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BLOOM, SOAR, SHINE

The twenty-two young women who were celebrated represent eight different high schools and include (in alphabetical order): Melissa Ashley, Samantha Blodgett, Giuliana Calia, Natalie Culine, Rachel Davis, Mikaela Fenton, Avalon Gook, Meghan Hall, Kendal Hayward, Andie Kais, Julie Lance, Molly Lyons, Summer McGrogan, Juliana Medan, Delaney Regan, Samantha Stebbins, Megan Tallman, Margaret Theaker, Alyssa Tom, Nicole Tom, Kaitlin Zarbis, and Madeleine Zetterquist.



Andrew Imobersteg of Almaden obtains Eagle Scout rank

By Sean Eastwood

Staff writer

Andrew Imobersteg of Almaden Valley has obtained his Eagle Scout rank with Troop 233 who meets weekly at the Willow Glen United Methodist Church.

In scouting since first grade at Los Alamitos, $See\ \textit{EAGLE SCOUT},\ page\ 10$

MAKER FAIRE

Perfect pairing for FIRST robotics

By Lorraine Gabbert

Senior Staff Writer

The 12th Annual Maker Faire Bay Area, held at the San Mateo Event Center, provided an ideal backdrop for local high schools to show off their mechanical marvels: 120-pound robots in action.

Wearing team t-shirts, sequined silver caps or yellow suspenders, local high school FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) Robotics teams operated their robots, maneuvering them to pick up and deliver gears, race

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Presentation High School's Steamworks robotics team pauses to pose at the Maker Faire.

NCL CLASS OF 2017 ANNUAL EVENT

Celebrating a journey of collaboration and dedication

By Erin Blodgett

Special to the Times

6-year journey came to a close for National Charity League - Almaden Blossom Valley Chapter's Class of 2017 recently at their Annual Mother and Daughter Tea & Recognition event held at the Cinnabar Hills Golf Club.

The theme of this year's evening event was "Bloom, Soar, Shine!" and that is exactly what these young women have done through NCL and will continue to do as they head off to college this fall.

This very special tradition caps off the NCL experience for the 22 graduating seniors and their mothers. Complete with a senior class receiving line, memory boards, college decision table and tea cup ceremony, this celebration recognized the collaboration and dedication of the graduating class, as well as the incredible contributions of the entire Almaden Blossom Valley chapter.

Membership in NCL gives mothers and daughters unique opportunities to strengthen their bond while growing together and improving their communities. It is the only national organization committed to fostering the mother-daughter relationship through philanthropy, leadership development, and cultural experiences.

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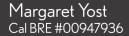
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2017 Dave Fadness Award presented to Dave Noel

t a recent Erikson Neighborhood Association ENA meeting, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility presented the 2017 Dave Fadness Award to ENA President Dave Noel, for his enduring dedication to community service and fiscal responsibility, as modeled by our founder, Dave Fadness.

As past-President of the VEP Neighborhood Association, as well as founding and current President of the ENA, Dave Noel has organized and lead many neighborhood beautification projects, and has advocated tirelessly for the community, working with various government agencies, businesses, and citizen groups.

About the Dave Fadness Award

Dave Fadness was a model citizen whose dedication to the San José community was truly immeasurable. He was an extraordinary example of the power of one – the dif-

ference that just one person can make in the life and health of a city. A tireless volunteer, Dave dedicated much time and energy to making his community cleaner and more beauti-

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ful, including organizing quarterly beautification projects in Vista Park, the painting of the Community Room, and the planting of palm trees in the median along Chynoweth Avenue, from Pearl Avenue to Martial Cottle Park.

Fiscal responsibility in government was a passion of Dave's, and he believed that government officials, both elected and non-elected, must be responsible stewards of the money that citizens entrust to them through the taxes and fees we pay. In January 2011, Dave co-founded Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility, or "CFR", whose mission it is to hold local government officials accountable and to keep our City on a fiscally prudent path.

In 2014, Dave had an accident that left him paralyzed from the chest down. From his hospital bed, he continued to attend meetings via phone, and advise visitors on their projects. In 2016, Dave passed away and the CFR Board established an annual Commendation in Dave's name to recognize others in the community who exemplify the life of community service and fiscal responsibility that he modeled.

For more information, contact Pat Waite at pat@waite.net or 408-528-5337.



Dave Noel accepts the 2017 Dave Fadness Award from Pat Waite.

Mailbox

Kudos for community reporting

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for your recent edition of the *Almaden Times*, which was full of hopeful and heartwarming stories.

- Students awarded Almaden Valley Women's Club scholarships, with little stories about each.
- San Jose Unified School District's efforts to improve.
 - "Art from the Heart" Show at Simonds Almaden Senior Association Award
- Youngsters performing at Carnegie Hall, with quotes from each. Loved the photos of





these courageous and talented kids.

