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Boulder Ridge hillside to remain open space

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

A controversial housing development planned on a hillside along Winfield Blvd. by Boulder Ridge and Almaden Lake Park has been put on hold, perhaps indefinitely.

Developer Bill Myers proposed dedicating 19 of a 20-acre parcel owned by Valley Christian Schools as public open space, along with an improved trail, in exchange for having one acre rezoned as residential.

On Dec. 5, the applicant withdrew the application to change the General Plan Designation from 'Parks, Open Space and Habitat' to 'Residential Neighborhood' follow-



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ing the Planning Commission's recommendation that the project be denied and Councilmember Johnny Khamis' accord.

"This site is not within a designated growth area such as an urban village," says planner Justin Daniels. "The proposed General Plan amendment is also inconsistent with policies related to infill development and rural and hillside development."

Khamis says he is willing to abide by that decision as Valley Christian asserted that the remainder of the land would become open space in a previous development plan.

"The application proposal I was representing for Bill Myers for the option on the property wasn't acceptable to some members of the community and Councilmember Johnny Khamis was uncomfortable with it," says land use consultant Jerry Strangis. "He came to the conclusion that it would be better in the short term to pursue the opportunity with the Open Space Authority because they own the property adjacent to it and will try to acquire it. We thought it was better for us to walk away and allow them the opportunity to do that."

If Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority is able to reach an agreement with Valley Christian Schools to purchase the property, all 20 acres will become publically accessible open space. However, their mandate doesn't

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It's Christmastime in the Valley

Bloomster's Floral Arts (located at Old Almaden Plaza) has halls that have been decked to the max for the season (above), while Almaden Valley residents also have been getting festive with lawn and home decorations. **See more photos, page 21.**

San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce focuses on economic growth

By **Lorraine Gabbert**
Senior Staff Writer

Business and economic growth are the cornerstones of the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce and were the focus of their recent presentation to the Almaden Valley Community Association.

A multi-faceted organization, the Chamber not only offers membership events and networking, but also has its own foundation, Strive San Jose, and an economic development advocacy organization, Silicon Valley Idea. The Chamber represents 1,400 businesses in Silicon Valley, 800 of which are



Above left: Director of Public Policy, **Victor Gomez**, leads the SJ SV Chamber's PAC, which is focused on business and economic growth. Above right: Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** is helping to bring new businesses to San Jose. *Photos by Lorraine Gabbert*



small businesses. Larger businesses include Apple and Samsung. In addition, under Silicon Valley Coalition, the Chamber acts as an umbrella organization for 20 smaller chambers ranging from Palo Alto to Milpitas and Gilroy.

Through their political action committee, the Chamber plays a significant role in electing the city's mayor and councilmembers, spending \$1 million each election cycle. "We want to make sure business interests are represented at City Hall," says Victor Gomez, Director of Public Policy. "We want to create jobs in Silicon Valley and get the right people in office."

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YMCA of Silicon Valley honors Burdett with Distinguished Service Award

Jocelle Burdett (anove, right) is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award 2016 for the South Valley Family YMCA at the annual Red Triangle Dinner held last month at the Crowne Plaza Palo Alto.

Awards for the evening were presented by Santa Clara County Supervisor Joe Simitian, YMCA of Silicon Valley Chairman of the Board David Kennedy, and YMCA of Silicon Valley President and CEO Sandy Berlin Walker.

The recipients of the Y's annual awards go above and beyond in their efforts to serve the public and make a true difference in the lives of others. More than 7,600 individuals volunteer each year providing leadership and talent that are vital to empowering people and communities to learn, grow and thrive.

For the last three years, Burdett has volunteered as a team leader for the South Valley

Family YMCA Annual Campaign. "Her contagious enthusiasm has motivated her campaign team to raise \$45,000 in 28 days for critical community programs," said Walker. "Tireless in her efforts to build a strong campaign and motivate volunteers to strive for success, Burdett's thoughtful leadership makes a difference in our community."

YMCA of Silicon Valley is a 501(c)(3) non-profit focused on strengthening community through youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. Across Santa Clara and San Mateo counties, YMCA of Silicon Valley serves approximately 240,000 members and participants – regardless of age, income or background – by nurturing the potential of children and teens, improving health and well-being, and providing opportunities to give back and support our neighbors.

FROM THE PUBLISHERS

Thanks, Don!

As you may have already read in this edition of the Almaden Times, Don DeVries has announced his retirement from his law practice and also his column that has appeared in this newspaper for more than 30 years.

Writing a column twice a month can be challenging, but not to Don. His enthusiasm in providing Almaden residents with various topics on legal issues has never waned.

Having his column and his photo published more than 17,000 times made Don a celebrity. He told me several years ago that it was difficult shopping in Almaden since he was immediately recognized. The questions would come and Don would graciously provide an answer, knowing he would most likely be getting home late. "Now I know what it's like to be a movie star," he said.

In addition to writing the longest running column, Don was the newspaper's first advertiser and holds the Almaden Times' record in running an ad in every issue of the newspaper since our inaugural issue in August, 1986. His son Dan designed the ad and also designed ads for the Almaden Times for more than three years. Dan's law practice is located in San Juan Bautista.

