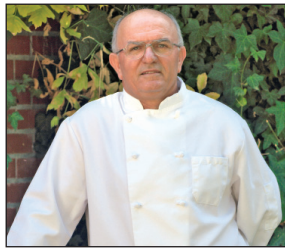


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Local institutions, volunteers provide care as well as shelter

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

*In a world of steel-eyed death, and men who are fighting to be warm, "Come in," she said, "I'll give ya shelter from the storm."
– Bob Dylan*

To help the homeless combat the elements and feel less alone, institutions and volunteers around the South Bay are offering warming shelters both day and night throughout 2017.

Village House, a rotating homeless shelter for women, and Goodwill Silicon Valley HomeFirst Services are stepping up to change, as well as save lives.

"The purpose of the rotating shelter network is to provide vulnerable women with a caring, loving environment while they attempt to stabilize their lives and move beyond homelessness," says Mike Ferrero, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Village House network and Director of Social Ministries at Holy Spirit Parish. Ferrero believes that this service opportunity will have a powerful impact on both those served and those serving in the church community and the larger community as a whole.

"Having our volunteers work one-on-one with our guests brings a change in how we see the homeless," he says. "They meet our guests with love and compassion and without a sense of judgement. In getting to see them as individuals with their own stories, we begin to view the homeless with a greater sense
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Volunteers carry out their regular duties for Village House. **Bonnie McPherson** (with the dogs) is the chairperson of the Daytime Warming Center. She brought the dogs by to play with the guests, who were delighted by the surprise visit.

AVAC TriVAC SuperSprint Triathlon Feb. 4

The 20th annual SuperSprint Triathlon will be held at the Almaden Athletic Club on Feb. 4

This year's Supersprint will be paired with AVAC's annual Winter Kickoff Event to promote healthy habits.

Proceeds will benefit Girls on the Run Silicon Valley. Girls on the Run works to develop and improve girls' competence, feel confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, create positive connections with peers and adults, and make a meaningful contribution to community and society.

When: Saturday, February 4, 2017

Where: AVAC® Pool Deck

Time: First wave to start at 7 am, and

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Big storms bring drought relief to Santa Clara Valley

**Recent storms add
nearly 400 billion
gallons of water**

It now appears that more than 40 percent of California, including Silicon Valley, is recovering from the long drought, with billions of gallons of water rushing into reservoirs.

It also looks like another wet pattern is coming in the first half of February according to some weather forecasters.

A year ago only three percent of the state was classified as not being in a drought, but

now it's a much brighter picture. That number has grown to more than 42 percent because of this winter's soaking.

Nearly all of Northern California has now returned to normal water conditions, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor, a weekly report issued by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

More than 42 percent of California is no longer in drought, down from just three percent a year ago. "Some people are saying you have to wait until April 1, but this is what conditions are now. It's

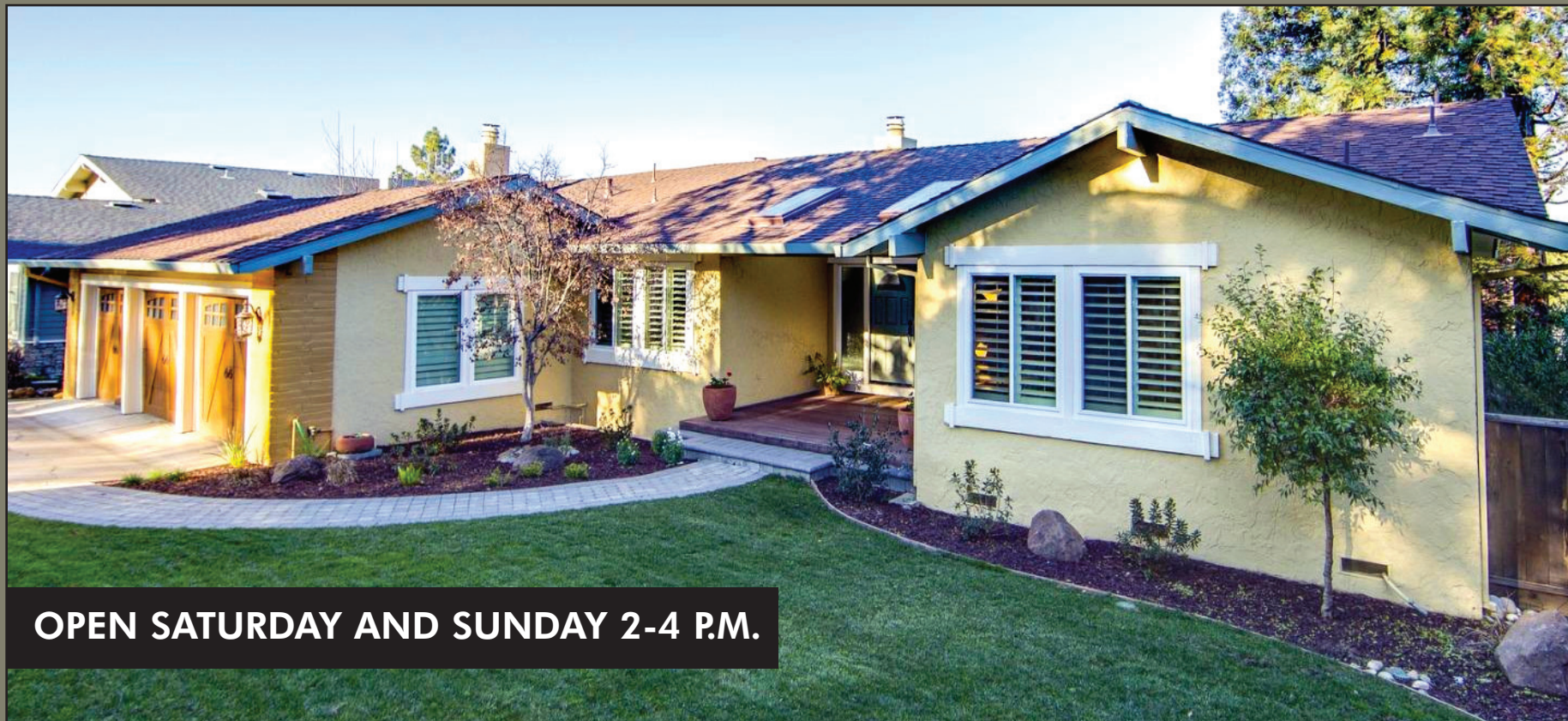
not a forecast, for the record the drought is over in Northern California," said David Miskus, a senior meteorologist with NOAA's Climate Prediction Center.

California's drought began five years ago which has been the driest period since record keeping began in the 1800's.