- Bellarmine alum in "Hamilton"
- Symphony Silicon Valley
- Winners of Disney Teen Animation Festival
- Concert Pianist Nancy Zheng, Bret Harte 7th grader
- Wheaton College student Jennifer Zoland
- \bullet Complete schedule for "Wings of Freedom Tour"

You help to make our valley a real neighborhood in the best possible ways. You spend many hours immersing yourselves in our valley's activities and meetings, and I truly appreciate that.

Thank you for all of your good work, and excellent reporting.

Bonnie Home

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Times Community News

Almaden Soccer Restoration and Clubhouse project announced

By William Bellou
Publisher

Almaden Soccer (AVYSL & AFC) has announced a fund raising event for the Restoration and Clubhouse Project at Pioneer High School.

The Almaden Soccer Golf Tournament and Dinner Banquet will be held on Monday, August 28.

"As we celebrate our 50th year providing such soccer opportunities, we are launching what we hope will be an annual highlight for the whole Almaden Community and beyond," said Colin McCarthy, Almaden Soccer President. "As a community, when we come together in the right spirit, anything is possible."

The event highlights:

- Hosted at the Luxurious Par 72 Almaden Country Club
- Shamble Golf Tournament (part shotgun, part stroke play)
 - Banquet Dinner Post Golf tournament
- Entertainment, live auction, silent auction and more

Ticketing Options:

- Twosome Golf (18 holes, plus unlimited range & banquet dinner) \$500
- \bullet Foursome Golf (18 holes, plus unlimited range & banquet dinner) \$1000
- Banquet only \$80

Sponsorship Opportunities: Tournament Platinum Sponsor-\$7,500

- Two (2) Complimentary Foursomes including golf, lunch and dinner
 - Additional 8 dinner guests
- Placement on official sponsorship banner including logo and name as Platinum Sponsor
- Logo and name included in the official name of the tournament
- Tee sign including logo at one of the tournament's golf holes

- Logo and name included on Thank You signage located at the tournament
- Logo and name located in tournament program
- Listing on almadensoccer.org website for one year as the Tournament Platinum Sponsor – view Online Presence Glossary Below
- Name, logo, and business hyperlink placement in 3 Almaden Soccer emails which reach over 3000 Bay Area families
- Name, logo and business hyperlink including 2 Almaden Soccer social media posts, Facebook, Twitter & Instagram view Online Presence Glossary Below

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Contact golf@almadensoccer.org for general enquiries and to confirm place in tournament.

Editor's note: Almaden Soccer (AVYSL & AFC) is a registered 501(c) Non-Profit Organization. For more information, contact:AlmadenSoccer@almadensoccer66

Shrek Jr., the Musical – A hit at Holy Spirit School

More than 40 students took to the stage as part of Holy Spirit School's production of Shrek, Jr. on May 15-16.

The aspiring singers and dancers brought down the house with their hilarious antics and contagious energy. Join us next year for another fantastic performance!

Holy Spirit School is a Pre-K to 8th grade school in Almaden.

Fee waiver for 4th of July block parties announced

The city of San Jose has announced that fees for 4th of July block parties are being waived for the first 50 applicants. The permit fee is normally \$175.

A block party is a large public party in which many members of a single neighborhood congregate, either to observe an



Sonoma Mulvihill as Fiona, **Ryan DeMarco** as Donkey and **Francesca Rossi** as Shrek starred in the Holy Spirit School production of Shrek Jr., the Musical

event of some importance or simply for mutual enjoyment.

If you are planning a Neighborhood Block Party, you will coordinate the event directly with the City of San Jose, Secondary Permit Unit and must submit a Block Party Application to the City of San Jose, Permits Unit.

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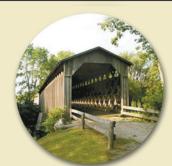
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Each year providing a unique focus, the graduating NCL seniors have participated in a wide array of philanthropic experiences ranging from the environment to families in need to children and seniors to the hungry and homeless.





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This organization started in 1925 by a small group of Southern California women who made baby layettes for the needy and delivered food to the hungry. In 1947, the league of women and their daughters, known as "Ticktockers", united to become the first national motherdaughter charity organization. NCL can now be found in 26 states across the country, with 226 chapters nationwide and over 63,000 members.

History of the Almaden Blossom Valley

The Almaden Blossom Valley chapter was started in 1995 and has grown from 19 original members to its current 264 active members. The Ticktockers attend both public and private schools, with membership residing in up to 8 different San Jose zip codes. The NCL Experience proves to be quite a commitment, spanning over a 6-year period, starting the summer before seventh grade and concluding upon graduation of high school.

