the water district works on long-term flood protection projects to protect thousands of homes and businesses in the county. In November, our award winning flood awareness campaign kicks-off flood safety messaging

through the rainy season with the help of Charles Chicken Little, our flood spokesperson.

In the last few decades, the water district has invested approximately \$900 million in flood protection programs and protected almost 100,000 properties. There are an additional 18 flood protection projects underway, like the Lower Berryessa Flood Protection Project which when completed will protect more than 3,400 properties.

The water district's flood prevention and flood awareness outreach efforts also contribute to flood insurance savings by as much as 10 percent. FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program evaluates the flood protection efforts communities make and provides a rating. In our area, participating communities earn points based on their own flood risk reduction efforts, and those points are combined with the points the water district has earned, resulting in insurance premium discounts of 10 or 15 percent.

To report blockages in our creeks during a storm, such as trash or a downed tree, call the flood hotline at (408) 630-2650 or report it online at www.valleywater.org, by clicking the Access Valley Water button.

For further information, contact John Varela, at jvarela@valleywater.org.

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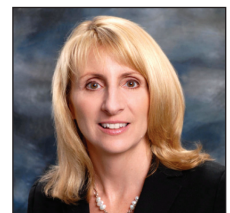
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