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## SHE'S GOT THE BEAT



Annapurna Tobler revels in getting in touch with the song, and her drumming makes the audience want to listen to it.

## Almaden School of Rock performer Annapurna wins popular vote award in drumming contest

By Kevin Larsen  
Times Staff Writer

Eleven year old Annapurna Tobler of Almaden Valley has a passion for drumming and what she does inspires others.

Hit Like a Girl is an annual online drum contest in which Tobler, known to her friends as “AP”, won the most popular vote for under 18-year-olds.

The drumming website has attracted more than two thousand contestants from 50 countries, and has generated tens of millions of page views and fan votes around the world. Also, it has raised the visibility of female drummers and spotlighted the efforts of girls and women.

### Breathtaking

The way she revels in getting in touch with the song and what it conveys makes the audience want to listen to it all and take part in experiencing the message of the music. During one part, there is a pause and she keeps going by smiling a grin and bringing her hands into the air and communicates

without words, “Ya,” with her hands, to the audience!

“When I get behind the kit, I forget about my worries and all I can think about is the music,” said Tobler. In addition to playing the drums, Tobler says she “loves playing the guitar, drawing, playing basketball and eating tacos.”

### Watch her performance

Stop whatever you are doing and go to the web link at the bottom of this article and log in. You’ll see Tobler’s talent by viewing her drumming skills and expert timing. You simply get chills up your spine as you see this talented young musician smile and take control of a full throttle drum set with her skillful spry wrists attacking the professional drum set and skimming over the shimmering snares with glee. Some who watched her performance were quoted as saying, “You Rock Girl!”

Playing the cover of the song Everlong by the Foo Fighters, she creates and revels in every hit of the

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Leland’s Team 604 Quixilver celebrates their division championship.

## Almaden’s Leland Robotics Team Division Champions at FIRST Championship

By Marc Ostrowski  
Special to the Times

In a historic first, Leland High School’s robotics team, Team 604 Quixilver, emerged as Division Champions at the FIRST Championship in Houston, Texas on April 22, the world championship for high school robotics.

This was the first time ever that a team from the San Jose Unified School District has been a Division Champion.

FIRST (Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Championship brings together competing teams from across the United States and around the world.

Their fourth place seeding coming out of the Qualification rounds made them an alliance captain, and the Leland team chose as their alliance partners the Space Cookies, Team 1868, based at NASA Ames Research Center, NeoBots, Team 2903, from

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## Leland High School to celebrate Fiftieth Anniversary May 13

A historic celebration is planned when Leland High School commemorates its 50th year in the Almaden Valley.

The school’s staff and volunteers have been working hard to showcase the anniversary all year with the largest event to be hosted at Leland in the quad area on Saturday, May 13 from 4 - 8 p.m. There will be food and entertainment to enjoy.

Opening in 1967 with a small student population, Leland has grown to be a nationally recognized high school not only for its academic excellence but also for its sports, speech (public speaking), debate, cheerleading, robotics programs and more. Each and every year Leland

bestows awards, ribbons and the percentage of students transferring to higher education are truly unprecedented.

Leland’s alumni, with their numerous academic, social and athletic distinctions will also be attending the May 13 event, including astronauts, football, soccer, MBA, baseball players, politicians and look too for successes in Hollywood! Many past principals will also be attending to share memories as well.

Those attending the event will witness how Leland has grown and changed over the last half century through scheduled tours, announcements and amazing decades table

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## CHANGING EDUCATION

# The future of Almaden Valley schools

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

“The Future of Almaden Valley Schools” was the focus of San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) Board of Education member Kimberly Meek at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

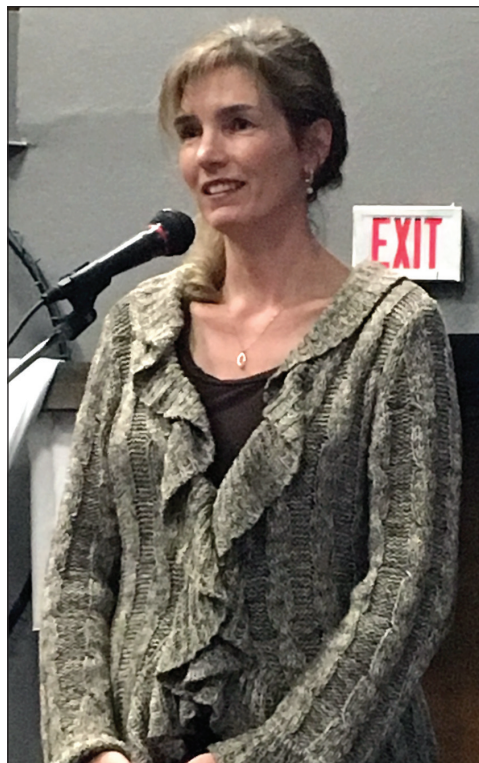
“My number one reason for being here is student performance,” says Meek, who is Trustee for Area 5 Schools, which include: Graystone, Los Alamitos, Simonds and Williams Elementary Schools, Bret Harte and Castillero Middle Schools, Allen at Steinbeck and Leland High School.

