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## Visually impaired Carranza awarded 'Gift of Sight'

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Brandon Carranza is autistic and had worn glasses since he was four years old.

Carranza was considered for Dr. Furlong's "Gift of Sight" program. He was accepted and had surgery in both eyes. Before the surgery, Carranza's vision was 20/400 in both eyes, which is considered severe visual impairment. His glasses posed many challenges at school, work and while participating in activities.

Following the surgery his vision is now 20/15. He is now able to enjoy a beautiful view from the 16th floor of the Jeppesen office on Santa Clara Street, where he has been working his first job for the past four months.

Two weeks ago, he also scored his best bowling game and secured a win in a Special Olympics tournament for all of Northern California - glasses free. Here is a message he wrote on Furlong Vision's Facebook page, following

the surgery:

"All my life I've had to live with my disabling autism. For as long as I can remember, I have had to wear corrective lenses to be able to see right. In spite of these handicaps, my parents and I have always set goals for myself, and I have worked hard to achieve them. Thanks to Dr. Furlong I have 20-15 vision and no longer have to wear corrective lenses. This is going to make my life much easier and perhaps allow me to set even higher goals for myself."

Other recipients of this year's "Gift of Sight" included U.S. Veterans and two very low-income individuals who were recommended by local optometrists.

*Editor's note: This is the 10th year that Furlong Vision has partnered with Hope Services ([www.hopeservices.org](http://www.hopeservices.org)) to identify clients in strong need of vision correction. Hope provides programs that assist children, adults and seniors with developmental disabilities to become valued and participating members of their communities.*



Dr. Furlong has given Brandon Carranza the "gift of sight" this holiday season.

## 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 a recent presentation.

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 small businesses. Larger businesses include Apple and Samsung. In



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



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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# Happy Holidays!

## Five-Spice Pork and Apple Salad

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

- 1 pound pork tenderloin
- 2 teaspoons Chinese five-spice, divided
- 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.

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**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 Ice 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.



San Jose Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** spoke at the opening ceremony for downtown Ice 2016 that included Figure Skating Champion **Kristi Yamaguchi** 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 December 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](http://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



Fantasy of Lights is attracting hundreds each night.

95037. For directions, ticketing and more information visit [parkhere.org](http://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.

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## City Council ban on marijuana sales provides needed time for policy formulation

On Nov. 1, the City Council passed an emergency ban on the sale and distribution of recreational marijuana.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of California voted to legalize the recreational, adult use of marijuana by those 21 and older. Proposition 64 (the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act) took affect the following day.

The ban provides City staff and the City Council with the time needed for policy formulation, analysis, discussion, and implementation. The work will include conducting the required environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), community outreach, Planning Commission hearings, and City Council hearings, prior to a vote on whether to allow and regulate the sale, cultivation, manufacture, and delivery of recreational/adult use cannabis.

The urgency ordinance confirms that non-medical marijuana cultivated for personal use is restricted to six living plants and that non-medical marijuana must be grown indoors, or in a secure accessory structure, in alignment with Proposition 64. It also requires that the personal use cultivation is compliant with applicable fire and building codes.

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# Valley Currents

**cur·rent** (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

## Semi-pro football team makes strong impact giving back to the community

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

For the players on the South Bay Patriots semi-pro football team, football is more than a game. It's a way to connect to the community and make an impact both on and off the field.

San Jose resident and Patriots founder Ron Birdsall has been involved with coaching youth flag football teams, on up to the high school level, the South Bay Patriots, of the Pacific Coast Football League. Birdsall's goal is to pass the values they have learned from the game onto the next generation of players.

For 23 years Ron Birdsall has been in the cabling industry in the San Jose Bay Area. Owning his second successful company and building some of today's tech giants, Ron brings experience and expertise to the trade. "Growing up working for my grandfather and then my father in the construction trade has instilled strong work ethic and a determination to be the best at his skill," said Birdsall.

Ron owns a local business, Walkercabling.com, which serves both small and medium businesses network infrastructure needs in the Bay Area - he's played semi pro football for 20 years and was inducted into the semi pro football hall of fame in Dec. 2015.

He founded the team last year out of desire to provide a positive and productive outlet for adult players, many of whom he's sponsored and mentored for multiple seasons. He's coached Popwarner and various youth athletic teams for a number of years, and many of his players have gone on to play HS and college football.