Each year providing a unique focus, the graduating seniors have participated in a wide array of philanthropic experiences ranging from the environment to families in need to children and seniors to the hungry and homeless. Volunteering at such organizations as City Team, Second Harvest Food Bank, Lincoln Glen Manor, Family Supportive Housing, Home First (EHC), Children's Discovery Museum, Sunday Friends, and Animal Assisted

Happiness, the mothers and daughters of the Class of 2017 have given 3,674 hours in service to our community during their six years in NCL. As a result, their eyes have been opened to socio-economic and cultural differences within our community and they have a greater appreciation for the world around them.

In addition, NCL provides opportunities for individual and team growth. Public speaking, leadership development, and decision making skills are fostered. There is also a requirement for each member to serve in a leadership role for at least two of the six years and to learn how to organize and run meetings. Topics such as social etiquette, the arts, cliques, social media safety, preparing for high school, positive identity, self-defense, safe road behavior, budgeting, managing timelines, and preparing for college are included in the programming.

As one of its most special traditions, NCL encourages each chapter to host a Senior Recognition event. On the evening of March 18, at The Golf Club at Boulder Ridge, family and friends joined together for an elegant event to honor the talented and dedicated young women of the Almaden Blossom Valley Chapter's Class of 2017. The official program included a formal welcome of each mother-daughter duo followed by heartfelt presentations from each Ticktocker.

An impressive slideshow captured special memories of their special journey and a father-daughter dance kicked off an evening of dancing.

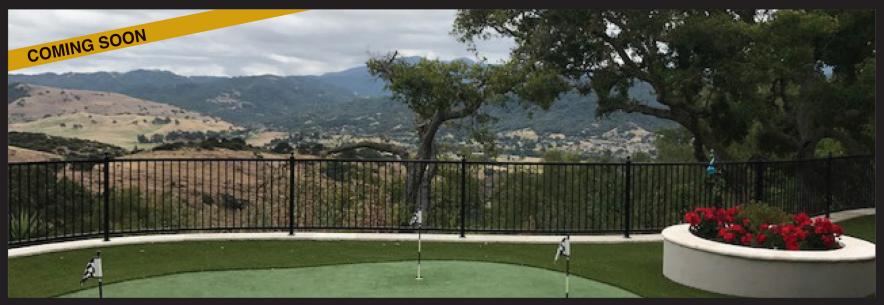


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Andrew Imobersteg's Eagle Project was installing a sign at the Crossgates Swim Club in Almaden, which he accomplished with some co-volunteers.



Eagle Scout

Continued from page 1 Andrew started with Pack 282 Cub Scouts and then bridged into Boy Scout Troop 233.

Andrew's Eagle Project was installing a sign at the Crossgates Swim Club in Almaden. He has been on the gators swim team since he was four years old.

During the pool remodel a few years ago, a back entrance was installed and most people approach the pool south bound and pass the front entrance before they realize they have gone too far.

There are 157 homes that own

the pool and it also serves as a welcome to the Crossgates neighborhood. Many people come to the pool for swim meets and parties so it helps them identify the facility. Andrew designed the sign and built it with his eagle mentor, fellow scouts, friends and family. He raised money for the project from recycling and from donations from family and friends.

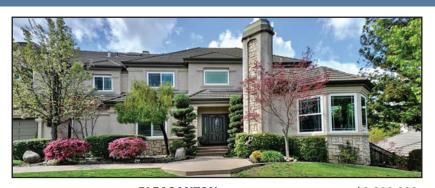
Andrew has maintained a 4.0 for 4 years at Pioneer and will be graduating with honors. He played four years of football, and also played baseball and swam for Pioneer. His will be studying Biological Sciences at Cal Poly SLO in the fall.



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Times Local News

SVCTE students win 14 medals at SkillUSA State Competition

ilicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) students won five gold medals, four silver medals, and five bronze medals during the SkillsUSA California 50th Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference. SVCTE sent 49 students to the state competition recently in San Diego, CA.

SkillsUSA gold medalists are eligible to participate in the 53rd Annual National Leadership and Skills Conference, June 19-23 in Louisville, Kentucky.

"The SkillsUSA experience overall changed my mind in winning and losing. I didn't feel that confident in myself last school year," HVAC student Joel Ledesma-Duran said. He won gold medals at SkillsUSA regionals and the state competition, and prepares to face 54 fellow competitors at nationals. "Since starting HVAC this year, I've had a 4.0 GPA and my family supports me to study and go at it hard," he added. His journey to Louisville will be the furthest he's ever traveled. In the fall, Joel plans to attend San Jose City College to continue his HVAC studies and transfer to a university to become a mechanical engi-

Dental Assistant student medalist Marshae Simpson said, "it was my first time and I was really nervous. Our competition was two hours and included Xrays, written terminology, and charting restorations, bridges, and composite fillings." She credits her dental internship for preparing her for the competition. "It was an amazing experience to see all the students strive to success," Gina Fleming, SVCTE Dental Assisting teacher, said.