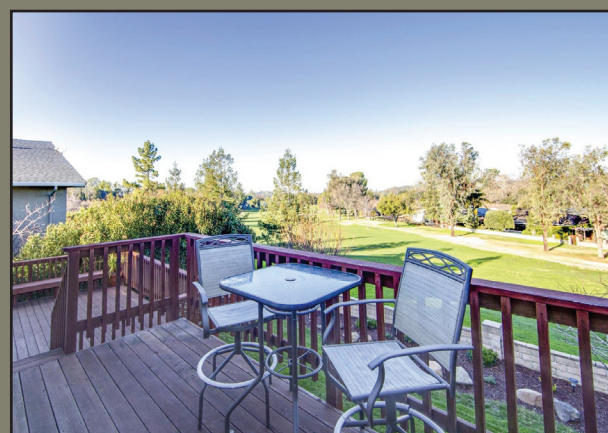
Gov. Jerry Brown ordered a mandatory 25 percent cut in urban water use, forcing strict conservation rules in most cities, but Brown's ordered easing those rules after winter rains, causing many cities to ease water restrictions and end fines and penalties.

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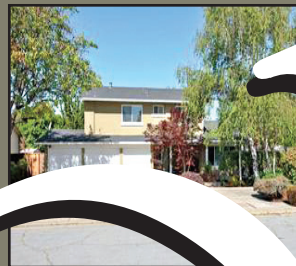
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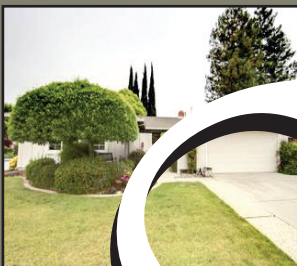
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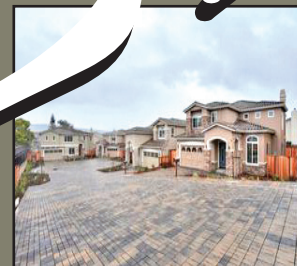
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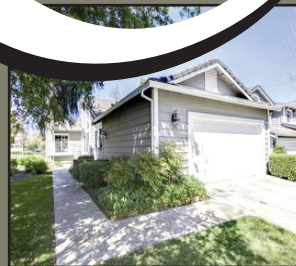
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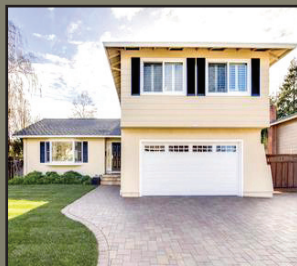
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La Foret will serve its last dinner in March

By William Bellou
Publisher

*As the old saying goes, "all good things must come to an end."
— John Davoudi*

La Foret, Almaden Valley's upscale French restaurant, will close after 38 years as chef-owner John Davoudi announced his retirement due to health reasons.

"I always felt that anybody who walks into La Foret is my house guest — a part of my family and I treated them so," said Davoudi, "Deciding to retire and close La Foret has not been easy. "How do I express my appreciation to all those beautiful people who spent their birthdays, anniversaries and special parties during the last 38 years? "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you!"

Davoudi acknowledged his staff for their professionalism and loyalty; some working with Davoudi since opening day. "As I begin to reminisce on all the memories of this restaurant, I feel a great gravity of emotion — of happiness, humility, and gratefulness. La Foret has been my home."

La Foret has operated since 1978



The La Foret restaurant is located in a building that dates back to 1848 which served as a hotel and restaurant for quicksilver miners in New Almaden. Below, elegant tables are ready for patrons through March 26, 2017.



in a historic creekside boarding house in a building in New Almaden dating back to 1848. It became the first two-story hotel in California, The Hacienda, providing a place to sleep with hot meals in the downstairs dining room for quicksilver miners. "I practically lived in the upstairs of the restaurant, which is now a banquet room, when we opened," said Davoudi.

In 1930, La Foret Restaurant was known as Cafe Del Rio. An old menu was found between a wall at the restaurant during a remodeling. "It's funny to imagine Cafe del Rio was actually considered an expensive restaurant during those days," said Davoudi.

There is still time to enjoy steak, veal, quail, rack of lamb, lobster tail — and the signature La Foret

Grand Marnier soufflé. The last day of service will be March 26. TripAdvisor.com ranks La Foret third out of 2,130 restaurants in San Jose.

La Foret is open for dinner Tuesday-Sunday, 5:30 to 9 p.m., and for Sunday brunch, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 21747 Bertram Road, San Jose. Contact La Foret at (408) 997.3458; www.laforetrestaurant.com.



John Davoudi
Photo by Chris Schmauch

New hotel planned for Almaden Ranch

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

A four-story, 115-room Wyndham Hotel is expected to be built in the Almaden Ranch shopping center with construction starting this summer. Construction is expected to take nine to 12 months.

In order to accommodate the new structure, the San Jose City Council will have to rezone the planned development site so the hotel can be built 10 feet higher than currently allowed in order to accommodate its fourth floor. City planning staff has recommended that the site be rezoned to allow the hotel's 65-foot height requirements.

The exact location of the new

hotel is the southeast corner of Almaden Expressway and Cherry Avenue in the Ranch Shopping Center. The Center is located next to Highway 85 and close to public transit. Arcadia Development owns Almaden Ranch.

The hotel will fill a basic travel need in a "desert area where there's essentially no hotels," De Young said.

The hotel could also see some business from shoppers of nearby Bass Pro Shops. De Young noted, for example, that some of the outdoors shop's customers make an entire weekend of visiting the Manteca store, which reportedly created the demand for building a hotel there.

New soccer fields proposed for Pioneer High School

Pioneer High School revealed plans to redo its soccer fields and build a new clubhouse. The discussions are in the early stages, according to the San Jose Unified School District.

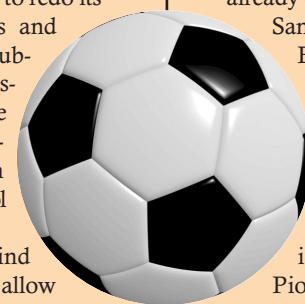
The idea behind the proposal is to allow students, Almaden Soccer members and the public to share the facilities behind the school. However, the city needs to deed part of the property to the district so it can be developed, said Peter Allen, district spokesman.

Allen explained that the city is definitely looking to expand its

parklands. A similar arrangement already exists with the City of San Jose and Steinbeck Elementary School near Oakridge Mall, where the city and district share use of that field.

The land proposed for the project is situated behind Pioneer's general purpose field. This wouldn't be the first time the district and San Jose have partnered on a project like this.

The Almaden Times is planning an advertising campaign to raise funds for the project at no cost to the city or Almaden Soccer.



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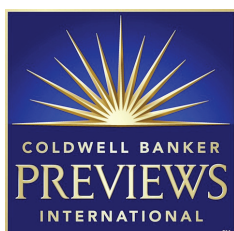
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Coding classes for teens offered in February

The Santa Clara County Library District continues with its coding program for teens called "The Hour of Code."