Meek and her husband, Ted Pierce, a social studies teacher, live in Almaden Valley with their three children. They share SJUSD’s mission of eliminating the opportunity gap and providing every student with the finest 21st century education.

Currently, 42 percent of SJUSD students perform at grade level in mathematics and 54 percent do so in English Language Arts. “Almaden Valley schools are much higher, in the 70/80 percent range,” she says, “but I can’t sit by and watch our larger San Jose community with those kinds of proficiency rates and accept it, so that’s my number one goal. If I do anything in my four years, if I can help improve those proficiency rates, I’ll feel successful.” Pursuing that goal, she is currently participating in a program aimed at driving proficiency rates up at elementary schools.

Meek would also like to see SJUSD develop a K-12 computer science curriculum that prepares students for the high-tech world. “We’re in Silicon Valley. We should absolutely have some type of formal computer education for our students,” she says. “Those are two things I’m passionate about.”

In addition, Meek would like SJUSD to create programs which support differentiated learning for accelerated learners. She threw her hat into the ring following her frustration with her third-grader’s education. “All politics are personal,” she says. As he was an accelerated learner, her son finished his work quickly and started talking to other boys, resulting in his getting in trouble in the classroom. Although Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) was scheduled for the following year, Meek says there wasn’t money put aside in the school budget for it. “He was bored and didn’t want to go to school,” says Meek. “but reading’s been his savior.” He learned to read in first grade and by third grade read at a 12th grade level. In the midst of her frustration, Meek says she wondered what she could do for her child and why the school wasn’t doing more. “When a teacher gave my son a packet of additional math worksheets, he did not feel chal-



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Kimberly Meek  
SJUSD Board of  
Education Member

lenged,” she says. “He was not excited.”

While working at SAP as a Product Support Vice President, Meek was asked to represent them on the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Education Committee. She was further motivated to change the public education system when she heard their guest speaker, Matt Hammer, author of *Broken Promises: The Children Left Behind* in Silicon Valley Schools, say that if children aren’t reading by grade level three, they have minimal chance of graduating high school and will likely end up in poverty. “I had a visceral gut reaction,” she says. Here, she had concerns about her child’s education, who had support, but who was standing up for these other kids? “Where is their Kimberly?” she asked herself. Taking this to heart, she soon joined the School Site Council, hoping to help underperforming students and schools achieve success. Unfortunately, after two years, she didn’t feel closer to making a difference.

She was horrified to learn that Gardner

Academy, where her youngest attends, has a proficiency level of 10 percent for Language Arts and nine percent for mathematics. “It had been that way for 16 years,” she says, “a continually bleeding problem that wasn’t addressed.” After working for two years on their School Site Council, she hadn’t made the difference she wanted to and realized she’d have to find a way to do more. That summer, she was asked if she’d be interested in running for the SJUSD board.

The California Charter Schools Association (CCSA) funded her campaign and training. “I truly believe they supported me for the same reason I wanted to run: to make a change for our kids,” she says. “If you don’t want special interest money, we have to be more generous and open up our pocketbooks. Campaigning is incredibly hard. Asking people for money is hard. I didn’t even want to ask for money for the walkathon at school.” Meek says it cost her about \$5,000 just to be put on the ballot for SJUSD and to hire a political consultant.

Meek says that what charter schools do well is to create a community with parents and students. “Parents believe that their founders are there to support their kids and see that they’re successful,” she says. “The downside is that they pull funding from traditional public schools.” In addition, although charter schools are supported by private donors, public schools don’t receive that support. “We need to look at where charter schools are successful and support them in those areas,” says Meek, “but where they’re not doing as well as public schools, I don’t see the value.”