After 46 years of law practice and his dedication to providing the most up-to-date legal information to our readers, we salute Don DeVries and wish him well in his retirement on December 31. Maybe Don will consider doing a column about retirement!

William and Sandy Bellou

Mailbox



Excellent journalism and publishing lauded

Editor,

I commend Lorraine Gabbert for her superb reporting on the Winfield Boulevard Boulders Ridge residential development proposal in the December 2nd issue of the Almaden Times.

I was very impressed with her thorough research and comprehensive coverage on a development proposal having complex community tradeoffs: owner property rights, open space

preservation, public trail creation and potential adverse environmental impacts. Lorraine identified the major issues, diverse viewpoints and covered them in a balanced manner within the article. It is an example of excellent journalism not often seen today in daily, let alone weekly newspapers.

The publisher of the Almaden Times, William Bellou, needs to be also lauded for his decision to feature the article and allocate the costly needed print space in this newsprint

business unfriendly internet era.

Jim Kuhl

Popular vote?

Editor,

There are 3,141 counties in the United States, Trump won 3,084 of them, and Clinton won 57.

There are 62 counties in New York State. Trump won 46 of them. Clinton won 16.

Clinton won the popular vote by approx. 1.5 million votes in the five counties that encompass NYC, (Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, Richmond, and Queens) Clinton received well over 2 million more votes than Trump. Therefore, these five counties alone accounted for

Clinton winning the popular vote of the entire country.

The five counties that Clinton won in NYC are comprised of 319 square miles, compared to 3,797,000 square miles in the U.S.

When you have a country that encompasses almost 4 million square miles of territory, it would be ludicrous to even suggest that the vote of those who inhabit a mere 319 square miles should dictate the outcome of a national election. Large, densely populated Democratic leaning cities (NYC, Chicago, LA, etc.) do not and should not speak for the rest of our country.

Gene Hopkins
Almaden Valley

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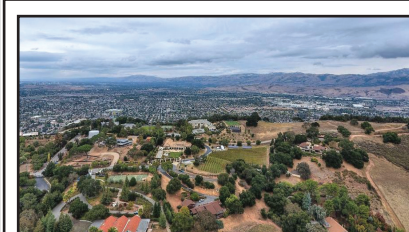
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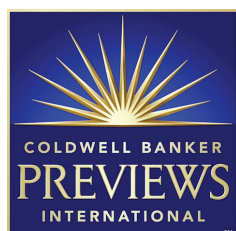
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For more information contact: Heather Rodrigues
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The Simonds Elementary School choir performs for the Almaden Senior Association. Below: the local NCL chapter.

Almaden Holiday Brunch brings good cheer

The Almaden Community Center Senior Association held its Holiday Brunch on Dec. 3 for 140 guests.

A menu of fruit parfait, frittata, potatoes, ham and pastry along with mimosas was prepared by our kitchen team. Entertainment was by the Lyric Victorian Carolers as well as a moving performance by the Simonds Elementary School choir.

Almaden/Blossom Charity League benefits 'Animal Assisted Happiness' with building project, funding

The Almaden/Blossom Valley Chapter of National Charity League (NCL) has a lot to be proud of, as its Class of 2017 begins its senior project.

Animal Assisted Happiness (AAH) is the recipient of a successful fundraising event put on by this energetic group of 22 young women.

In addition to raising funds, the senior project will also benefit AAH with a bunny hutch sanctuary the Class of 2017 are assembling and painting at AAH's new facility.

The non-profit Animal Assisted Happiness (AAH) mission is to enrich the lives of children and their fam-



ilies experiencing special needs, health or family challenges in providing friendly barnyard animals to bring moments of happiness and smiles into their lives.

Seven different high schools in San Jose are represented in this NCL Class that has spent the last five and half years working together to develop their leadership skills, giving back to the community and learning through diverse cultural experiences.

The Class of 2017 is now in the home stretch of their six year commitment that will culminate in a special celebration on March 18, 2017.

To learn more about this mother-daughter philanthropic organization, go to almadenblossomvalley.nationalcharityleague.org.

To learn more about Animal Assisted Happiness, go to animalassistedhappiness.org.



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To apply: <http://www.redcross.org/local/california/northern-california-coastal/volunteer#step1> and select **Blood Services**, then **NCPW Biomedical Services: Transportation Specialist**. Thank you!



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- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 Fuji apple or other sweet-tart apple
- 1 red onion
- 1/4 red onion
- 3 tablespoons seasoned rice vinegar
- 2 tablespoons canola oil or other neutral-flavored oil
- 12 cups mixed greens (about 6 ounces)

Preheat oven to 425 F.

Season tenderloin on all sides with 1 1/2 teaspoons five-spice powder, salt and pepper. Place tenderloin in shallow pan and roast about 20 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches between 145 degrees F (medium-rare) and 160 F (medium).