Several of the Patriots players coach local



Patriots founder Ron Birdsall

youth football teams, and many others have taken players under their wings. From guiding them with football techniques, to helping them learn life skills, the players know the biggest thing that football offers. Your football team becomes your family.

Patriots long snapper, Chris Ruane, and Head Coach of the ADAL Blach Middle School Falcons flag football team in Los Altos, sees the impact that coaching can have on the youth. "There are too many coaches who coach for the wrong reasons, and it directly carries over to players and how they operate later in life, said Ruane.

"If we can properly show kids how to be decent people while working closely with a fam-

ily/unit, we're giving them the tools to do great things in the world."

Jesus Carbajal, linebacker for the Patriots, and Defensive Coordinator for the Evergreen Valley High School football team, wants the next generation to be able to get all of the things he has gained from football. "Football gave me an opportunity to travel the country, obtain a college education, as well as qualities and characteristics that I put to use in everyday life," said Carbajal. "Sports help you develop and adapt to the world without losing composure and build confidence within yourselves to go achieve any goal you may have."

South Bay Patriots offensive linemen, Avido Sainz, and Head Coach of the Del Mar Dons Junior Varsity High School football team, has leaned on football through the ups and downs of life.

"It started back in my college days as a player, being a low income and dyslexic athlete. I didn't know how to prepare myself, or fully understand what it took to be on top of my grades," said Sainz. "I wanted football so badly, but didn't have that one person to guide me through difficult times."

Sharing his story of struggle and success with his players has made Sainz a mentor to many of his players. "I decided to coach when I was 22 years old, — I had just lost my job, I had too much time on my hands, and had an itching to coach football," said Sainz. "I figured, I had tons of knowledge about my position, and my energy, coupled with my love of the game could help another young athlete."

Sainz soon realized that he could relate to the struggles that some of the athletes he coached were experiencing. "They know they can come to me with their frustrations, or whatever is on their mind," said Sainz. "There is nothing like being able to help an athlete steer their lives in the direction they want to go, even with all the distractions that occur in their daily lives."

The South Bay Patriots football team is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing an excellent on-field experience for their fans and sponsors, and an opportunity for their players to showcase their talents. In addition to on field performance, the Patriots staff and players are a volunteer group that helps support the local community. This season alone, there are a dozen Patriots players and coaches who volunteer their time and talents in support of various youth sports organizations in the Bay Area.

The South Bay Patriots will participate in the UCFL Veteran's Bowl charity game in Patterson, CA on December 3rd, benefiting children of parents who are serving in the U.S. Army.

For more information about the South Bay Patriots, please visit: [SouthBayPatriots.com](http://SouthBayPatriots.com).

## How to recycle your holiday tree

Curbside collection of holiday trees is on your collection day beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 27.

Homeowners must remove stands, tinsel, and decorations. Cut into 5-foot pieces. Set out on the curb near your carts by 6 a.m.

**Too much holiday trash?** Use Extra Garbage Stickers, available at City Hall, libraries, Lucky, and Safeway stores in San José. Place extra garbage in a 32-

gallon plastic garbage bag labeled with an Extra Garbage Sticker on the curb near the garbage cart on your collection day.

### Questions about recycling?

Go to [sjenvironment.org/curbside-recycling](http://sjenvironment.org/curbside-recycling) to view, print, or order a copy of the Recycling Guide, available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

### For service questions

Contact your recycling, garbage, or yard trimmings collection company to report missed collections, replace damaged carts, report service issues, or change your cart size. Go to [sjenvironment.org/lookup](http://sjenvironment.org/lookup) to find your collection com-