College almost didn’t happen for Meek, who struggled in high school. It wasn’t until her senior year that she decided to go after working at Longs Drugs. At first, she was delighted to be making money and she excelled at her job. In fact, after three months, they told her how amazing she was and that she had a future at Longs. They even gave her a raise. It was for 10 cents. In that moment, she decided to attend college.

“Education is incredibly important,” she says. “The fact that I made it through college is the single biggest factor in all the success I’ve had up through today.”

She also believes strongly in parent support. “The more involved parents are, the better the students will do,” she says. “It’s important that parents get involved in every way to support their kids.”

In its equity program, SJUSD directs more resources to those in need. “Education should be the same at all schools,” says Meek. “In SJUSD, educational standards are the same at all the schools, but the curriculum, books and teaching staff can vary.”

Allen at Steinbeck is a Trustee Area 5 school with proficiency rates of 38 percent in English

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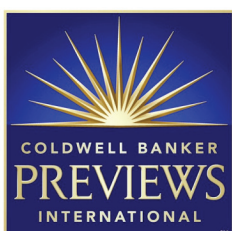
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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### The Coyote Principle

Editor,  
California:

- The Governor of California is jogging with his dog along a nature trail. A coyote jumps out and attacks the Governor's dog, then bites the Governor.
- The Governor starts to intervene, but reflects upon the movie "Bambi" and then realizes he should stop because the coyote is only doing what is natural.
- He calls animal control. Animal Control captures the coyote and bills the state \$200 testing it for diseases and \$500 for relocating it.
- He calls a veterinarian. The vet collects the dead dog and bills the State \$200 testing it for diseases.
- The Governor goes to hospital and spends \$3,500 getting checked for diseases from the coyote and on getting his bite wound bandaged.
- The running trail gets shut down for 6 months while Fish & Game conducts a \$100,000 survey to make sure the area is now free of dangerous animals.
- The Governor spends \$50,000 in state funds implementing a "coyote awareness

program" for residents of the area.

- The State Legislature spends \$2 million to study how to better treat rabies and how to permanently eradicate the disease throughout the world.
- The Governor's security agent is fired for not stopping the attack. The state spends \$150,000 to hire and train a new agent with additional special training re the nature of coyotes.
- PETA protests the coyote's relocation and files a \$5 million suit against the state.

**Texas:**

- The Governor of Texas is jogging with his dog along a nature trail. A coyote jumps out and attacks his dog.
  - The Governor shoots the coyote with his state-issued pistol and keeps jogging. The Governor has spent \$.50 on a .45 ACP hollow point cartridge.
  - The buzzards eat the dead coyote.
- And...that, my friends, is why California is broke and Texas is not.

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Leland Quixilver's team (pictured above.) Their robot excelled based on its speed, simplicity and efficiency.

## Quixilver

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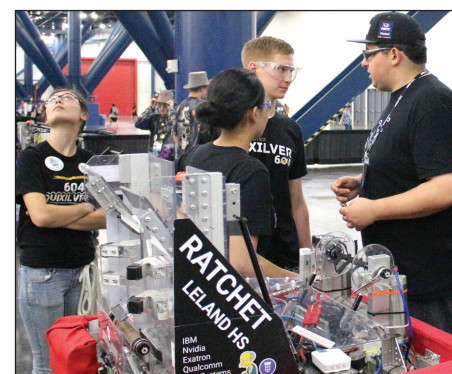
Arlington, Washington and ALL SPARKS, Team 2848, from Dallas, Texas.

The Leland robot excelled based on its speed, simplicity and efficiency as well as skillful driving. After winning the Hopper Division the team advanced to compete in the round robin Einstein semi-finals, finishing seeded 4th place, essentially fourth place ranking overall for this world championship event.

The FIRST Championship winners are decided in a final match between the number one and two seeded alliances.

While no strangers to the high level competition of the FIRST Championships, this was the first year since 2010 that the Leland team qualified through a winning robot, after being a member of the winning alliance at the Silicon Valley Regional at San Jose State University.

Leland is a perennial competitor in the prestigious FIRST Chairman's Award category, recognizing the team that best represents a model for other teams to emulate and best embodies the purpose and goals of FIRST. The team has advanced to the World Championship based on their strength in the Chairman's Award category for 9 out of the past 11 years.



This was the first year since 2010 that the Leland team qualified through a winning robot.