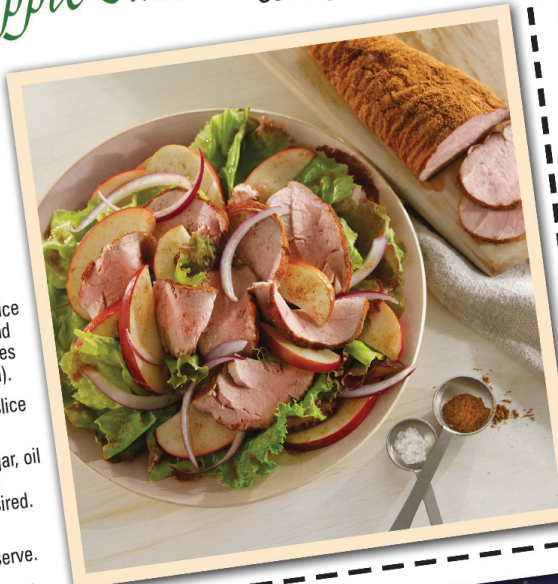
While pork is cooking, core and thinly slice apple. Thinly slice onion.

While pork is resting, in large bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil and remaining five-spice powder. Add greens, apple and onion; toss. Season with salt and pepper, to taste, if desired. Arrange salad on plates or platter.

Cut pork into thin slices. Arrange on top of salads and serve.

#13576 Source: National Pork Board

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Servings: 4



Wishing you the best as we look forward to a wonderful 2017!
-Jackie



Jackie Jones

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Times **Feature**

Graffiti and dumping cause concern

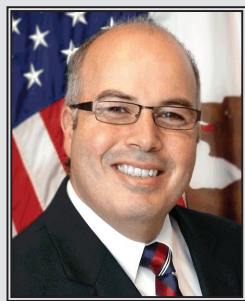
By Councilmember
Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times

Over the past couple of months I have heard from many of you who have noticed a recent spike in graffiti and illegal dumping along our highways.

These highways are the responsibility of the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans). After expressing our dissatisfaction with CalTrans' turnaround times, Senator Jim Beall made us aware that some of the CalTrans delay was due to them being in negotiations with the graffiti abatement contractor for the San Jose area. They were scheduled to begin their work on November 16, 2016. Mayor Sam Liccardo's staff has also asked CalTrans to make the junction of Highways 85 & 87 one of their first priorities.

People should continue to report graffiti to CalTrans via the online maintenance service request (MSR) form on the CalTrans website.



District 10 Report

Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

Senator Jim Beall feels as passionately as I do about transportation and keeping our highways clean. As a result, he recently authored a letter to California Department of Transportation Director Malcolm Dougherty expressing his dissatisfaction with the state of our highways within the Northern California region. A few weeks after, Director Dougherty sent his response.

Senator Jim Beall and his staff for working closely with our local government and being very responsive.

We still have much work to do and need the residents to be our eyes and ears in the community. I encourage all of you to help keep CalTrans accountable by submitting MSR forms online through the CalTrans website: dot.ca.gov/hq/maint/msrsubmit and by following up with Senator Beall's office, which can be found at sd15.senate.ca.gov/contact-us when graffiti and illegal dumping MSRs are not addressed in a timely fashion.

'Little Free Library' in Almaden now open to the public by enterprising children

Almaden Valley recently got its newest "Little Free Library" added to the community by neighbors Benjamin Broccoli, 9, and Elisabeth Aidlberg, 10.

A grand opening event on Silverado Drive near Camelia Drive to introduce their book repository was well received.

The library was the perfect backdrop for Benjamin and Elisabeth to explain to all who gathered how the Little Free Library concept works. "Take a book, leave a book is what a Little Free Library is all about", Benjamin said to the eager onlookers. "It's free to all and we hope everyone will share lots of books with each other," added Elisabeth.

With help from their parents, Benjamin and Elisabeth built the dollhouse-sized structure and chose very eye catching paint colors to help attract attention. Their enthusiasm grew each day as the grand opening drew near.

"I was so excited from the begin-



Elisabeth Aidlberg, 10, and Benjamin Broccoli, 9, celebrate the ribbon cutting for their new "Little Free Library."

ning to share it with everyone," exclaimed Elisabeth. Benjamin remarked, "Seeing neighbors every day makes me happy."

Originally scheduled from 11 a.m. -1 p.m., the grand opening

lasted until 5pm as neighbors from all around dropped off books and introduced themselves to each other while snacking on free cookies and lemonade. All who gathered quickly realized the new library isn't just a place to swap books, but rather, it helps foster a stronger sense of community.

Elisabeth's mom, Becky, noted "I love how it's brought together people of all ages over a bond for the love of reading." Neighbor Jenny Hoyt added "It's not just about books, today I'm meeting so many wonderful people as we're creating a great spot to see each other and stay connected."