Anticipating the current and future job market needs, parents, schools and libraries are joining a worldwide effort to increase the availability of computer science coursework and coding classes to millions of students.

Due to Silicon Valley's growing need for skilled tech workers, libraries are providing free coding classes in a safe learning environment.

The global movement that has introduced tens of millions of students in over 180 countries to computer science and computer programming continues.

Upcoming coding classes and hour of code scheduled events:

Cupertino Library:

Code: meets weekly. Requires pre-registration. Every Thursday evening through February 2017

Introduction to Arduinos:

Presented by the Cupertinker Space on February 5, 2017 and February 12, 2017 in the Library Story Room from 2-5 p.m.

Teen Hackathon/CU Hacks (once a year): Cupertino Library's FREE hack-a-thon event for teenagers ages 14 – 19. A collaborative community event fostering STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) learning skills while providing teen coders first-hand experience in joining together in an engaging, interactive



environment as they create beneficial applications.

Los Altos Library:

JAVA in March 2017: (a general-purpose computer programming language): – March 4, 11, 18, and 25 at 4 p.m.

For additional information on SCCLD Coding Classes or Computer Science related events, visit <http://bit.ly/2beCAIG> Visit the Library District website for more information about Library services at www.sclld.org.

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Times **Feature**

YEAR-ROUND SUCCESSFUL SWIM PROGRAM

Almaden Riptide aquatics program teaches, trains all levels of competitive swimmers

By William Bellou
Publisher

Kyle Kikuta had a vision to develop an aquatics program with the goal of teaching and training all levels of competitive swimmers.

As head coach of the Almaden Riptide for three years, Kikuta's dream has become a reality with a program that encourages excellence of its swimming athletes.

Kikuta's experience of coaching spans swimmers of all ages and levels – being the head coach for Almaden Riptide and Shadow Brook Sharks' summer cabana team as well as an assistant coach for Bellarmine College Preparatory.

The program has resulted in team members reaching their full potential with numerous successes. This year alone, Riptide has broken 10 team records and swimmers continually improve their times with each meet.

Team successes stories for the Almaden



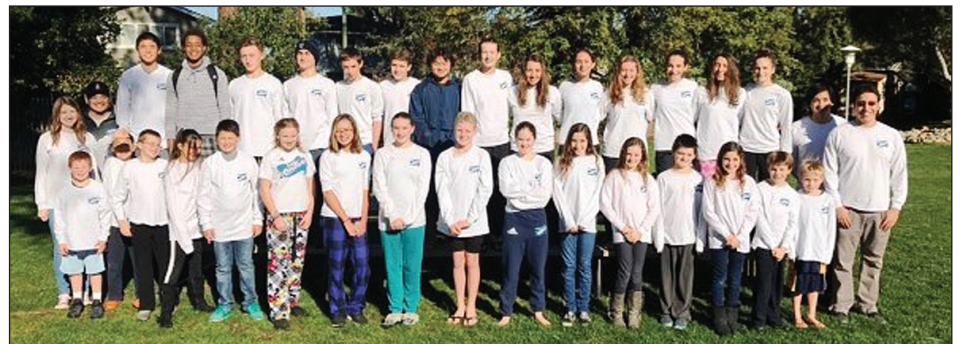
Kyle Kikuta

Riptide abound with multiple Junior Olympic and Far Western Qualifying swimmers, two Junior Olympic Champions, and two Far Western Finalists who routinely having a presence at the 10 and Under Champs meets.

Kikuta, who grew up in the Almaden area and attended local schools, is very happy to continue to be part of the Almaden community and he want to continue giving back to those who gave him so much as a young swimmer.



10 and under champions



Almaden Riptide 2016 team photograph.

"I am proud of the team's accomplishments. Our swimmers are determined and work really hard" said Kikuta. "Being a good role model is what our swimmers need. I tell our older swimmers on a regular basis that accomplishments might get you noticed (for college recruitment) but attitude is just as just as important, if not more important" stresses Kikuta.

Today, Almaden Riptide has swimmers of all ages and levels and welcomes any interested swimmer to a free week-long trial with the team. Riptide currently has two alumni swimming in college who routinely practice with the team when in town.

"My favorite things about swimming on Riptide are working out with friends at practice, and also the team activities that we get to do every month," said Tessa Mazzocco, a swimmer from Riptide's Junior Group.

Not only does the team practice Monday through Saturday (dependent upon age and ability), the Team regularly participates in motivational activities geared towards team bonding and just plain fun. You may see groups of Riptide swimmers dining together at local Almaden eateries or enjoying a fun



Junior Olympic Boys 13-14 Relay team.

scavenger hunt at a local mall.

The annual Riptide laser tag activity is a big hit for the young and the young at heart; even parents join the fun for the event.

Kikuta's Almaden Riptide practices at the Shadow Brook Swim Club (1079 Shadow Brook Drive) during their regular season and interested swimmers are welcome to a free week-long trial with the team.

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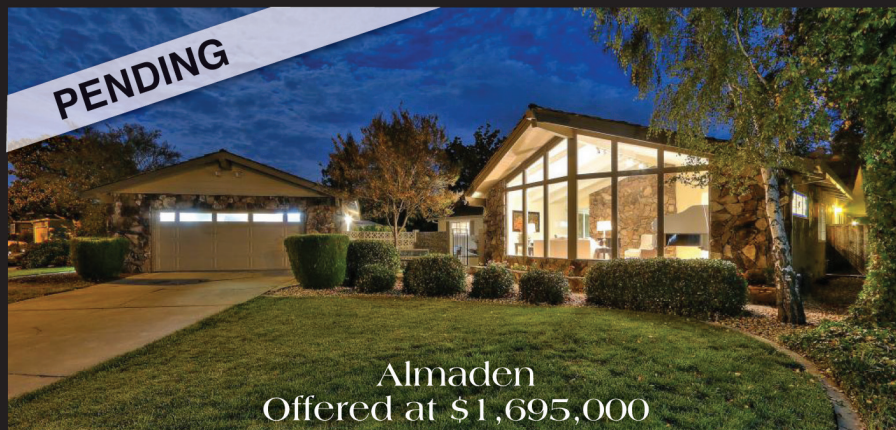
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Times **Local Schools**

SOCIAL KIDS, SOCIAL MEDIA

Enriching the digital lives of children

By Olaf Jorgenson
Special to the Times

What if I told you that as an educator and school leader, I believe you should get your children smartphones and grant them access to digital media and social networks, without supervision or limits, once they're in about fifth grade?