This is the 26th Season of FIRST Robotics Competition. There were 3340 high schools in 25 countries competing in 145 regional and district events in order to qualify for the four-day Championship event.

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## Times Community News

### Forgiveness: Library late fees waived for the month of May

Starting this week, the public can take advantage of San Jose Public Library's (SJPL) first-ever "2-Step Fine Forgiveness Program." For the entire month of May, library users will have the opportunity to have all their late fees waived on overdue items, which include books, DVDs, CDs, and other materials.

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A moment from Annapurna Tobler's winning performance.

### Tobler

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sticks to share award winning sounds as she nimbly moves to contact to all eight pieces of her drum set. She controls the power of the song and where it is going. The timing is there and the skill of hitting the drums in just the right angle to gain just the right sound occurs. She owns it all. She rocks!

**This musician is "Bad"**

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*Editor's note: Here is the web link for Annapurna Tobler's winning performance. When you get to the webpage scroll down to (DRUMSET < 18 POPULAR WINNER) and you will see her name and be able to click to see her performance.* [hitlikeagirlcontest.com](http://hitlikeagirlcontest.com)

*Here is the weblink for The School of Rock locations:* [schoolofrock.com/sanjose](http://schoolofrock.com/sanjose).

### Leland

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displays.

A special time capsule program capturing relevant items from our current era will be a highlighted activity as will a special tree planting ceremony replacing the historical Oak that was removed years ago due to disease. It's sure to be a fantastic memorable afternoon. The high school continues to grow in new exciting ways and embraces its heritage and integrity of all its storied history to be held strong by new students and staff!

Leland High School invites the community to bring their families and friends for this lifetime event.

The 50th Anniversary celebration is free



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to all. Dinner ticket options for alumni, neighbors and friends are \$25, and dinner ticket options for current and future students are \$15. Food tickets can be purchased online at: [sjusd.org/leland/50th-anniversary](http://sjusd.org/leland/50th-anniversary) Leland High School; 6677 Camden Avenue San Jose, CA 95120; 408.535.6290.



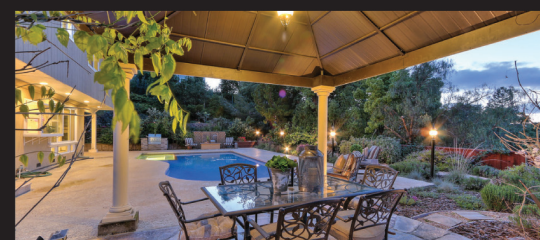


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Times **Local News**

# Almaden Valley students inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

The following local Almaden Valley students have been initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Alexis Sarabia, San Jose State University; Dylan Sargent, San Jose State University; Katrina Rojko, San Jose State University; Lauren Alessio, San Jose State University; Natalia Berry, San Jose State University; Tiffany Schmidt, San Jose State University; Michelle Walker, San Jose State University; Chuong Huynh, San Jose State University.

These residents are among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines. Its mission is "To recognize and promote academic excellence in all fields of higher education and to engage the community of scholars in service to others."

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Since its founding, 1.5 million members have been initiated into Phi Kappa Phi. Some of the organization's notable members include former President Jimmy Carter, NASA astronaut Wendy Lawrence, novelist David Baldacci and YouTube co-founder Chad Hurley. The Society has awarded approximately \$15 million since the inception of its awards program in 1932. Today, \$1.4 million is awarded each biennium to qualifying students and members through graduate fellowships, undergraduate study abroad grants, member and chapter awards, and grants for local, national and international literacy initiatives. For more information, visit [phikappaphi.org](http://phikappaphi.org)

## Meek

Continued from page 4

Language Arts and 26 percent in mathematics. "Sometimes it's easy to say those things are not in my neighborhood," she says, "but it's two miles away. That's a school I want to look at and improve our performance there."

Meek says that there is definitely progress in the school district, but it needs to come much faster. Unfortunately, there are hurdles in moving forward. "If I'm going to get any change made, I need to get two people on the school board to agree with me," she says, "but

there's not a lot of interaction between board members as the Brown Act makes it difficult." As the Brown Act guarantees the public's right to attend and participate in meetings of local legislative bodies, she says that board members are hesitant to meet together privately to discuss educational issues.

"Community engagement and having some real conversations about what we need to change is critical," says Meek. She encourages people to share their vision for the future of SJUSD's educational system at: [go.sjUSD.org/townhall0916](http://go.sjUSD.org/townhall0916). "Speak up!" she says, "Your voice matters."