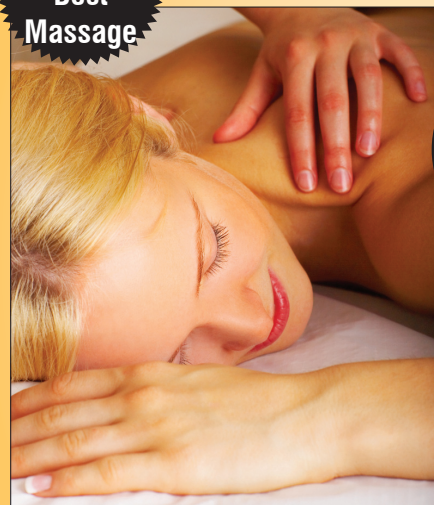
Be sure to visit Benjamin and Elisabeth's library. "Little Free Libraries" have popped up everywhere and the organization recently announced there are now 50,000 of them worldwide. For more information, including how to build one, check out their website littlefreelibrary.org.

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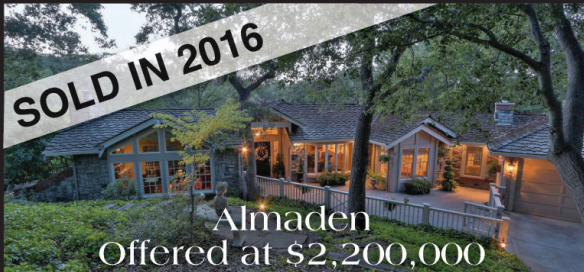
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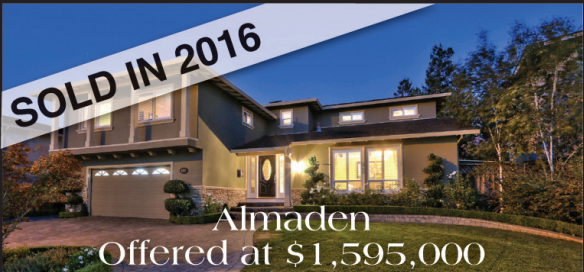
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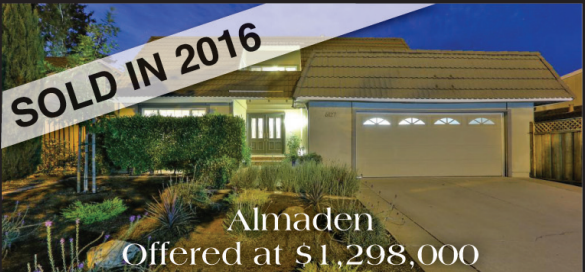
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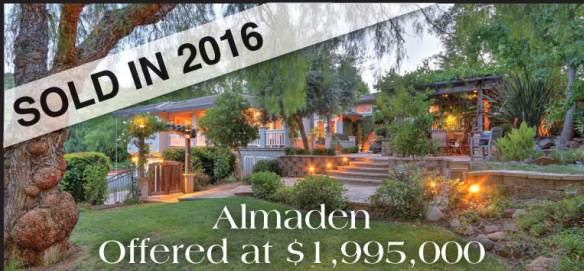
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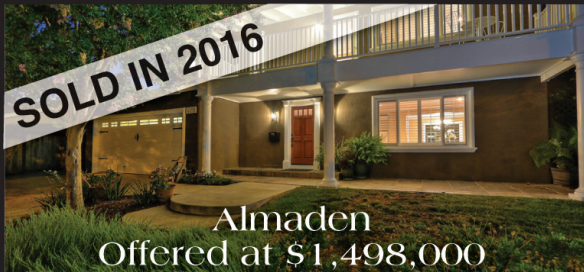
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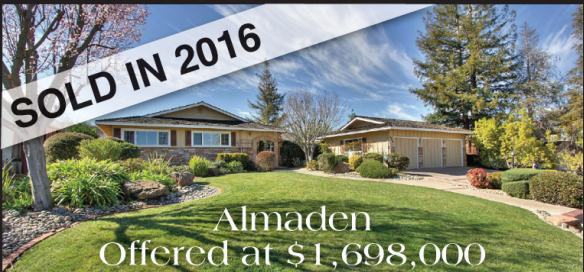
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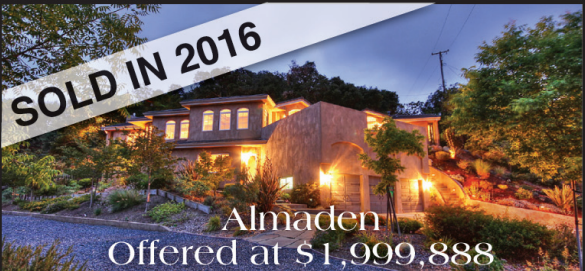
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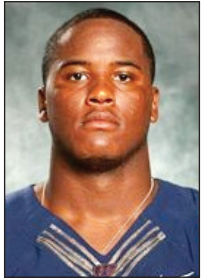
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Times Local Sports

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Dmarte Arafiles (inset), resident of Almaden Valley, contributes to the success of the 2016 Wheaton College Thunder football team. Arafiles is a Business/Economic major.