"It was great for us to bring new competition entries including fire science, first aid/CPR, and nursing." the SVCTE Construction Technology teacher, Kurt Cheetsos, said. He added, "all five SkillsUSA gold medalists have their tickets booked to go to Nationals."

The students that placed at the SkillsUSA state competition include:

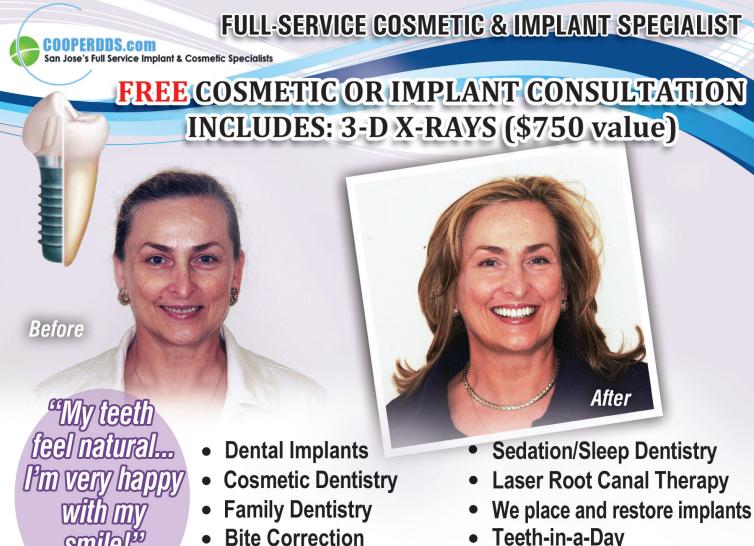
Gold (eligible for Nationals)

- Benjamin Krakov: Construction Technology, Adult Student
- Sebastian Serna-Lopez: Auto Body Refinishing, Boynton High School (Campbell Union High School District)
- Briana Ceballos: Dental Assisting, Yerba Buena High School (East Side Union High School District)
- Norma DeLeon: Dental Assisting, Adult Student
- Joel Ledesma-Duran: Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning, Del Mar High School (Campbell Union High School District)

Silver

- Esperanza Herrera-Rivera: Dental Assisting, Branham High School (Campbell Union High School District)
- Dayana Ramirez: Dental Assisting, Oak Grove High School (East Side Union High School District)
- Tanner Preble: Advanced Truck Mechanics, Leland High School (San Jose Unified School District)
- Angel Cruz: Electrical Maintenance/Tech, Gunderson High School (San Jose Unified School District)

See SVCTE, page 20



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Times Local News



Sports Day at Graystone Elementary

Kids from K-3rd grade at Graystone Elementary took a break from the classroom recently to enjoy the schools "Sports Day."

For more than a decade, the event has been a success with the help of the 4th and 5th graders and parent volunteers. The events included jump rope, hula hoop and tug of war. This year Gigante from the San Jose Giants joined Gus the Graystone in the festivities.

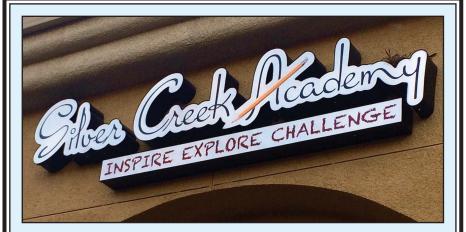








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Silver Creek Academy Celebrates A Decade Of Success

Silver Creek Academy has reached another milestone having served the academic needs of students in the South Bay for 10 years.

Located in the Canyon Creek Plaza, Silver Creek Academy first opened in June of 2007. "I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to do what I love every day in a community that supports my mission. I know that most small businesses don't make it ten years and I attribute our success to a supportive complex that provided me an opportunity, a first-rate staff of passionate educators, and a great deal of hard work," says business owner Shelley Swircek (pictured).

As an enrichment and tutoring academy, SCA offers a wide variety of

small-group courses that focus on the individual needs of each student. Courses offered by the academy, designed for grades kindergarten through high school, cover writing and grammar, reading comprehension, mathematical problem solving, public speaking and debate, and HSPT & SAT test preparation. The Academy is also gearing up for their highly popular summer academic camps.

Recently named Bay Area's #1 Learning Center by Bay Area Parent Magazine for the seventh year, the academy continues to grow and change to accom-



modate the demand for their academic programs and to meet the everchanging educational needs of their students.

"I am very proud to be a member of the community here in Evergreen. We are honored to have served this community for the last 10 years, and we are very excited to embark on the next decade of educating future SCA students," said Swircek.