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## Khamis named Business Advocate of the Year

The SVO, the new name of the Silicon Valley-San Jose Chamber of Commerce, recognized San Jose City Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** District 10 as Business Advocate of the Year during the recent

Community Impact Awards. "I am incredibly grateful to receive this honor and look forward to continuing to protect and advocate for a great business environment in San Jose," said Khamis. Pictured (l to r), are: **Dan Bozzuto**, president and CEO of Bozzuto Insurance Services, Khamis, and **Matthew Mahood**, head of the Silicon Valley Organization.

## Local students shine at Almaden Valley Women's Club scholarship event

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is awarding seven scholarships to Almaden area seniors as well as announcing the winning logo for the 2017 Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival Thursday evening, May 4 at the Almaden Community Center.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is committed to serving the needs of the Almaden Valley community and those of greater San Jose through funds raised at their annual fundraiser – the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival.

All proceeds from the festival are donated as community grants to educational facilities and non-profit community organizations. In addition the club awards the Academic and Service Scholarships to graduating seniors living in Almaden Valley.

Local senior scholarship winners and their families will join the Almaden Valley Women's Club for a celebration in their honor.

The 2017 Festival logo will be presented to the community on this evening and the winner will be honored as well. Logos were submitted by area Middle and High School students.

Look for the next issue of the Almaden Times for the names of the winners and the new logo design.

New members are welcome to attend. Please contact Rebecca at [Membership@Almadenwomen.org](mailto:Membership@Almadenwomen.org) for more information.



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# The probate process in California: What it is and how it works

By **Steven R. Roeser***Special to the Times*

## This Week's Question:

"My aunt died a few months ago and our family knows she did not have a will or trust. What happens to her assets?"

**Johnny C.***Almaden Valley*

Dear Johnny:

Good question, sir, as the general public is often confused as to what probate is, when it applies, and how it works.

Probate is a legal process whereby a court validates the deceased person's will or determines that he or she died without a will. If one dies with a valid will, the person dies "testate." If one dies without a will, the person dies "intestate."

The probate court also appoints someone to handle the decedent's assets and pay the bills owed at death, referred to as an executor or administrator, depending on the specific circumstances of the matter (beyond the scope of this article). Additional purposes of probate are to permit credi-

tors of the deceased to come forward and make claims/make certain debts are paid, as well as taxes paid.

Income collected during probate requires the filing of a separate estate income tax return and the payment of tax on behalf of the estate. The estate may owe estate taxes as well, depending on the value of the estate (see our previous Almaden Times article on estate taxes).

Finally, after all assets of the decedent are collected, assets are sold and taxes and debts are paid. The remaining assets are distributed to the beneficiaries in accordance with the will, or in accordance with applicable state intestate succession law if the decedent died without a will.

Where an estate plan that includes a living trust is in place, probate can often be avoided. Even without a trust, although rarely, probate can still be avoided. California law provides that a probate is not necessary if the total value of the decedent's assets subject to probate at the time of death does

not exceed the sum of \$100,000. Rather, there is a simplified procedure for the transfer of these assets. There is

also a simplified community property set aside procedure if all the assets owned by the Decedent are community property with a surviving spouse.

To summarize the probate process, when a decedent's estate must go through probate for administration, a petition will be filed to appoint an administrator. After the administrator inventories the estate assets, tallies debts, complies with creditor procedures, liquidates assets as

required or appropriate, and files and pays all taxes, then the remainder is distributed.

To wrap up and wind down the probate estate, it is necessary to petition the court and to obtain a court order to make the distribution. The executor must either file a final accounting listing all receipts and disbursements, or obtain a waiver of the accounting from all of the estate beneficiaries. After the accounting is prepared or

waived, a petition is drafted which is a summary of the estate and the actions taken. This petition lists the assets currently on hand and the proposed distribution of these assets, including payment to administrator and counsel.

If the estate is relatively simple and no federal estate tax is due, it can be concluded in less than a year. If there is estate tax due, the period will likely increase to a year or a year and a half. 18 months should be the maximum for a probate unless there is litigation or other issues that block final distribution.

If you find yourself needing advice as to a decedent's estate, or any estate planning matter, feel free to contact me!