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01/11/17	Wednesday	Santa Teresa	Leland	7:00 PM
01/13/17	Friday	Sobrato	Sobrato	7:00 PM
01/18/17	Wednesday	Live Oak	Live Oak	7:00 PM
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01/26/17	Thursday	Gunderson	Gunderson	7:00 PM
02/01/17	Wednesday	Oak Grove	Oak Grove	7:00 PM
02/03/17	Friday	Santa Teresa	Santa Teresa	7:00 PM
02/08/17	Wednesday	Sobrato	Leland	7:00 PM
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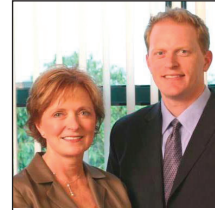
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Times **Feature**

Almaden Times columnist retires after 30 years on the job

By **Donald J. DeVries***Special to the Times*

Sadly, it is time for me to say goodbye to you, my loyal readers of this column for all these years. It was in August, 1986, when the column first appeared, 30 years and 4 months ago.

The concept was for me, a lawyer with an active law practice, to write a column twice per month that would appear in this community newspaper. The focus would be on legal issues that concerned Almaden Valley residents and the surrounding communities. When one does the math, that results in approximately 728 columns of various topics dealing with legal issues.

If I recall correctly, it was in approximately 1990 when the Internet came along, that significantly changed many of our lives, including the writing and distribution of this column.

It was always surprising as to how quickly the deadlines would come up. Amazing, in fact. It seemed like my writing deadline twice per month was really every other day. Just like my parents used to say, the time goes faster as you get older.

I need to say thank you to all of you for your loyal support. It is indeed gratifying to hear your positive comments about the articles in general and often certain ones in particular.

And time and time again, new clients would come to this office and write "Almaden Times" on the line of our new client form as to how they were referred to this office. That comment in and of itself made all of the work worthwhile.

I found it very, very interesting to write

these articles over the years. It was such a nice change of pace from courtroom work, trial preparation, and related tasks, while still staying within the legal field.

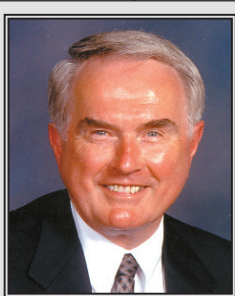
I have a hunch that I will miss this work a lot after the target retirement date arrives on December 31, 2016. On that date also, this column will be turned over to my successor, Steven Robert Roeser, "Steve" Roeser for short. He will be taking over my law practice as well.

Steve is a full-fledged Attorney at Law who was admitted to the State Bar of California in 2003. He graduated from UC Santa Barbara with his undergraduate degree and then attended the University of Santa Clara School of Law where he obtained his JD degree. Our Alma-den

Times readers may recall that Santa Clara is my alma mater as well, a great law school!

Steve also is a member of several sections of the State Bar, including Business Law, Trusts and Estates, and Real Property Law. I have a lot of peace of mind knowing that my readers of this column and clients of mine over the years will be in the best of hands.

Hopefully, in the days ahead Steve will be in touch with all of you through this column in the Almaden Times. I have a hunch also that you will learn directly more about him and his work. I will pass along my telephone number to him, 408-268-9500. He will continue the Almaden Valley Lawyers practice and website, www.almadenvalleylawyers.com, as well. His email address is: steve@roeser-law.net. Maybe I can talk him into my



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serving as a guest columnist from time to time, just to stay in touch with you a little bit.

After I turn over everything to Steve, I will be drifting into the sunset and take life easy, working at home on a few deferred projects and my honey-do list. A new tenant will be taking over my office space.

I have had the privilege of having my own office at 6475 Camden Avenue, Suite 200, for these same 30 years. My office had been at Vallco Park Financial Center in Cupertino with two other lawyers near a small start-up company called "Apple", but then I saw a large sign go up in a big weed patch here on Camden Avenue that said "NEW OFFICES COMING SOON".

Since our home had been just a mile away since 1970 when I started my law practice, and since I was rather tired of the long commute that was getting worse each day, I jumped at the chance for a new office close to home. I tracked down the real estate agent, signed a lease within two days for an office in this building yet to be built, and became the first tenant in these two buildings when they were completed.

At about the same time, the opportunity was presented to write this column and I jumped at that as well. What a ride it has been. Incredible, to say the least.

Along the way, my wife, Ruth, has retired from her work of 35 years of teaching first graders and serving as a mentor to other teachers, our older son has become an attorney in San Juan Bautista, and our second son has become a high school teacher in Santa Barbara. (When you have time, with the help of the Internet, check out his favorite project, "Kids Helping Kids" that earned him Teacher of the Year honors in Santa Barbara.)

Along the way also during 46 years of law practice, I have been very fortunate to have excellent staff support for our legal work. It is very safe to say that I could not have done this work without them.

You can see why we believe at our house that we have so much for which to be thankful.

Best wishes to you and yours in the days ahead.

Donald J. DeVries
Almaden Valley

'Reaching Out' to distribute food to needy families

The Reaching Out Food Center at the Cathedral of Faith will hold their annual 'Celebration of Love' Thursday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. until noon.

"This year, we've seen a greater demand in our services," said Jim Gallagher, Reaching Out's director. "More than 2,500 grocery carts full of food will be distributed that day," he said.