For more information about Silver Creek Academy contact 408-839-5905 or visit: www.SCAAsanjose.com.

Times Community News

Maker Faire

Continued from page 1

across the floor and climb ropes. Built in six weeks with a steampunk theme, the robots displayed students' ingenuity, creativity and collaboration. Elementary and middle schools also showed off their FIRST Robotics creations. Audiences cheered as robots competed to complete complex tasks.

From a moving metal dragon to costumes and props, a Sextant Tessla Coil and the Traveling Spectacular, Maker Faire features innovation and experimentation across the spectrum of science. engineering, art, performance and craft. Its extraordinary exhibits and guest speakers attract tech enthusiasts, crafters, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists and commercial exhibitors.

"Maker Faire is a really awesome place," says Trinity Bento, Treasurer of Leland High School's Quixilver robotics team. "It's the greatest show and tell; if you build something you can bring it. Everyone has really awesome things and it's really cool to be able to say. 'We have a really awesome thing as well! Come look at it."

Offering a progression of four K to 12 after school programs, FIRST was founded by inventor Dean Kamen to inspire young people's interest and participation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). FIRST encourages students to pursue education and careers in STEM-related fields and become leaders and innovators. In addition to learning to build robots, students learn life skills and teamwork.

"Beyond tapping into my son's imagination," says Lorraine Ferland, "FIRST LEGO League Jr. helped him learn how to take an idea, think it through and then share it with oth-

Samantha Yang, a member of Presentation High School's Steamworks robotics team, says





Clockwise from top: The Girl Scout Space Cookies team driving their robot; Michael Gabbert driving Santa Teresa High School's Dark Matter robotics team's robot: Leland's Quixilver Robotics team.

that she feels extremely motivated to attend school knowing she can use the skills she's learned in math and science to help her team. "It's really useful when you're building your robot to have these skills," she says, "and how incredibly important it is to learn a lot in school and do your best for when you enter the workforce." One day, while designing a part for their robot which had to move a certain direction in order to get the maximum force, Yang realized that it resembled a physics problem. "With a little help from calculus, I was able to come up with a solution," she says.

Yang encourages girls to try robotics. "FIRST has really opened my eyes to trying new things," she says. "Initially, I was scared to explore new ideas, but in STEM you can do things you didn't think you could, no matter what someone tells you. Robotics definitely helped my selfconfidence as well as my abilities

and skills." Although Yang faced increased responsibility this year being on Steamworks' Leadership Team, she says that having the support of her teammates made all the difference. "It helped me feel a lot more confident," she says, "in myself and in my team."

Space Cookies robotics team is made up of Girl Scouts from 31 Bay Area high schools. For Ankita (last name withheld by request), who has been interested in robotics since she was young and always wanted to work on an all-girls team, Space Cookies offered the perfect opportunity. "It's the best thing about high school," she says. "The seniors pass on their knowledge and it's really an enriching experience to be able to learn from people your age with the same interests.

Avery (last name withheld by request) likes the teamwork and comradery of Space Cookies. "Everyone has to cooperate while

learning skills," she says. "Working with a team really is enjoyable."

Quixilver mentor Helen L. Arrington enjoys seeing students figure things out and learn on their own. "Students engaging in 21st Century skills are an integral part of the Leland robotics program," she says, "This is lived through their experiences collaboratively to plan, design, communicate, build a competitive robot and outreach to the local, national and global communi-

In FIRST Tech Challenge (Grades 7-12), teams design, build and program robots, develop strategy and engage in head-to-head competition. In FIRST Robotics Competition (Grades 9-12), teams also compete, combining the excitement of sport with the rigors of science and technology.

In January of every year, FIRST reveals a new competition theme. This year featured steampunk. Robots adorned with flashing lights had to deliver "fuel" by firing balls into targets, deliver gears to make rotors turn and finally climb a rope into a flying steamship to sail off into the sky. Last year's medieval theme involved storming castles by ascending ramps, firing boulders to take down towers and scaling castle walls. Other themes include recvcling and athletics such as frisbee, basketball and soccer.

Henrique Quixilver mentor Chan, who has been involved in robotics since third grade, loves the excitement that surrounds the competitions and the build season. "It's that rush you get," he says. Leland High School's Quixilver robotics team won the FIRST Robotics Competition 2017 Silicon Valley Regional.

"As a student, it was a lot of fun and about the friends you made," savs Chan. "As a mentor, it's great to see the students succeed and have the same fun I had. Besides technical aspects, it teaches project management and working with others within the team, alliance partners and other teams." Chan also appreciates that robotics teaches students life skills which translate beyond high school and college into professional careers. "You get out of robotics what you put into it," he says.

"I feel very inspired whenever I go to a competition," says Yang, "and I'm representing my school as a team because we are an all-girls team and there aren't many all-girls teams out there. As Presentation is an all-girls school, I'm representing girls exploring STEM."