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,

**Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

You can reach Mr. Roeser with your questions by email at [steve@roeserlaw.net](mailto:steve@roeserlaw.net), with "Almaden Times" in the subject line, or by telephone at (650) 300-5778. Your real name will not be used. No attorney-client relationship is created by these articles, and any information in this article does not constitute legal advice and is not to be relied upon. For more information on our practice, please visit [www.almadenvalleylawyers.com](http://www.almadenvalleylawyers.com).



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## Pioneer HS teacher arrested for alleged possession of child porn

The San Jose Police Department's Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) task force arrested 41 year old Pioneer High School resource teacher John Hayden for alleged possession of child pornography on April 20.

ICAC detectives obtained a search warrant for child pornography and served the warrant at Hayden's residence in San Jose. Images of child pornography were located and seized at his San Jose home.

Hayden was located and arrested on the Pioneer High School campus. Hayden was booked into the County Jail. "Police removed Hayden from his classroom "right away," said San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) spokesman Peter Allen. He was booked into the county jail and is on paid leave, per SJUSD policy.

As a precaution, San Jose Police Department detec-

tives conducted follow up to ensure that there were no unreported incidents of lewd or inappropriate conduct. School administration cooperated with the investigation and no prior incidents were uncovered.

The investigation into his previous employment, a teacher in the Sunnyvale School District, is underway to ensure that there is no other illegal activity.

Persons with information regarding this incident are urged to contact Detective Sergeant Spears #3413 or Detective Jourdenais No. 4108 in the San Jose Police Department's ICAC (Sexual Assaults) Unit at (408) 537-1397 or 408-277-4102.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

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# Floral Fantasy event raises thousands for non-profit Assistance League of San Jose

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Bloomster's owner and floral expert, Kren Rasmussen, was featured at the Floral Fantasy Champagne luncheon fundraiser for the non-profit Assistance League of San Jose at The Villages Golf and Country Club on April 26.

Nearly 200 attended the event to see Rasmussen's exciting demonstrations filled with non-stop creative flower arrangement ideas raising thousands of dollars for the organization.

The Assistance League of San Jose provided more than 8,600 school uniforms to over 5,400 students in 37 schools (pants, shirts and socks) during the 2015-16 school year.

After the lunch, the floral arrangements were raffled off along with a handmade quilt donated by the Assistance League Quilt Group.

Rasmussen, who is known for thinking out of the box said: "It is such a pleasure demonstrating various floral arrangement ideas with the audience. This Floral Fantasy event is a great way to raise funds for the Assistance League, which is such a wonderful organization doing great things for the community."

Assistance League of SJ provides school uniforms to students in need, teddy bears to abused and neglected children, vision screening to preschools and prizes for Senior Bingo. Members read books to primary school students, present puppet shows on bullying prevention, cook meals for a homeless shelter, and much more.

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Above: Kren Rasmussen arranges flowers for the Floral Fantasy Champagne luncheon fundraiser on April 26.



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# City Council majority approves new restrictions and costs on rental property providers

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis  
*Special to the Times*

Sir Isaac Newton's third law of motion states that for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.

The City Council has taken many actions in the past to limit rental property owner abuses. We have:

- Restricted rent increases to 5 percent per year, regardless of how fast the costs of maintenance, water, electricity, and sewer services are increasing.
- Eliminated the opportunity for owners to bank rent increases from years they have not raised rents by the allowed amount.
- Required them to submit their rental rate information to a centralized Tenant Registry maintained by the Housing Department.
- Increased their inspections and raised their fees.

On Tuesday, April 18, on a narrow 6-5 vote, the City Council imposed extreme and costly new restrictions on the rights of rental property owners. Because I empathize with renters, I proposed targeted help for renters [bit.ly/EllisTPO](http://bit.ly/EllisTPO) that would have focused on the bad landlords without creating a big new City bureaucracy.

The new regulations include:

- Ellis Act requirements (view proposals here: [bit.ly/Ellis-SJ1](http://bit.ly/Ellis-SJ1), and here: [bit.ly/Ellis-SJ2](http://bit.ly/Ellis-SJ2)) where owners of rent-controlled units are required to pay renters if they do not renew their leases or they evict them, regardless of

whether they were good tenants or not, with payments ranging from \$6,925 to \$19,380; and,

- A Tenant Protection (or "Just Cause") Ordinance, that requires that, in order to evict a renter or to decline to renew a renter's lease, they must provide the renter with one of 12 City-approved reasons, and be prepared to be able to back this up with evidence in court, if challenged (Tenants will receive these new protections immediately upon move-in [bit.ly/TPOD2D8](http://bit.ly/TPOD2D8), so property owners will not be given time to evaluate whether or not the tenant is a good renter or good neighbor).