During the month of December, it is expected that more than 5,000 grocery carts full of food will be distributed. The carts will include turkeys, fresh produce, vegetables, milk, bread, and pastries, to needy families. The retail value of the distributed food is more than \$1,000,000.

The mostly-volunteer organization, which operates out of a debt-free, 16,000 square foot distribution center on the Cathedral of Faith campus, provides emergency food and basic life necessities for over 120,000 economically disadvantaged. Over 500 volunteers will be on hand at the event Dec. 22 to provide assistance to food recipients.

This year Reaching Out has also partnered with nine local public schools that see a need for food for their students' families. The non-profit organization will take the food to the schools, where parents pick it up when they pick up their children from school.

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Open space

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allow them to bid beyond the assessed value of the land.

"I'm relieved we're not going to lose any of this beautiful landscape to development," says Dave Poeschel of the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter. "City staff recognized that a project like this fails General Plan strategy. I thank Councilmember Khamis for honoring the previous agreement that designated this remaining property as open space when high-density housing was approved on a portion of the original parcel in the 1980s. I know this was a difficult decision since he and many of his constituents would like to see a public trail in these hills. While we share the goal of getting a trail eventually, our priority is preservation. When the natural environment is developed, it's gone forever."

"It's a question of what you want," says Strangis. "A property that is open space, but not available to the public with wild animals rooming free? If you want it to be available to the public, you have to acquire it and make improvements. It's an amazing property and has amazing views and environments. People would like it to be public open space, with a park trail connection, ideally throughout the 300-plus acres of property surrounding Boulder Ridge Golf Course. The Open Space Authority might be able to do it. When Measure Q passed, they made a commitment to the community that they'd put resources towards the hill. Do they have the resources and the ability to do it given the constraints they work under? That remains to be seen."

"Measure Q shows people's desire to maintain land in its natural state, to protect the environment, provide adequate space for wildlife and to ensure that San Jose remains a wonderful place to live," says Ann Hall,

President of Lakeview Terrace Homeowners Association.

"I hope Valley Christian School's Executive Leadership Team will now accept that no more development will be permitted on their property and will be willing to sell it to the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority," says Poeschel. "This would help Valley Christian students by giving a boost to the school's operating budget and allow a beautiful natural resource and recreational opportunity to be available to the entire community."

Strangis says he still strongly believes in the proposal of a public-private partnership. "In return for allowing the development of one acre, 19 were being dedicated to the community," he says, "with all the improvements."

Resident Jim Kuhl hopes that Jerry Strangis' proposal will become a template to convert private open space to public open space in the future. "The city should encourage submission of proposals regarding desirable large private open space parcels if the owner donates a significant portion of the land to the city or the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority," he says, "in return for having a small portion of the land use reclassified for development as a means to compensate the owner."

In these situations, Kuhl recommends that new developments adjoin existing developed urban areas and that the developer agrees to provide trails and other needed park infrastructure.

"In the Bay Area, the price of land will only increase over time due to scarcity and the impact of continued population growth," he says. "Acquisition of desirable open space for public ownership is rare, especially at no cost. The city and county must promote and seize these opportunities when they become available. Pursuing a template where at least 90 percent of land classified as open space is



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donated, combined with a properly conceived development proposal on the residual portion, could become a win-win for the landowner, the community and the environment."

However, others are concerned that private-public partnerships will make acquisition of open space unfeasible. "If we go along with

these types of projects, it will only encourage other property owners to hold out in hopes that they can also develop and increase the value of their property and raise the overall costs of the conservation effort," says Poeschel.

"I've definitely not given up," says Strangis. "This General Plan was

one first step in pursuing this idea. We still have the objective of getting a park trail up there and one way or another, I think it will happen. If Open Space Authority can't do it, maybe everyone will revisit our public-private proposal and maybe it will be done in a way that's acceptable this time."

A charity guide for holiday giving

It seems some "charities" are better than others... much better! Here's a surprising guide to help you determine the best use of your dollars during the holiday season and beyond.

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The Chamber also supports some tax measures, like the Measure B Transportation tax, as it was important to their members for their workforce. "The business community felt that the way the transportation tax was proposed and written under Carl Guardino's and VTA's leadership would be beneficial for Silicon Valley," says Gomez.

However, taxes like Measures E and G are concerns to the Chamber. "All of these things add up," says Gomez. "These are all obstacles and add to the cost of business." Under Measure "E," companies with 35 or more employees are required to offer part-time workers more hours before adding additional staff. "That really complicates things for business owners," says Gomez, "from frivolous law suits to loss of employer flexibility." Gomez sees the Measure G Business Tax as another burden for business, but an easier pill to swallow than the original initiative, which would have been a 1,000 percent increase to the business tax.

The Chamber is especially proud of their foundation, Strive San Jose, which partners with local businesses to provide high school students with professional development, financial training and job placement. "Our goal is to focus on students who need opportunities," says Career Pathways Liaison, Eddie Truong. "Two-thirds of our students come from low-income families."