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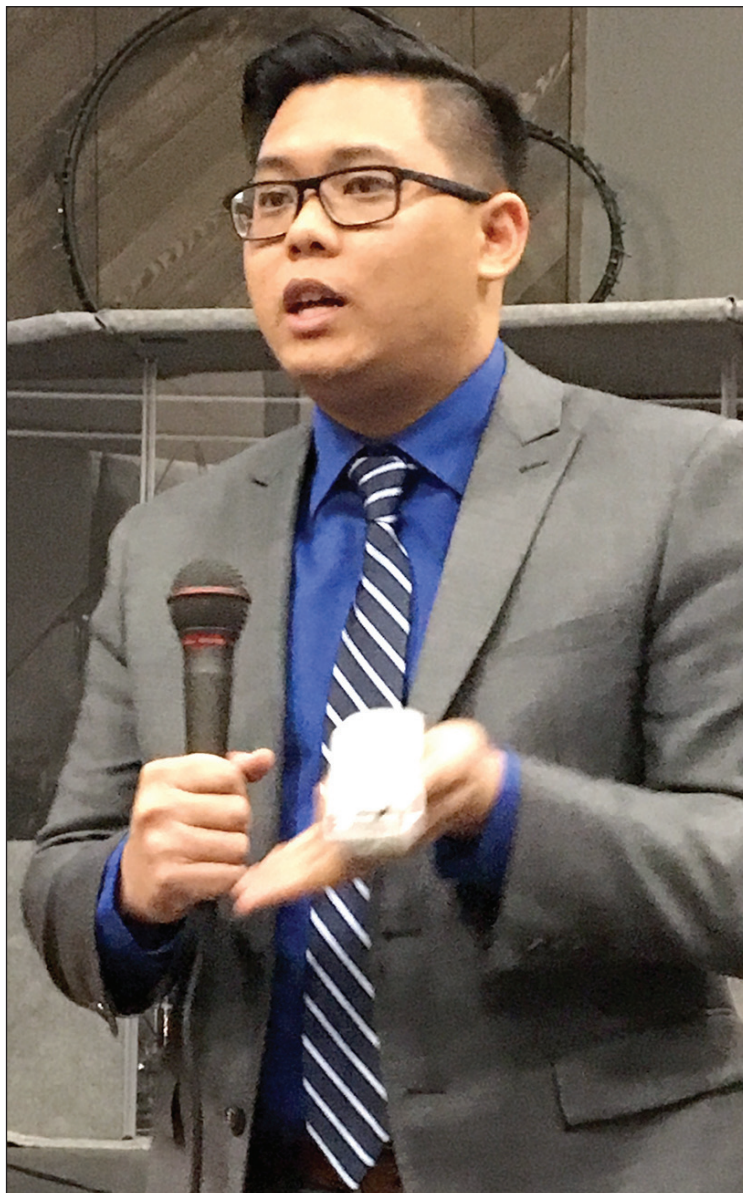
The Chamber also supports some tax measures, like the Measure B Transportation tax, as it was important to their members for their workforce. "The business community felt that the way the transportation tax was proposed and written under Carl Guardino's and VTA's leadership would be beneficial for Silicon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



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

San Jose through offering internships, financial sponsorship, hosting career days, mentorships, job shadowing, and training workshops.

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 airport, 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."



Photo by Rui Duarte / Flickr.com

## Measure A funds will be spent on solving homelessness in Santa Clara County

Santa Clara County officials announced that Measure A passed with a slim margin.

The \$950 million affordable housing bond designed to help house homeless and low-income residents in the county passed with just over two-thirds of the vote.

The \$950 million in general obligation bonds is structured to help the neediest residents in the county.

\$700 million of the funds are earmarked to construct new permanent supportive housing. Permanent supportive housing is designed to help the chronically homeless who have been on the street for more than a year.

Rapid rehousing is designed for residents who fall into homelessness for brief periods and need transitional housing for up to 18 months to stabilize their situation.



Bellarmino Mothers' Guild president **Kathy Armistead** (second from left) with co-chairs of the 62nd Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show for Financial Aid (from left): **Heidi Burke**, **Annette Finsterbusch**, **Gigi Harvey**, and **Erika Millard**. *Photo by Al Bacosa, Bacosa Photography*

## Bellarmino Fashion Show benefits financial aid

The Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show, held on Nov. 19, benefits the Financial Aid Endowment.

The annual event, 62 years running, was held at the Santa Clara Convention Center and included a luncheon and black tie dinner.

More than a collection of fashion, the Bellarmine Fashion Show for Financial Aid highlights its students, faculty, moms and senior girls from local high schools. The event features local retailers with the goal of modeling the need to support students who otherwise would not be able to take advantage of the various educational opportunities available at

Bellarmino.