Bento says she has been really big into science since she was a little girl. While she was taking a robotics class in eighth grade, her teacher told the class about FIRST Robotics and shared a video with them of the robots made by high school students. "So, I knew exactly what I wanted to do when I got to high school," she says. "When Club Day came around, I searched for the robotics booth and got my name on the roster."

From design to build, Bento says she's learned a great deal from being part of the robotics program. "When it comes to mechanical. I've learned how to build transmissions, use files, circular saws, and so much more," she says. "When it comes to robotics as a whole, I've learned it takes a lot for everything to come together. There's PR, programming, mechanical and electrical and fundraising and everyone has to work together. I've always loved robotics and feel really happy doing it."

Bento recommends joining the robotics program to one and all. "You can do anything you like," she says. "One girl is an incredible artist and she's on our design team and has a really fun time."

Tom Hashimoto, mentor to Santa Teresa High School's Dark Matter robotics team agrees. "Students get to see how STEM is involved in the real world," he says. "They see how to get from point A to point B and learn how to work with everyone else." He also appreciates what STEM does for girls. "I saw a girl's face light up because she was using power tools," he says, "and the boys took notice."

Chan views Maker Faire as the perfect showcase for FIRST Robotics. "It's a great community," he says. "You get a lot of hobbyists and professionals that you can network with. There are many applications that apply to FIRST. It's interesting when people come by and say, 'That's cool. Have you tried this?" Chan also enjoys the community outreach aspect of FIRST. "It's good to get out into the community and promote FIRST in the Bay Area." he says.

"The Maker Faire is a cool place where people can be exposed to different areas of science, get interested and get involved," says Avery.

"The Maker Faire is amazing," says Yang. "People are eager to see what's at the Faire. Everyone's interested in everyone else's creations and excited about FIRST Robotics and STEM.



Times Feature

It's county budget time: here's how you can get involved

By Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

une is the month when summer officially begins, when school takes a break and families plan vacations. But here at the County Government Center, it is also the month when the Board of Supervisors amends and approves the \$6.5 billion budget that will keep our services and programs operating for the next fiscal year, which beings on July 1.

A budget is more than numbers,

9.6% WATER RATE INCREASE

Water district approves \$501M budget with flood improvement plan **for Coyote Creek**

¬he Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors unanimously approved its \$501.2 million budget for Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

The approved budget includes a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan that includes immediate emergency action plans and flood protection that are to be provided for Coyote Creek.

To help pay for the water supply projects included in the CIP (Capital Improvement Plan), they also approved water rate increases of 9.6 percent for most of the county and 6.4 percent for the portion of the county south of San Jose.

"The water district faces a number of challenges and uncertainties, including maintaining and updating aging infrastructure, ensuring we receive the federal and state funding that we are anticipating, obtaining regulatory permits in a timely fashion, and continuing our good work while expecting much of our workforce to retire," said Board Chair John Varela. "This budget is in line with the board's priorities and tackles these issues. This gives me confidence that we can make good headway in these areas."

In addition to the budget, the board adopted the FY 2018-2022 CIP. This document is a rolling plan that describes capital investments planned for the next five fiscal years. The first year of the FY 2018-2022 CIP informs the FY 2018 capital budget and allows the water district to plan expenditures for the upcoming years.

although there are a lot of them in the 715-page document that our Budget and Finance Department prepares each year. A budget is a blueprint for how your tax dollars are being spent, an economic forecast for the coming year and an accounting of how we are serving our diverse 1.8 million residents who call Santa Clara County home.

I'd like to invite you to be part of the annual process, not just to become more familiar with what county government does but also to let us know if you think we're spending the money wisely and efficiently on the services we provide through the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, the County Jails and Courts, the Sheriff and Fire Departments, County Parks, the Social Services Agency and

uled for June 12-14, and the Board will vote on the budget on June 16.

You can attend the meetings, which will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Board Chambers at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. You can also view the hearings on the Internet, live or after the meetings. The Budget Workshops that we held on May 15-17 also can be watched through your computer. Visit ccgov.org and click on Board

Agendas and Webcasts at the bottom of the screen under Your County Government.

2017-2018 Budget Information under Hot Topics. County

Executive Jeff Smith's message on pages 1-8 is a good place to start. He gives an assessment of where we are and spells out the County's priorities. There also is a Budget Users Guide toward the end of the document and a table of contents on the left

For the fourth year in a row, we won't have to trim our budget, thanks to a strong local economy

and action we took four years ago to cut our costs and increase our cash flow. Over a decade ago, we its workforce of about 20,000.