Strive San Jose launched their six-week internship pilot program in the summer of 2016. With leadership from Mayor Sam Liccardo and the work2future Foundation, Strive San Jose was able to attain a grant from the Bank of America Foundation to subsidize 41 paid internships. In polling companies that hired the students, they found that about 95 percent were extremely satisfied with their high school interns and 68 percent had hired high school students for first time. "We encourage businesses to invest in their local communities so we can build a pipeline of talent so companies can grow," says Truong.

Their goal for summer 2017 is to match 200 students from San Jose Unified School District, Eastside Union High School District and Campbell Union High School District with paid internships. The Chamber hopes that the program makes an impact on the community and transforms local education to prepare the workers of tomorrow. They are looking for additional local businesses to invest in Strive San Jose through offering internships, financial sponsorship, hosting career days, mentorships, job shadowing, and training work-



SJ SV Chamber Career Pathways Liaison, **Eddie Truong**, hopes to find paid internships for 200 high school students next summer. *Photo by Lorraine Gabbert*

shops.

As a Work Force Development Coordinator with Kaiser Permanente, Marilyn Rodgers initiated a job shadowing and summer internship program there many years ago. "I can't tell you how important it is to do this for young people in our community," she says. "It's critically important we include the trades and vocational training and not just focus on college education. I hope we can get more small businesses involved."

Looking at San Jose's economic growth and development, Gomez compared it to Seattle's booming city. "Seattle has 58 cranes in the sky downtown compared with two in San Jose," he says. "They don't have the issues we have to deal with here like the Affordable Housing Impact Fee, Transportation Impact Fee and skyrocketing business taxes. Seattle doesn't have regulations and obstacles businesses here have to overcome like CEQA. What we want to do is find creative ways to allow investment to come here and compete with other cities to cash in on economic growth."

Councilmember Johnny Khamis concurs. "Dollars will go where companies can get the biggest return on their investment," he says, "and if we make it harder for people to invest in San Jose, they're

going to invest elsewhere. Santa Clara can streamline permitting much faster than we can and they have less impact fees." San Jose's developers will soon have to also contend with the Project Labor Agreement requiring developments to use organized labor. "Our city has way too many fees (park fees, traffic mitigation fees, etc.) and we want them all upfront," says Khamis. "We have more fees and taxation than any other surrounding city."

However, there are prospects on the horizon: Brocade is coming, Apple bought 80 acres near the air-

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port, a new Kaiser Permanente building is also being built by the airport and Splunk is building a 5-story structure at Santana Row. "We're getting more businesses every day," says Khamis, "but it would go better if we didn't have so many impediments on development."

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HOLIDAY NOTEBOOK

Downtown Ice a holiday tradition in San Jose

If you want the perfect Downtown San Jose experience, make sure you don't miss out on Downtown Ice, produced by the San Jose Downtown Association.

San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera spoke at the opening ceremony for downtown Ice 2016 that included Figure Skating Champion Kristi Yamaguchi joined by local U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Rudy Galindo and Olympic ice skater Polina Edmunds on Nov. 23.

Located at the Circle of the Palms across the street from Cesar Chavez Park, this ice rink is actually bigger than the one at the Rockefeller Center in New York City!

You can skate under the stars and 32 swaying and lit palms in an unforgettable experience. Downtown Ice is the place for friends, family, and holiday traditions.

It doesn't matter if you are an experienced ice skater or a beginner, everyone is invited to grab a pair of ice-skates and enjoy the beautifully lit palm trees at Downtown Ice.

So grab your friends and family and join other fellow ice-skaters for an experience you'll never forget.

Besides skating, the community can support Downtown Ice in another important

way: make a donation to the Schools on Skates program. The program allows fifth- and sixth-grade students from area schools—who may not otherwise have the opportunity to go ice skating—take a field trip to skate.

Fantasy of Lights now open through Dec. 30

The 18th annual Fantasy of Lights Drive-thru is open now through Dec. 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. The holiday show will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting parkhere.org. Walk-thru admission tickets are \$10 ages 13 years old and up, and \$5 ages 4-12 years old. Drive-thru admission prices are \$20 per vehicle (up to 12 people) and \$50 for oversize vehicles (capacity 13+).

Whether you are on foot or in your vehicle, visitors will be dazzled by thousands of twinkling lights in large animated displays. The sights and sounds of an erupting volcano in the dangerously fun dinosaur den, Santa shooting hoops, a pen of playful penguins, blazing cannons, a tunnel of moving lights, and a 90-foot twinkling tree will have you "oohing and aahing" throughout your visit. Enjoy a free pair of 3D glasses with the event program, while supplies last.

Vasona Lake County Park is located at 333 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95037. For



directions, ticketing and more information visit parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2201. There is no parking at Vasona Lake County Park, however, free parking and shuttle service is recommended at Netflix, 121 Albright Way, Los Gatos.

Fantasy of Lights is presented by Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

Polar Express train ride now through Dec. 23

Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway has begun its one-hour round-trip journeys to the "North Pole" onboard The Polar Express Train Ride.

Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the story as they are whisked away on the train ride.

Singing, dance chefs

Passengers will be treated to singing and dancing chefs serve passengers cookies and hot chocolate while they narrate the classic children's book, The Polar Express.