"This year's event theme, Bells, boots & Bow ties, featured warmth, fund and hospitality throughout, offering guests a welcoming experience very different from the fast pace of Silicon Valley," said Annette Finsterbusch, 2016 Fashion Show Chair. "Segments included 'Floatin' the River, 'Coastal Cool' and 'NASCAR Mania' were featured. With the new venue, were able to offer more opportunities for members of our Bellarmine community to attend the show. By so doing, we ultimately support more families and their deserving young men."



## SCV Water District Board presents its efforts to address homeless encampments

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board considered three recommendations brought forth by the board's Home-less Encampment Ad Hoc Committee at its recent board meeting.

The recommendations could help curb the growing impacts of homeless encampments on local waterways.

The first recommendation is to develop a process to offer the Santa Clara County Office of Supportive Housing the first chance to lease vacant residential rental properties owned by the water district. Since housing the homeless is the county office's domain, that office would manage the rental process and address individual tenants' needs.

The water district currently leases 53 residential properties. Most rental properties were acquired because the lands will be needed for future flood protection projects. Until those projects break ground, the water district typically leases them directly to individuals or families on a month-to-month basis.

The second committee recommendation is that certain water district-owned lands be declared surplus and then offered for sale or lease to other governmental agencies that may be able to utilize these lands for the development of permanent housing. Currently, seven water district parcels have been identified as potentially "surplus" because the water district no longer has an identified purpose for them. The parcels, totaling nearly 60 acres, are located within unincorporated areas, and in the cities of San Jose, Morgan Hill, and Gilroy.

The third recommendation is to direct \$350,000 to partner with the City of San Jose to fund an extension of the innovative and successful Downtown Streets Team program to remove trash and debris at encampments along local waterways. The water district's voter-approved Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program specifically designated approximately \$8 million for the removal of trash and debris in waterways.



## San Jose residents recognized at Silicon Valley Philanthropy Day

San Jose residents Rufus White and Antoinette Battiste (pictured, right) were honored at the Silicon Valley Philanthropy Day on November 18.

Philanthropy Day is sponsored by the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The annual community event is a celebration of excellence in local philanthropy, attended by hundreds of fundraisers, community leaders, funders and philanthropists.

White, a retired engineer and long-time San Jose resident, has been a passionate leader and advocate for educational access for students locally and throughout the United States. He is an active member of the East Valley YMCA and was recognized by them as a Distinguished Volunteer Fundraiser for raising \$150,000 to support programs.

Battiste is an independent college counselor and 20-year resident of Evergreen

Valley. She is a founding member of the YWCA of the Mid-Peninsula Donor Advisory Fund, which was recognized as the Outstanding Philanthropic Organization of the Year, for their \$2.3M in grants to local organizations in support of the organization's twin goals of empowering women and girls and eliminating racism. Battiste is an active parent at each of the Evergreen schools her son attended—especially Evergreen Valley High.

## 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.

### ■ The American Red Cross

President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' salary for the year was \$651,957 Plus expenses

### ■ March of Dimes

It's called the March of Dimes because only one dime of every donated dollar is given to the needy.

### ■ The United Way

President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary... along with numerous expense benefits.

### ■ UNICEF

CEO Caryl M. Stern earns \$1.2 million dollars per year ... plus all expenses paid including a Rolls Royce. Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.

### ■ Goodwill

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### ■ The Salvation Army

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### ■ The American Legion

National Commander receives a \$0.00

salary. Your donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth.

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National Commander receives a \$0.00 salary. Donations go to help Veterans and their families and youth.

### ■ The Disabled American Veterans

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### ■ The Military Order of Purple Hearts

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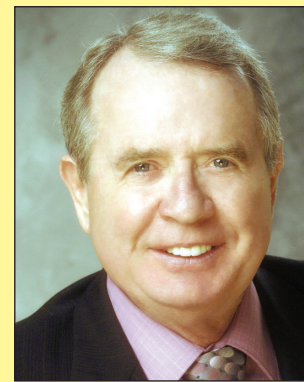
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At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, 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](http://www.evcsj.com)  
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Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) [firstchurch-downtown.com](http://firstchurch-downtown.com)  
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!

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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](http://www.churchsthanthony.com). Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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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  
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church  
Saturday April 30 8:30 a.m. St. Basil morning Vespers  
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Sunday May 1 Easter Sunday  
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St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
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408-223-1562. [www.stfrancisofassisi.com](http://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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