When I emigrated from Beirut, Lebanon as a child, my family lived in low-income housing – a rent-controlled apartment. We were fortunate that we were able to find a place and a good rental property provider willing to take a risk by renting to a family of refugees with no credit history. I am afraid that the action to impose onerous new regulations will cause a reaction that will result in:

- Less willingness of owners to take a chance on renting to recent immigrants and others with limited or poor credit history.
- Fewer rental units on the market as owners pull them off the market for five years then redeveloping the property without the new restrictions (as happened with up to 10,000 units in San Francisco which put similar costs and restrictions in place).
- Mom-and-pop property owners being

forced to sell to big, corporate property holders who have the attorneys and administrative staff to deal with the cost and complexity of new regulations.

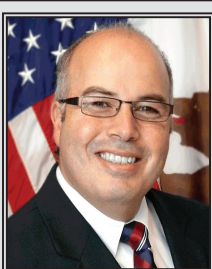
- The degradation of the City's rental housing stock and diminishment of property values, as owners limited in their income by the City's policies are unable to invest in the upkeep of their properties.
- Fewer units being constructed within San Jose because owners will be penalized for redeveloping a site, since if they replace four rent-controlled units with a new 20-unit building, the additional 16 units will fall under rent con-

trol, and not just the original four.

- More dangerous communities because tenants will be afraid to testify against one another in court.

Many of our previous rental property regulations have not even had a chance to work and this rush to regulate could lead to negative results such as those experienced by San Francisco and Oakland, where these regulations are already in place.

To hear my complete presentation to City Council, visit my YouTube channel, Johnny Khamis on the Record, here: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfEgVjn2kFk](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MfEgVjn2kFk)



**District 10 Report**  
Johnny Khamis,  
City Councilmember

## STUDENT THEATER Bellarmine to stage 'The Coward'

Bellarmino College Preparatory Department of Visual and Performing Arts has announced the presentation of "The Coward" this month for six engagements.

Nick Jones' 2010 comedy mocks notions of "manliness" and serves as an allegory for modern American gun mania. In eighteenth-century England, a cowardly young gentleman named Lucidus initiates a pistol duel only to find that he can't go through with it. He hires a common criminal to fight in his place, only to have the scoundrel make a bloody mess of things.

"The Coward" runs May 12, 13, 18, 19 and 20 at 7:30 p.m. and May 14 at 2 pm. All performances are in the Main Stage Theatre of the Sobrato Center for Humanities and the Arts on the Bellarmine campus.

Character	Actor
Lucidus Culling	Cole Hammers '17
Henry Blaine	Bobby Houston '18
Father	Darius Onori '18
Isabelle Dupree	Alex Aguirre '17
Gavin Klaff	Isaiah Saluta '18
Robert Blithe	Jack Jensen '17
Friedmont	Dylan de Jong '18
Sir Derek Lanley	Kian Blewett '17
Earl of Dorchester / Finn	Andre Cristofi '18
Egbert / Old Man	Henrik Larsen '18
King's Messenger	Alexander Gomez '20
Assistant Directors	Michael Alloggiamento '18
	Conner Deal '18
	Annie Eastwood
Stage Manager	Steven Peck '17

Tickets are available online at: [www.bcp.org](http://www.bcp.org)  
Editor's note: What a great way to support your local community and also to see a very high quality live performance in our city at a low low price! There is nothing quite like seeing actors perform as compared to a taped performance!

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Times **Community News**

# Interview with Jeremiah Attaochu, inspirational professional football player

By Sunay Sanghani  
Times staff writer

Recently I had a chance to catch up with Jeremiah Attaochu, Linebacker for the Los Angeles Chargers.

He had a breakout year in 2015 but things slowed down for him in 2016 because of a devastating injury. However, off the field, Jeremiah continued to be an active participant in the community which resulted in a Walter Payton Man of the Year nominee.

Recently, his team decided to move to Los Angeles.

Here's an excerpt from my interview with him:

**Sunay Sanghani:** Jeremiah, you're going to be a four year player now, and you are the all-time sack leader for GT. Out of all the quarterbacks which one has been your most favorite quarterback to sack?