Santa and his helpers greet passengers at the North Pole and then board the train, where each child is given the first gift of Christmas—a silver sleigh bell.

Singing and dancing elves aboard each car lead passengers in singing Christmas carols on the ride back to Santa Cruz.

The exciting journey runs through Dec. 23 on select dates; with departure times at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride.

Santa Cruz Boardwalk rides

As an added bonus, a \$10 MyBoardwalk Card (good for individual rides, attractions and games) will be provided for each paid adult and child (age three and over) for each Polar Express Train Ride reservation.

Editor's note: Dates, fares and excursion times are available by visiting santacruzthepolarexpressride.com or calling 877.726.7245. Ticket prices range from \$34 to \$89 depending on class of service and date of travel.

San Jose Dance Theatre and Cambrian Symphony collaborate on Nutcracker

One of the Bay Area's leading classic ballet institutions, San Jose Dance Theatre (SJDT) is pleased to announce its continued partnership with the Cambrian Symphony for the fourth year.

The Cambrian Symphony will provide a full symphony for the 2016 production of The Nutcracker. Scott Krijnen, Cambrian Symphony's conductor, and Linda Hurkmans, SJDT's Artistic Director are joining forces to bring live music and dance to Tchaikovsky's holiday ballet.

The San Jose Dance Theatre has provided generations of audiences with the magic of The Nutcracker. This will be its 51st production, making it the second longest-running Nutcracker production in the Bay Area.

Audiences will be awestruck by the grace and talent of the San Jose Dance Theatre's world-class guest artists including Sasha de Sola and Max Cauthorn of San Francisco Ballet, Samantha Bell, Guest Artist with Western Ballet and Rudy Candia formerly from Silicon Valley Ballet. Also gracing the

stage, the dashing Snow King and mysterious Arabrian Prince portrayed by professional guest artists, Walter Guterrez, formerly of Silicon Valley Ballet and Nathan Cottam, Director of Mannakin Theater & Dance.

"San Jose Dance Theatre is honored to continue our collaboration with Maestro Scott Krijnen and the Cambrian Symphony to provide us a talented group of professional musicians who bring a symphony orchestra that makes our production of The Nutcracker one of the best events this holiday season," said Linda Hurkmans, San Jose Dance Theatre's Artistic Director. "The energy that a live symphony offers adds a rich dimension for the dancers and the Cambrian Symphony is one of the best orchestras in the area. Our ballet company is comprised of both professional dancers and students which helps further our goal of educating younger students alongside our more seasoned adults."

"We are thrilled to be collaborating once again with San Jose Dance Theatre to provide a live symphony for this wonderful ballet," said Scott Krijnen. "Our orchestra offers a unique blend of adult and student musicians and The Nutcracker showcases how important live music is for staged productions. We love working with the San Jose Dance Theatre because they value the importance of a live orchestra for the audience."

About San Jose Dance Theatre

SJDT's vision is to inspire dancers of all ages in the exploration of the art of dance, to foster growth through high level training and mentoring experiences by professional dancers and instructors, and to promote the art of dance through creative public awareness campaigns.

About Cambrian Symphony

Cambrian Symphony is dedicated to supporting and mentoring young musicians by engaging students in performance side by side with professionals. Through this unique collaboration, Cambrian Symphony strives to share the joy of creating music not only with its audiences, but with the next generation of musicians.

About Scott Krijnen

Music Director and Conductor, Cambrian Symphony, Scott Krijnen was born in Antwerp, Belgium. He was raised in an environment of music, conducting and education. A recipient of a Master's Degree in Cello Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, he is a frequent performer as a chamber musician, with recent concerts across Europe, Taiwan and Korea, and as an orchestral player, including as a member of the Silicon Valley Symphony and the San Francisco Chamber orchestra. As a conductor, he is sought after throughout the Bay Area, appearing as a recurring guest conductor with the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra, and has recently been appointed as Orchestra Director of the "Summer in the City" festival at San Jose State University. As an educator, Scott currently teaches over 500 students through nine orchestras at Castillero Middle School and Redwood Middle Schools, winning teacher of the year recognition in 2011.

The Nutcracker will be performed at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts Dec. 9-11.

Nutcracker Performance Dates:

December 9, 7:30pm; December 10, 2pm; December 10, 7:30pm; and December 11, 2 p.m. For tickets, visit: www.sjnutcracker.com.

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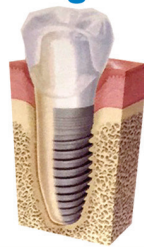
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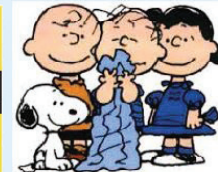
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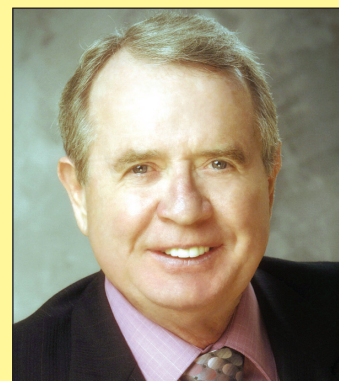
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