We also built this budget under a cloud of uncertainty about funding we receive from the federal government, which totals about \$1.7 billion. A recent court ruling stopped the Administration from acting on an Executive Order to withhold funding from the County and other places across the country over immigration issues. That was good news, for now. But the President's proposed "skinny budget" includes severe cuts for next year to federal funding to states, including housing programs. The County may have to revisit its spending plan if Congress approves some of the proposed cuts.

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Beautification on the mind of many

From the

Mayor

Sam Liccardo

By Mayor Sam Liccardo

Special to the Times

n my State of the City address this past February, I spoke of our recent progress in bridging political divides to resolve pension reform battles, pass a countywide traffic relief and road repair

measure, and raise the minimum wage regionally.

I laid out ambitious plans to rebuild police staffing, eliminate financial barriers for struggling college students, and implement a Community Choice Energy program to help shift our electricity consumption to 100 percent green sources.

And, then, I talked about

Yes, garbage. Perhaps not the most inspiring stuff, but we've all felt dispirited by seeing the trash and graffiti

of our freeways, neighborhoods, and The impacts parks. are Criminologists tell us that "broken windows" in neighborhoods provide signals of disorder that invite crime. Aesthetic neglect discourages visitors from investing in our city, and discourages us from investing ourselves in our hometown - as if San Jose doesn't belong to us.

So, on that day, we officially launched #BeautifySJ: a community-wide campaign that brings together the passion and energy of our residents, community groups and City Hall to keep San José clean and reclaim our public spaces.

The timing could not have been more fortuitous.

Less than two weeks later, San Jose experienced its worst flooding in a generation, leaving us with the critical tasks of not only fixing the failures in our flood warning and notification system, but cleaning up devastated neighborhoods. So, Paul Pereira and our #BeautifySJ team worked with more than 200 city staff and a host of community partners to recruit more than 4,000 volunteers, who helped clean hundreds of homes in five neighborhoods. By hauling more than 2,000 tons of debris and ruined materials over several weekends, our volunteers "cleared" our flood-impacted neighborhoods much faster than the statewide disaster relief experts thought possible. I am deeply grateful to all who selflessly contributed their time, energy and tools to help our neighbors get back on their feet.

Over the following few months, we harnessed that same energy to host dozens of neighborhoods clean-ups leading up to last month's Great American Litter Pick-Up, mobilizing 3,000 volunteers who hauled 1,700 bags of trash - a 60 percent increase over the prior year.

Now, we're moving forward with several proposals that will enable us to have an even bigger impact in beautifying our

First, we'll ensure that the City is doing its part. In the months ahead, the City will expand our free junk pickup service, deploy hundreds more public trash cans in the community, and boost enforcement of illegal dumping. Through an expansion of our "rapid response" team, we'll reduce our average response to illegal dumping sites to 48 hours and double the number of proactive sweeps we conduct each week. In addition, we'll soon launch an upgraded smartphone app that will both make it easier for San José residents to report neighborhood blight and expedite the City's response.

We'll also expand the availability of beautification grants to spur communityborne efforts to rehabilitate our parks, transform vacant lots to urban gardens, cover graffiti-tagged walls with murals, or plant street trees. A modest investment of \$5,000 or less can have outsized impact, where neighbors leverage their own "elbow grease" with the help of community partners like Our City Forest and the Knight Foundation.

Meanwhile, we will continue pushing CalTrans to clean our freeways. We've seen some progress since we enlisted the San Jose Conservation Corps to help, and pushed CalTrans to renew expired contracts for graffiti abatement. We won't take our foot off the pedal until we see our freeways back to a respectable condi-

To have real impact, we need your help. Please go to BeautifySJ.org to join the thousands of your neighbors who have already signed up as a #BeautifySJ volunteer, and to learn how to report blight - such as code violations, abandoned vehicles, or dumped trash - in your neighborhood.

This initiative promises more than its considerable aesthetic impact, however. #BeautifvSI is really about unleashing our collective energies to take back our city. By engaging with us to beautify San Jose, you'll also engage with each other. Volunteer efforts plant the seeds of community-building, enabling neighbors to meet, build relationships, and collaborate on greater ambitions, to improve safety and vibrancy of our neighborhoods.

In this divisive and contentious period of our national politics, we can demonstrate the possibilities of collaboration to beautify our city, protect our neighborhoods, and renew bonds of community.

Join me, and your neighbors, in making San Jose a model for the rest of our nation.

We pushed CalTrans to renew expired contracts for graffiti abatement. We won't take our foot off the pedal until we see our freeways back to a respectable condition.





Times **Feature**

Revocable living trusts: should I have one?

By Stevem R. Roeser, Esq. Special to the Times This Week's Question:

"I want to make sure I provide for my family when I am gone ... do I need to create a family trust, as my friends tell me?"

Bill J.