**Jeremiah Attaochu:** Got to be Carson Palmer which was on Monday Night. It was my first game and it was a strip sack too!

**SS:** This year, you were a Walter Payton Man of the Year finalist; you are an active man on social media encouraging and helping people and fans a lot. What is your motivation to help fans out and make them feel happy?

**JA:** I always remember that I'm a role model for people. I think trying to be positive is the best thing to give to people and make them happy. I want to use sports as an avenue to help out people's lives.

**SS:** This offseason one of the biggest headlines was owner deciding to move this franchise to LA. The city of San Diego obviously hated it and even a lot of players even your own quarterback was shocked. I can't help but ask, what are your thoughts on the move?

**JA:** As a player, shouldn't matter at all. We have to make the most of the move. It doesn't and shouldn't



affect us on the field. We can make it exciting for us and turn a leaf together as a whole team.

**SS:** Your team had a challenging year, but now you have a new city, a new coach and more importantly a whole new system you'll play under. How are you preparing to get back up into playoff picture?

**JA:** Mentally, just embrace the newness and new opportunities we have ahead of us. We have to be ready to do work with the new coaches. And physically, I'm trying to get my body in right shape. It kind of reminds me of life because in life we all have to adjust someday.

**SS:** As a whole defensive group, you're extremely close with guys like Jason Verrett and Melvin Ingram. At a tough time like this, how do you to keep everyone pumped and charged up for next season?

**JA:** By remembering that we are in this together. We are brothers so we have to fight together. I know a lot of people weren't happy with the move but we got to keep it moving together as a team.

**SS:** Being from Nigeria, if football hadn't worked out, what other profession would you have chosen?

**JA:** [Laughs] Probably a soccer player.

**SS:** What about teaching? I saw you were teaching kids on your Instagram.

**JA:** Yeah, maybe even teaching, who knows...

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SALE PRICE	\$24,749
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DODGE CA 2017 BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
DODGE CA RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$1,750
DODGE CA REGIONAL BONUS CASH**	-\$500
DODGE SUB-PRIME REBATE***	-\$1,000

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### 2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA 3RD ROW SEATING

**73 OTHERS**

MSRP	\$29,590
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$4,591
SALE PRICE	\$24,999
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DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$3,397
SALE PRICE	\$28,388
DODGE/CAB/RETAIL/CONSUMER CASH*	-\$1,000
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## Almaden Spirit Athletics open Hip Hop Team Paragon places third in the world at The Dance Worlds

Almaden Spirit Athletics (ASA) Open Hip Hop Team Paragon competed in The Dance Worlds in Orlando, Florida on April 29-May 1 2017 and placed third among competing dance teams from several nations.

The United States All Star Federation hosts the competition at the Disney's Coronado Springs Resort and Convention Center where the best teams from all over the world have to earn a bid in order to compete.

On Day one at "The 2017 US World Trials" Team Paragon received 2nd place out of all the US Teams.

On Day two, the Semi Finals round which was the first day of the international competition Team Paragon finished in the top half of their division and advanced to the finals.

On Day three, the finals round, Team Paragon competed against countries from the Philippines, Norway, Japan, England, Colombia, Chile, Scotland, Australia, Germany, Ecuador and Guatemala and placed third in the World.

"The heart and passion this team has for their craft is incredible. From day 1 they had a



vision and it was an honor to help them bring that vision to life," said Tiffany Chambers, head coach and gym owner.

ASA is home to world and nationally ranked all-star cheer and competitive hip hop teams. In addition, private tumbling lessons and group tumbling classes.

Try-outs for the 2017-2018 season are May 22-24. For additional information, visit: [almadenspiritathletics.com](http://almadenspiritathletics.com)

## Color Run 2017 slated May 27 at Guadalupe River Park

The happiest 5k on the planet, The Color Run's 2017 tour theme, "The Color Dream Tour, Presented by Lay's" is coming to San Jose on Saturday, May 27 at Guadalupe River Park in San Jose.

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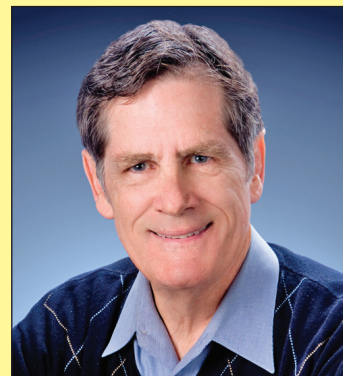
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