Well, if I did believe this, I'd be in good company. According to a new research report by Influence Central's Digital Trends entitled "Kids & Tech: The Evolution of Today's Digital Natives," the average age for children in the United States to acquire their first cell-phone is 10 years, and nearly 40% of children get their own social network account at age 11. Only 41% of parents in this study reported setting limits on their children's Internet access.

In Silicon Valley, of course, none of these statistics probably surprise you. In fact, we might see both the cell phone ownership and social media account access occur at a younger age, and the parental limit setting somewhat lesser, in America's technology capital.

Nonetheless, many parents here do fret about allowing their children access to the shadowy digital underworld and its unpatrolled, habit-forming social networks. In "The Disappearance of Childhood," Neil Postman taught us that childhood used to be a series of revealed secrets, a gentle ramp to adulthood on which children were gradually introduced to the anxieties, conflicts, and burdens of grown-up life.

In many ways, our children's dig-

ital immersion steepens and shortens that ramp, affording kids immediate, uncensored access to images, ideas, and viewpoints in an unfettered assault on their senses, belief systems, and values at a critically formative time in their lives.

Unanswered questions

There are a lot of unanswered questions. Studies are beginning to demonstrate that early and excessive exposure to social media may be compounding teenage anxiety and self-esteem issues, and contributing to mental health conditions ranging from depression to heightened risk of suicide. Researchers are investigating whether screen time impairs or alters brain development. Educators and parents wonder what the impact will be for children who grow up communicating via a screen rather than face-to-face.

Beyond concerns about technology's dangers, parental misunderstanding can compound our apprehension about its prevalence in our children's lives.

Most parents view technology as an intrusion in daily life, a habit-forming distraction from family routine, an escape from reality. But to children, such distinctions are blurry or nonexistent. "We may think of our kids' online, mobile, and technological activities as 'digital life,' but to them, it's just life," according to Common Sense Media, a San Francisco based non-profit organization that provides education and advocacy to families to promote safe technology and media for children. Virtual

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Mayor Liccardo names Carrasco as Vice Mayor

Mayor Sam Liccardo has named Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco as his choice to serve as San Jose's next Vice Mayor.

"Magdalena brings a strong voice, real-world experience, and an unwavering commitment to expanding opportunities for the many residents in our community who struggle to survive and make a better life for their children," said Mayor Liccardo. "As the Councilmember representing East San Jose, Magdalena has also been an important partner in our collective work to broaden prosperity and educational opportunity in our city."

"I am honored that Mayor Liccardo has nominated me as the new Vice Mayor of the great City of San Jose," said Councilmember Carrasco. "The Mayor and I have a shared vision for San Jose, one that believes it is our goal as leaders to ensure the rising tide lifts all boats. As the daughter of hardworking immigrants who found the American dream, I'm honored to have an opportunity to serve this incredible city and to bring this dream to all San Jose residents."

Councilmember Carrasco was first elected to the City Council in 2014. Prior to

joining the City Council, she spent a 10-year career as an advocate and spokesperson for the Santa Clara County Department of Family and Children Services' foster care and adoption program, as well as roles with First 5 Santa Clara County and the Gardner Family Health Network. She also served for two years on the Eastside Union High School District Board of Trustees and has been an active parent volunteer at her children's Alum Rock Union Elementary School District schools. A child of immigrant parents, Councilmember Carrasco was the first in her family to finish high school, graduating from San Jose's Independence High School and later earning a degree in Chicano Studies from U.C. Santa Barbara.

Councilmember Carrasco currently serves as the Chair of the Council's Transportation and Environment Committee, and also sits on the Rules Committee and Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support Committee. Councilmember Carrasco also co-chaired the working group who helped lead development of Mayor Liccardo's SJ Learns after-school educational program.

Digital

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experience is integrated into physical experience for our kids; the phone or tablet is merely a portal between the two environments, each a half of the same world for children today. So while parents may distinguish between a healthy, active and interactive world of play and friends, and a less healthy digital one, for children the worlds of things and of the Web are one.

Parents are in part responsible for the mass migration of children from the physical world to screens and social networks. Over the past three decades, our fear for our children's safety has risen to hysteric levels by the deluge of horror stories streaming from 24/7 newscasts, disproportionate to the actual decline in risks facing children outside the home.

Our heightened collective fear leads us to restrict our children from experiencing the joyful freedoms we enjoyed in our own childhoods. Because of our sometimes-irrational adult concern for our children's safety (documented in the 2010 book *Free Range Kids*), they aren't allowed to go out to play and socialize, at least not like we did. But they crave play and socializing, so they turn to technology.

Thus, we arrive in 2017. The digital lives of children are not regressing back in time anytime soon to the childhoods about which we reminisce.

Yet for many parents, our judgment persists. We often characterize the online life of children as passive, sedentary, shallow and rote, but there's more happening there than meets the eye. In social networks, for example, children create – they make music and videos, compose poetry and songs, mix media, and publicize and share their creations

widely. They actively participate and communicate with one another, endlessly commenting and complimenting (and at times, admittedly, disparaging and demeaning) one another's stories and posts.

What's more, to thrive in modern society, young people need to be digitally literate. Granted, free rein to surf the Web, post to Snapchat, or spend the evening on Instagram while the math book sits unopened won't do much to advance a young person's digital literacy (or the likelihood of his thriving in society), but it is arguable that the economy of the future may well still require social networking skills.

Some studies also show that social networking builds empathy and thoughtfulness, and enhances existing friendships.

For certain, parents who take proactive steps – such as locating the family's digital devices in public, high-traffic areas of the house, developing parameters for Internet use, and monitoring where your children go online – will be able to avert most of the dangers lurking for children in the digital half of their lives.

Your choice of when your son gets his first smartphone, or when your daughter is allowed to have her own social network account, is a private decision; but perhaps you can lessen your anxiety if you're able to recognize and appreciate the two halves of your children's lives today. By getting past your apprehensions about the digital half and then enriching the day-to-day experiences with time spent outdoors, with family, in socializing with friends, and through screen-free unstructured play, it is possible to provide children a whole life in the digital age.

Olaf Jorgenson is head of school at Almaden Country School. Reach him at ojorgenson@acs.org.

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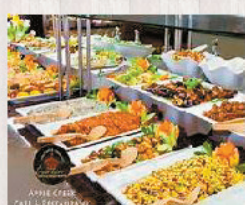
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Pioneer over Leland 77 - 63 in rival basketball game Jan. 20

The Pioneer Mustangs basketball team won its away conference game against rival school Leland by a score of 77-63.

The game is the first in six years in which they squared off in the same division.

For more than six years Leland and Pioneer boys basketball players have been playing their games in different divisions. This year both teams are playing in the South Division within the restructured Blossom Valley Athletic League (BVAL).

Both the Chargers and the Mustangs won in their respective games on Friday, Jan. 13 —Leland beating Sobrato 61-57 and Pioneer pulling out a 56-52 victory over Live Oak.