Almaden Valley

Dear Bill:

We all want to cover the bases when it comes to taking care of our families. If you do not have any document to govern your affairs after you die, such as a valid will or a trust, you will die "intestate," and your estate will be administered under California's intestate succession law. This is in all likelihood not what you have in mind for your estate administration! Please refer to my previous Almaden Valley Times article on the probate process in California.

To answer your question, in this writer's opinion, you should at the very least have a will. But most families do opt for a trust as a part of their estate plan for better control of administration, for starters. A will must go through the probate court process, whereas a trust can be administered outside of court. without probate court fees and costs, or the eves of a demanding judge, and slow court timelines. Assets held in trust can be put under the watch of a trusted "trustee" instead of in the hands of a young beneficiary, until a certain age is reached, as another example of a potential benefit of a trust. A trust can delay payment of estate taxes that would otherwise be due in estates with over 11 million in play (surprisingly all too common now in Silicon Valley!).

To help our readers better understand what a trust is, following is an overview of the typical revocable trust estate plan struc-



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ture that most families use in American estate planning.

A trust is a written agreement that creates a "trust" which holds assets for the benefit of "beneficiaries" and governs administration and ultimate distribution of assets held in the trust. The trustor creates the trust, and the named or appointed trustee has a fiduciary duty to hold the trust assets for the benefit of the beneficiaries. In a typical revocable trust, the husband and wife jointly create a revocable living trust, and each are trustors

and co-trustees, and beneficiaries. Either can revoke the trust in whole or part, at will. Upon the death of the first spouse, the trust remains in effect and half of the assets, representing the community property portion belonging to the deceased spouse, becomes irrevocable. Its income is paid to the surviving spouse and upon the death of the surviving spouse, the trust corpus usually goes to the children of the trustors. While the surviving spouse is alive, he or she has the right to invade even the principal of the deceased spouse's half of the trust, based on need. The surviving spouse's half remains revocable until his or her death, and the surviving spouse may do as he or she pleases with such portion of the trust assets.

Upon the death of the surviving spouse, his or her half transfers into the trust of the first to die, and all trust assets are distributed to the children (or potentially grandchildren).

As some assets of a decedent may inadvertently not be placed in the trust, a pour over will is created for each trustor, which pours any assets not initially placed into the trust, into the trust, so that all assets of the decedents are administered under the trust (and not in probate court!).

The key advantages of creating an estate plan that include a revocable living trust are: keeping the administration out of court (and hence having better and more efficient control of administration), avoiding probate court fees and costs, maintaining privacy in avoiding court pleadings of record that others can view regarding assets, distributions, etc., See LAWYER, page 20



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By Mike Wasserman

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Santa Clara County has world class parks that are used by people near and far. County Parks are a key contributor to the overall health and sustainability of Santa Clara County by providing breathtaking views, quiet, contemplative trails, and diverse recreation activities. For 60 years Santa Clara County residents have demonstrated their commitment to preserving the best places in our region for the enjoyment and inspiration for current and future generations.

In order to preserve and improve our County Parks, the Santa Clara County Parks Department is

undertaking a comprehensive update to the County Parks Strategic Plan. The 2017 update will chart the course for the Parks Department's next 20 years and in order to be successful, we need

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County Report what they want to see County Parks look like will help to shape future plans. The input of the people who live,

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work, and/or play in Santa Clara County is critical to the Strategic Plan Update. Opportunities to provide your input during the planning process will be posted on ourfutureparks.org where you can sub-

mit comments and complete a short interactive activity. Please consider attending any of the many upcoming events and meetings.

At the meetings, the Strategic Plan will be presented and discussed. Meetings will include Parks & Recreation Commission (PRC), Housing, Land Use, Environment and Transportation Committee (HLUET), and Board of Supervisors meetings. All meetings will be posted on the website calendar.

As always, you can reach my office at (408) 299-5010 with your questions, comments and concerns.

Lawyer

Continued from page 19 maintaining flexibility and protection of assets with respect to distribution and use of trust assets (for young or troubled beneficiaries, where a remarrying spouse is involved, etc.). Other benefits may apply to your family's situation.

The bottom line is an estate plan is a key aspect of providing for your family in the future, as every day is a bless-

If you find yourself needing advice as to creating or discussing a living trust, or any estate planning matter, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time ... Kindest Regards,

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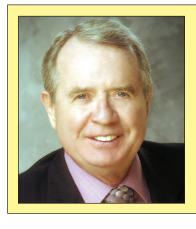








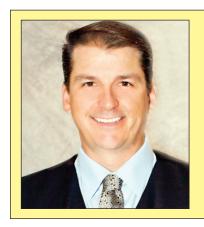
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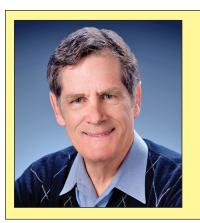
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