Pioneer's national rank has moved -586 and their state rank has moved -38.

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| Pioneer | 16 | 25 | 16 | 20 | 77 |
| Leland | 19 | 12 | 16 | 16 | 63 |

Pioneer soccer team defeats Independence

By P2P staff writers
Prep2Prep.com

Pioneer gave up a goal for the first time all season in league play, but rallied for four unanswered goals to defeat visiting Independence 5-1 Thursday evening in a BVAL-Santa Teresa boys soccer match Jan. 19.

Sophomore Carlo Venegas opened the scoring with a wonder strike off a cross from senior Anthony Ho, slotting the ball in off the far post without breaking stride to give the fifth-ranked Mustangs (10-0-2 overall, 5-0-1 BVAL-ST) an early 1-0 lead. But Independence (2-6-1, 2-4-0) tied the score just a few minutes later on a header at the back post.

From there, it was all Pioneer as senior Andrew Kettle notched his second hat trick of the season off assists from sophomore Joey Kettle, senior Jashua Ortiz and senior goalkeeper Bryan Diangson. Joey Kettle also scored, off an assist from Venegas.

Pioneer travels to rival Leland Monday night while Independence visits James Lick. In other BVAL-ST action, Leland edged James Lick 1-0 and second-place Mt. Pleasant kept pace with Pioneer with a 2-0 win over Oak Grove.



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| LELAND | 4-2 | 348 | 329 | 9-7 | 878 | 877 |
| PIONEER | 4-2 | 376 | 337 | 8-8 | 995 | 945 |
| Gunderson | 3-3 | 359 | 346 | 6-10 | 909 | 966 |
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Times **Community News**

San Jose launches into 2017 at full speed

By Mayor Sam Liccardo
Special to the Times

Despite the pitched battles on the national political landscape, San José has launched into 2017 with the wind at our back.

Recent rains have provided a

reprieve from a seemingly chronic drought. Local job growth continues at a pace that the rest of the nation envies.

Last year's passage of several ballot measures has enabled us to restore some key city services, such as road paving and filling "browned

out" fire stations with crews. Construction for major infrastructure projects like BART and Bus Rapid Transit will finish this year, with more to come.

For cities throughout California, however, budgetary clouds are gathering on the horizon. In particular,

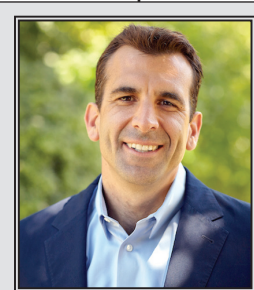
stories about the growing specter of unfunded pension and retirement burdens further pinching tight budgets will re-emerge in news outlets throughout California. The hundreds of cities and other local governments that participate in CalPERS and CalSTRS face rapidly rising contribution rates—and the state's own contribution to those funds will climb to \$8.1 billion this year. Larger cities with self-funded pension plans, such as San Jose, will similarly dig deeper into their pockets, diluting other budgetary priorities.

This begs the question: after all the political battles and litigation over pension reform over the last decade, why do pensions—and their equally costly cousin, retiree healthcare benefits—still haunt us?

To be sure, Measure F's passage in November will secure billions in savings for San Jose's taxpayers -- including \$42 million this year alone -- and will remove from city taxpayers' shoulders the burden and risk of funding retiree healthcare for new employees.

But independent of that success,

larger forces will continue to conspire against us fiscally. Here in San José, these larger forces will cost our General Fund approximately \$20 to \$25 million more in retirement contributions than initially projected next year. There are four reasons for these looming cost pressures:



From the Mayor
Sam Liccardo

First, the large accrued debts haven't gone anywhere. Although our pension reforms will reduce future costs, particularly for new hires, state constitutional law largely prevents public employers from doing anything that will reduce liabilities

that have already accrued (i.e., benefits of current retirees or employees). In San José, that unfunded liability amounts to about \$3.7 billion -- a debt that must be paid down over time like any mortgage. To worsen the pinch, our Police & Fire Retirement Board recently decided to shorten the amortization period -- which will reduce the aggregate, long-term costs but require higher payments from our General Fund in the next several years.

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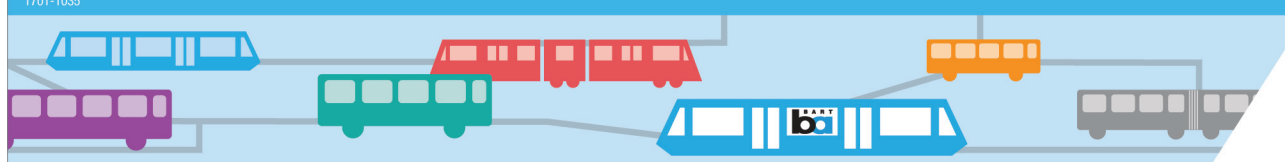

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retire, more retirees are receiving benefits while fewer employees are paying into the system than a decade ago. As a result, our actuaries tell us that our Retirement Plans have become much more volatile: any downturn in investment returns will have a far greater impact on contribution rates. This forces our retirement boards to make more conservative investments, shifting their asset allocation away from high-return options, such as equities and real estate, to reduce risk.

Third, like many other retirement funds across the country, market returns have sagged over the prior two years, well below the expected investment returns of these funds. As a result, both the State of California, and cities with independent retirement funds like San José, will be forced to contribute more to cover the gap between projections and reality.

This raises a final issue of greater long-term consequence: for decades, bloated assumptions about the rates of return of the funds' investments have masked the true cost and size of liabilities in plans like CalPERS and CalSTRS. By

simply making optimistic projections for earnings plan assets, employees and taxpayers could avoid having to contribute as much up-front to cover retiree pensions in the future. That's a short-run strategy, of course, and reality has a way of catching up with rosy projections -- which ultimately costs the taxpayers even more in the long-run.

To their credit, San Jose's retirement boards have moved aggressively to correct the mistakes of the past, reining in the assumed investment return from 8.25% a half-decade ago to 6.85% today, and they may go lower still in future years. While San Jose will continue to lead the way to inject needed transparency in this process, this will come at a cost of additional General Fund contributions. Yes, we'll pay more now, but the alternative is to pay much, much more later.

In contrast, the state's retirement fund boards only recently moved to reduce their rate of return assumptions (and, far too slowly, in the view of many experts). Nonetheless, now that the state funds adopt lower return assumptions, many more California cities and school districts will see their retirement contributions rise much more steeply in the years ahead.

Sierra Nevada Brewing announces 12-ounce bottle recall

Sierra Nevada Brewing Co. is recalling its 12-ounce bottles of its pale ales, IPA's and other beers after detecting a packaging flaw that could cause a piece of glass to break off into the bottle.

The recall applies to eight different types of its craft beers, including its popular Sierra Nevada Pale Ale, purchased in 36 states across the Midwest, the South and East Coast of the United States.

The voluntary recall was issued after quality inspections found a limited number of bot-



tles made with a flaw "that may cause a small piece of glass to break off and possibly fall into the bottle, creating a risk of injury," according to a Sierra Nevada Brewing co. spokesperson.

The affected beer has a package date that falls between Dec. 5, 2016, and Jan. 13, 2017 with a brewery code of "M" — which stands of Mills River — printed directly on bottles and the packaging of cardboard cases.

Two Baylor University students named to Dean's List

Two Almaden residents have been named to the Dean's Academic Honor Roll at Baylor University.

Caroline Elizabeth Blach, College of Arts and Sciences, and Jillian Claire Hatcher, Hankamer School of Business, have grade-point averages between 3.8 and 4.0.

Baylor University, chartered in 1845, is a private Christian University and a nationally ranked research institution, with more than 16,000 students.

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EVERYONE is welcome to join our league and it does not matter what skill level because we have a spot for you. AVGSL's main goal is to insure that all players are in a fun, positive environment while learning and expanding their softball skills. AVGSL promotes a sense of belonging for everyone. We emphasize teamwork and the sense of individual success that contribute to team sports.

If you have questions please email president@avgsl.org and we will be happy to help.

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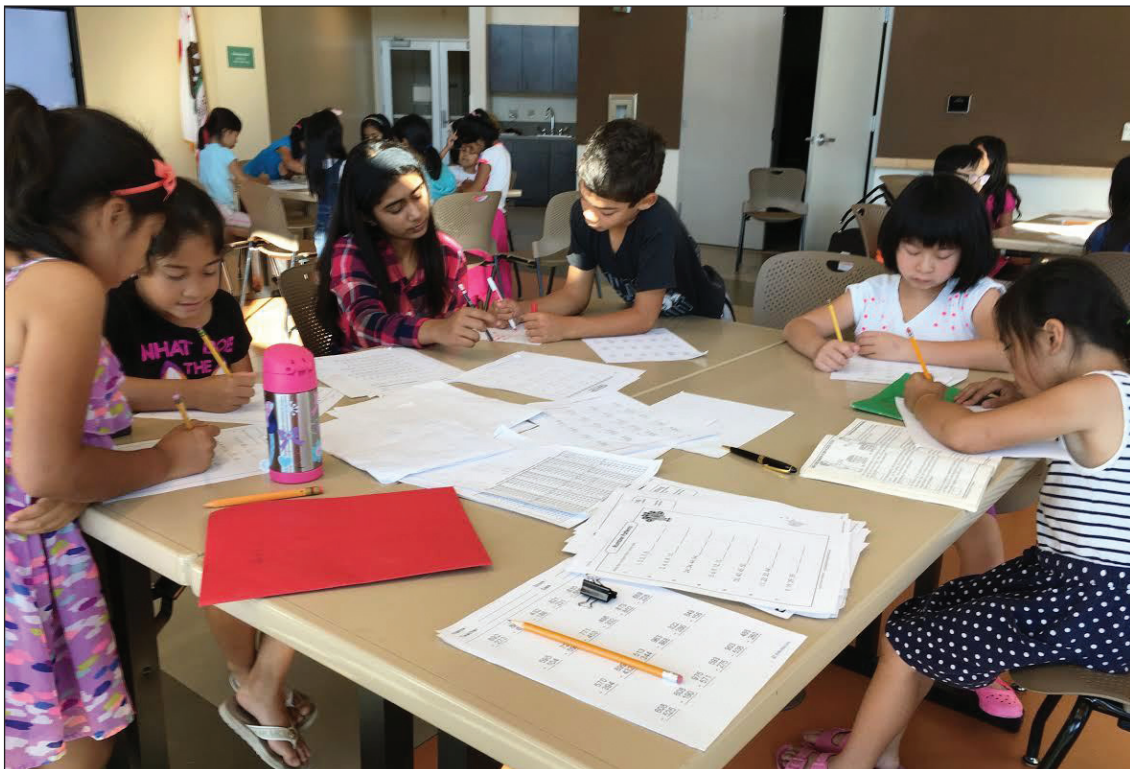
Soup party a success

The Almaden Seniors January event “All You Can Eat Soup Party” was a success with more than 140 seniors enjoying five delicious soups, prepared by

senior chefs on Jan. 9.

The annual meal, held at the Almaden Community Center, included French bread and cookies for dessert for only 7 dollars.

The next major event is a trip to Cache Creek on March 14th.



A truly successful collaborative effort by librarians and volunteers, the program is now offered at three libraries and has grown to include more than one hundred participants and 15 volunteers.

Teens launch program to share passion to help kids become confident problem solvers

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The idea that Math is fun is a novel concept for many who do not have access to the environment that promotes confidence and love for learning.

Maya Nayak and Monjish Bhattacharya were inspired to give back to the community and share their love for math.

“When we’re having fun, we are more open to learning which is the theme behind the idea that inspired us,” said Nayak and Bhattacharya, two Bay area high school students and founders of FunMath4kids. Their program promotes confidence and teaches young students to get excited about the idea of problem solving and appreciate that the essence of mathematics lies in its freedom.

Since its humble beginnings as a pilot program with three students, it is beginning to grow to benefit large number of students already. “The support from librarians has been amazing and without them, it would have been impossible to make this such a successful pilot program,” said Nayak.

As the first librarian to host it, Randall Studstill says “Maya and the other FunMath4Kids volunteers did a great job providing math enrichment for kids. Not only did the kids improve their math skills, they had fun too.”

In less than a year since its inception, the program expanded to three libraries including the Hillview Branch, hosted by the librarian Elizabeth Karr who says “FunMath4Kids was a popular program with our families at

Hillview Library this past summer. Kids had a lot of hands-on fun learning about math and exploring new concepts in an approachable way. Maya was an excellent motivator and educator, keeping students engaged and collaborating throughout the entire class and teaching kids that they can be good at math and have fun while learning too.”

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FunMath4kids has both kids and parents excited and will be expanding and reaching about to the larger community.

For more information, visit <https://sites.google.com/site/fun-math4kidsprogram/Home>



The Main Street Electrical Parade shines bright again at Disneyland

The Main Street Electrical Parade has returned to Disneyland after a 20-year absence. The parade runs nightly at the park through June 18.

The Electrical Parade has not changed since it appeared 45-years ago. Visitors will be treated to the signature theme song, “Baroque Hoedown” which will bring back many great memories from earlier visits to the park.

All of the hundreds of thousands of light bulbs will shine from its nearly two dozen floats and 80 costumed performers.

Recent storms have threatened the Electrical Parade as the parade cannot run in the rain because water can cause damage to the floats and costumes.

The Electrical Parade began at Disneyland in 1972 and ran on and off at Disneyland until 1996. It returned to the Disneyland Resort as Disney’s Electrical Parade, bringing magical Disney stories to Disney California Adventure park from 2001 until 2010, when it crossed the country to begin its most recent run at Walt Disney World Resort.

Cortese invites community to State of the County

By Supervisor Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

I am honored to be serving a third consecutive term as the President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and would like to invite you to the State of the County Event to celebrate our accomplishments and commit to the challenges we face in 2017.

Please join me and the rest of the Board as well as officials, special guests, community leaders and members at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7,



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

2017, in the Board Chambers at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

The doors will open at 5:00 p.m. and the ceremony will begin promptly at 5:30 p.m. A reception with refreshments will follow the State of the County speech in the lower level of the building.

For more information or if you have questions, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org if you would like to attend.

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Is my elderly parent being taken advantage of?

This Week's Question:

Dear Steve, my father passed away a decade ago and my poor mother has been lonely since. She has a new "friend" in her life that has accepted some cash to fix up her home. Mom is very fond of him. The rest of us are not so fond of him. Our concern is she is giving him access to money and resources out of misplaced trust. How do we know if or when financial elder abuse has occurred?

Eric V., Almaden Valley

Answer:

The situation you find yourself in is all too common, with many different dynamics involved in such situations. To be frank with you, sometimes the adult children simply do not like their elderly mother hanging out with new gentlemen, while others are worried about their own inheritance. Then you have the majority of adult children facing this scenario with nothing but love for their elderly single parent, with the sole pure intent being protection. Perhaps it is a relative protecting the elderly individual. However, in the end, the motive of the adult child investigating potential elder abuse is irrelevant from a legal perspective. The legal keys are the intent and conduct of the new friend and alleged perpetrator, and the evidence of the wrongful conduct you can obtain.

First, let us take a look at the law surrounding financial elder abuse in California, and the requirements to prove financial elder abuse. California Welfare and Institutions Code § 15610.30 provides that "Financial abuse" of an elder or dependent adult occurs when a person or entity does any of the following: (i) takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains, or retains real or personal property of an elder (age 65 or older) or dependent adult for a wrongful use or with intent to defraud, or both; (ii) assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult for a wrongful cause or with intent to defraud or both; or (iii) takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains, or retains, or assists in taking, secreting, appropriating, obtaining, or retaining, real or personal property of an elder or dependent adult by undue influence, as defined in Section 1575 of the Civil Code."

Therefore, in a nutshell, financial elder abuse occurs when a person (1) takes, secretes, appropriates, obtains or retains; (2) the real or personal property; (3) of an elder or dependent adult; (4) for a wrongful use, or with intent to defraud, or both. A person is also liable for financial elder abuse if the "assist" another in doing any of the above. The "wrongful use" may be demonstrated by showing that the person knew, or should have known, that this conduct was likely to be harmful to the elder. Winning or losing all comes down to the evidence supporting the wrongful conduct and wrongful taking

of or retention of assets.

Of course, financial elder abuse is not limited to a new friend or companion. Home improvement contractors, service providers, and other seemingly legitimate businesses, as well as an army of morally and spiritually devoid predators, that we can all simply call ball people, can and do regularly commit elder abuse. After all, no one ever thought Eric Madoff was committing elder abuse in taking financial investments from the elderly ... and we all know how that story ended.

This writer's simple advice: Stay alert and stay involved. Your best protection is your relationship with the elderly person you seek to protect. If you genuinely care about them, visit them often, keep an eye on the people around them, help with their finances to monitor expenditures for anything suspicious (without taking any money!), and just stay involved. It will keep their trust with you and give you access to the information you need to determine whether the person is actually a threat. Open dialogue is best if possible, and in my experience this only works where there is genuine trust by the elderly person in the adult child or other person seeking to protect them. Where the alleged perpetrator is able to dig in roots and strengthen their position well beyond that of the adult child or other protector, sadly it is often too late ... the victim will turn a blind eye as they do not want to lose this person in their life nor believe there was any wrongful intent by their friend. The fight happens after the elderly person dies, with a multi-year lawsuit over the trust or will the children never saw, drafted under the influence of the perpetrator.

Again, proactivity in protecting your elderly loved one is your best approach. Keep them close. If you truly suspect something is wrong, consult with legal counsel. In this writer's humble opinion, other than one's personal faith, what is more important than family?

Until next time ... and have a great day!

kindest Regards,
Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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of empathy. And with empathy comes the desire to help find solutions for homelessness in our community. I think this program shows the involvement of the church in the broader needs of the community...as an agent for change in the world outside."

Rev. Shelley Booth Denny, of the Episcopal Church in Almaden, agrees. "The main thing we do is offer presence and caring," she says. "It's especially meaningful to folks who are living outside because they tend to be invisible. Nobody wants to look homeless people in the eye and that affects their self-worth. Caring about them as people, and the time we take to just be with them, is really as important as the shelter."

Due to predicted severe winter weather associated with El Niño, on Dec. 8, 2015, the San Jose City Council eased permitting regulations to allow churches to temporarily shelter the homeless for up to 35 days. Churches worked together to create overnight accommodations, meals and showers for up to 15 homeless women from mid-January to late April, 2016. Action by the San Jose City Council in June, 2016, extended the Church Shelter Urgency Ordinance for another year. The action allows temporary shelter to be provided for up to 90 days a year for up to 30 people.

Village House began as a result of Bishop McGrath of the Diocese of San Jose asking all Catholic Parishes to consider opening their facilities to shelter the homeless during the winter of 2016. Holy Spirit Parish, Willow Glen United Methodist Church, Saint Francis Cabrini Church, Saint Martin of Tours, Almaden Hills Methodist Church and Saint Francis Episcopal Church answered the call.

Currently, a larger, more diverse group including Catholic, Episcopal, Methodist, Mormon and Jewish congregations are working together to provide safe havens for the homeless. The hope is to provide a more robust operation with recurring, committed partners, a mature governance structure, and a sustainable program into the future.

The following religious institutions will host evening shelters in 2017:

- Holy Spirit Parish (Jan. 4 to Feb. 1)
- Saint Martin of Tours (Feb. 1 to March 1)
- Saint Francis Cabrini Church (March 1 to April 5)
- Willow Glen United Methodist Church (April 5 to May 3)
- Temple Emanu-El (May 3 to June 7)
- Saint Julie Billiard Parish (June 7 to July 5)
- Cathedral of Faith (July 5 to Aug. 2)
- Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church (Aug. 2 to Sept. 6)

These churches will offer warming centers during the day:

- Episcopal Church of Almaden
- Almaden Hills United Methodist Church
- Good Samaritan Episcopal Church
- Saint Francis Episcopal Church

Additional facilities, particularly daytime destinations, and volunteers are still needed.

The women are fed dinner and breakfast at the night shelters and are provided clothing, showers, and toiletries. At the day shelters, they are provided cots for resting and lunch. Additional outreach is also offered. For example, Episcopal Church of Almaden is setting up computers and a printer, puzzles, art projects, reading material and movies, as well as inviting the women to participate in services, Bible study and prayer sessions.



Homeless women receive warmth and companionship at Holy Spirit Parish and other Village House network partners. Photo courtesy of Mike Ferrero. Below: puzzles and projects are available for guests.



Rev. Booth Denny, learned about Village House through her clergy group and brought people in to speak at a Summer Sunday Series, including Ferrero and Corey Fricerro, Veteran Outreach Social Worker, Goodwill Silicon Valley. She says that Fricerro, who was homeless himself and a veteran, is a compelling speaker. "Throughout the summer, he built awareness and compassion of the problems of homeless folks and this stirred us to join Village House," she says.

Although they were excited to become involved in this effort, she says, the congregation was concerned about staffing three volunteers in two-hour slots for 12 hours a day, seven days a week, as they are a small church. "We were nervous about it, but felt God was leading us into this work," she says. "We took a leap of faith trusting that others would come to help us, and they did. As it moves to other churches, our people will help at their warming centers. We're all in the same boat in terms of being able to do it. And you do form relationships with the ladies and want to stay in contact and celebrate their successes. The women are grateful to have a homelike atmosphere with people who care about them. We chat about whatever they want to; if they want to tell their story, or talk about the weather or do a puzzle. The work has been a tremendous blessing for us. The women are wonderful and the relationships developing between them and the volunteers are enriching on both sides."

A couple of the women come to church every Sunday. "It's lovely having them there," she says. "I was talking about the warming center in my sermon on Sunday, saying what a blessing it is to us, and it was sweet to see the ladies hold hands and give each other a little hug and kiss. It is an absolutely worthwhile program. I'm really glad that we're participating in this."

Fricerro knows what it means to the homeless to receive a helping hand. When he returned from serving in the US Air Force in 2007, in bad economic times, he found himself homeless on the streets where he grew up. "It was a difficult and humbling experience that I never thought I would be going through," he says. "Luckily, I was able to take advantage of VA services and turn my life around. My experience being homeless on the streets of Santa Clara County opened my eyes to the enormous problems that many face every single day. Having been where I have been, I can't leave anyone else behind."

He took employment with Goodwill Silicon Valley, assisting other veterans to achieve critical goals in housing and employment, and goes into homeless encampments to identify veterans and make them aware of social services and shelters. Goodwill Silicon Valley has helped house over 300 veterans and helped over 150 find gainful employment. "This is an accomplishment we are very proud of," he says, "but our efforts are never finished as long as just one veteran sleeps

without shelter tonight."

During the recent fall and winter months, Goodwill Silicon Valley HomeFirst Services has been operating four short-term emergency shelters, offering warm, safe environments for people to gather and weather the storms. They also provide tokens and shuttles to help with transportation efforts, as well as hot soup and drinks, and allow pets to stay with their owners so that no one is excluded from seeking emergency shelter. Without these warming centers, many would be at risk of exposure to the elements and related illnesses. Volunteers at the warming shelters are encouraged to interact with and provide support on a personal level. Along the way, they learn of the hardships they face and gain better understanding.

"As well as giving members of the community an outlet to directly help the people who need them the most," says Fricerro, "the warming shelters have been a referral source for veterans who might be unaware of available resources. When a veteran shows up at one of the warming centers, I often get a call or an email asking me to come and offer solutions. It's all part of collaborative networks that work together to solve this tremendous problem that our county faces."

Fricerro believes that the recent passage of Measure A, a \$950 million affordable housing bond which will create thousands of new affordable homes for hardworking families and vulnerable communities across Santa Clara County, is a telltale sign that the county is committed to tackling this problem and putting resources where they are so sorely needed. "The task before us is monumental and daunting," he says, "but with hard work and compassion, we can save many of our fellow citizens from the dangers of life on our streets."

Reaching out into the community is really important," says Rev. Booth Denny. "It's always about relationships, and this has given us an opportunity to be in a relationship with folks we probably wouldn't have had the opportunity to be in a relationship with, and that's a wonderful thing."

Please contact <https://www.villagehousesccca.com/volunteer> and <http://www.goodwillsv.org> for more information or to volunteer.



Leland Hockey Team stomps Sobrato; mercy called

The Leland High School Roller Hockey team beat Sobrato at the Sportplex in San Jose with the final score of 12-4 on Jan. 21. Both teams played a fast game, with several Leland players making spectacular goals, a few from center ring.

Leland made an extra effort in the third quarter and the game was official stopped with 1:32 left to play due to a Mercy. A Mercy is called by the officials when there is an eight goal differential after two periods of play, and the game is considered final. Leland's Gold Roller Hockey Team plays most Saturday evenings at the Sports Plex, 800 Embedded Way in San Jose.

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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 10:45AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH

Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com
2750 Yerba Buena Rd. San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: 408-274-7422. Saturday worship is at 5 pm. Sunday worship services at 9 am and 11 am. Excellent contemporary Christian music and Bible-based teaching. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School programs at 9 am and 11 am. Junior High students meet at 9am and High School students meet at 11am.
Nuevo Comienzo: Servicio en espanol, Domingo 4pm.

FIRST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.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, worshiping, 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
3695 Rose Terrasse Circle. San Jose CA 95148
Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave.
Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor.
10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian.
Spanish at 1:00 PM.

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.church-santhony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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Services are every Sunday:
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9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com
www.stfrancisofassisipreschool.org
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 offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:

- St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
 - 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) Sunday 8:15 AM
- 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!

Worship listing advertisements are \$495 annually. (408) 898-7534.

Relay For Life of Almaden

May 6, 2017

9 am - 10 pm

Almaden Lake Park

Upcoming Volunteer Info Meetings

- * Wednesday, January 25th at 6:30 pm
- * Wednesday, February 15th at 6:30 pm
- * Wednesday, March 15th at 6:30 pm
- * Wednesday March 29th at 6:30 pm
- * Wednesday April 12th at 6:30 pm

* Meetings held at Legends Pizza

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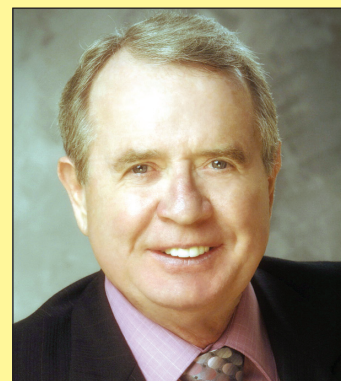
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