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## Pedestrian walk way and bike tunnel to be built at Almaden Lake Park under Coleman Road

By William Bellou  
Publisher

More than a million dollars will be allocated to build a pedestrian and bike crossing beneath Coleman Road on the west end of Almaden Lake Park.

The City Council approved the \$1.1M project during its June 6 meeting. The project is being funded by the city park trust and a grant from the Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Starting at the Almaden Lake parking lot, the project includes the construction of a 600-foot-long, 12-foot-wide asphalt concrete trail that passes under Coleman along the west bank of Lake Almaden. The trail ends at the Almaden Expressway and Coleman intersection.

This project was proposed during San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis' first year on the city council. "I am excited to create an opportunity for residents to access Almaden Lake Park without having to cross the busy Coleman Avenue and Almaden Expressway intersection."

Currently, pedestrians travel north on Almaden Expressway to the Guadalupe River Trail on the east side of the lake.

Construction is scheduled to start the first week of July and is expected to be completed near the end of 2017.

## NO NEIGH-SAYER



Helping children through connecting them with horses through Victory Ranch is **Doug Hutten's** calling.

## Healing happens here through horses' help

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Sometimes a person is lucky enough to be able to pursue his passion. Sometimes he is generous enough to share it with others. Doug Hutten is one such person. Through Victory Ranch, Hutten shares the healing and magical bond between people and horses he experiences with those in need.

Victory Ranch, a 501(c)3 non-profit, serves children receiving social services and counseling, with behavioral or psychological disorders, or awaiting adoption or foster parents. Hutten's Kids and Horses Education Program is a 5-week/10-session program designed to improve self-confidence, social and communication skills, personal achievement and teamwork. Program graduates, known as Buckaroos, often return as volunteers, demonstrating newly acquired self-esteem and leadership skills while taking on more

responsibilities.

"Being involved with the horses and getting to work with them is really fun," says volunteer Kate Mallison. "Getting to see kids light up and come out of their shells when they're around horses is really cool. The program is a great way to make riding available to people it might not be available to, and just having a connection with horses is really special."

Sophia Larocca, who has volunteered at the ranch for more than a year, says that Hutten has taught her everything she knows about horses from behavior to tacking. "Every day I learn something new," she says. "You never stop learning with horses." Larocca has witnessed the children's growth through the program.

"Kids come here shy and scared of the horses," she says. "Horses are such big animals and they're so little... but they warm up to you and the horses,

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## Celebrate Fourth of July at Almaden Lake Park

By William Bellou  
Publisher

We all know fireworks are illegal in San Jose, so why not celebrate the nation's Independence Day at Almaden Lake Park on July 4 and witness a spectacular safe professional fireworks show with family and the community.

This event is provided predominately by private monies from sponsors each year. Among the many sponsors this year, two local major sponsors are Skip's Tires and Salvatore Caruso Design.

This year's Festival features local band, Snarky Cats led by George Nowicki, local magician, Pete E. Magic and local radio station KRTY. Food Trucks and booths include Falafel Fresh & Gyros; Rills Hungarian; Los Jarocho Grill; Gold Rush Eatery; Sweet Rendezvous; Dippin Dots and Almaden Valley Kiwanis. Numerous festival booths include Write a Letter to a Soldier and kids activities among



others.

The Fun Festival begins at 3 p.m. with the fireworks getting underway at approximately 9:15 p.m. The festivities are completely free to the public. Carpooling and public transit is encouraged.

No alcohol, No pets, No barbecues and No illegal fireworks are allowed in the park for this event. Rules will be enforced; absolutely no exceptions.

Grab a Frisbee, bring a blanket

for comfort and a flashlight for safety and celebrate the 241st Birthday of this great nation-United States of America.

Volunteers are encouraged to help on Monday, July 3rd (set up), Tuesday, July 4th (event day), and Wednesday, July 5th (clean up).

Almaden Lake Park is located at 6099 Almaden Expressway San Jose.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Denelle Fedor at [denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:denelle.fedor@sanjoseca.gov) or visit [www.sjd10.com/4th-of-july-annual-event-.html](http://www.sjd10.com/4th-of-july-annual-event-.html)

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

## Almaden AAA Cubs Little League wins District 12 Tournament of Champions

Cubs defeat Lincoln Glen and Saratoga in the championship game

By Nick Blozan

*Special to the Times*

The Almaden AAA Cubs capped off an amazing season by decisively winning the Minor League California District 12 Tournament of Champions (TOC).

The Cubs, 13-3 in the regular season, defeated the Giants, Tigers and Astros in the Almaden playoffs to earn the birth into the TOC.

The TOC features the best team from every little league in District 12, and as the host, all the games were played at the Almaden Little League baseball fields at Greystone Park.

The first TOC game featured the battle for Almaden supremacy when the Cubs defeated the Almaden D-Backs 5-2 in a tight contest. The Cubs then demolished Lincoln Glen 14-1 and soundly defeated Saratoga 9-3 in the championship game.

Playoff highlights included commanding pitching performances from the Cubs Ace, Kyle Jackson, who had three wins with a 2.47 ERA and 15 strikeouts.



**CHAMPIONS:** Pictured with the District 12 Tournament of Champions banner are: Players--Robert Zettler, Thaddeus Woodley, Jack Blozan, Chris Contini, Noah Smith, Riley Coddington, Dreyton Johnson, Donovan Haynes, Alex Aguerria, Eric Park and Kyle Jackson. Coaches--Joey Coddington, Nick Blozan and Manager Pete Contini. Not pictured--Aidan Johnson.

Riley Coddington also pitched incredibly well with a playoff ERA of 0.00 and 15 strikeouts. The dominant pitching staff got support from the

amazing catching crew of Noah Smith and Robert Zettler, who combined, allowed only one passed ball during the three-game TOC. And they were

backed by a solid defense which was anchored by Alex Aguerria and Chris Contini. Thad Woodley, Donovan Haynes and Dreyton Johnson all made important put outs to stop the other team from scoring at crucial times during games while Eric Park, Aidan Johnson played key roles on defense.

The offense was fueled by great hitting up and down the lineup including six players with batting averages over 500 featuring Coddington (.636) and Jackson (.500) plus Jack Blozan (.692), Chris Contini (.538), Alex Aguerria (.588) and Dreyton Johnson (.545).

"We were blessed with a dedicated group of boys who were willing to put in the hard work it takes to succeed," said Pete Contini, Manager of the Cubs. "The Cubs scored 58 runs and only allowed 13 during the playoffs and every single player got multiple hits and scored at least once during our playoff run. Most importantly this team is not only made up of great baseball players, but they are amazing boys who care about each other. I look forward to seeing what they will accomplish in the future."

## Reminder: Fireworks are illegal in San Jose

The San Jose Police Department is reminding residents that the use of any fireworks within the San Jose's city limits is illegal.

Officers will be proactively patrolling neighborhoods to enforce all laws against the use of fireworks, including locations that in the past have been focal points of large-scale fireworks.

The fireworks ban applies to all types of fireworks, including large bottle rockets, roman candles, firecrackers, even 'spark-

lers' that are usually reserved for younger children.

Sparklers can reach over 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit. They account for 50 percent of fireworks-related injuries to children under the age of five and 10 percent of fireworks-related injuries overall.

Nationally, there are twice the number of fires during July's fireworks use and thousands of injuries, particularly for children ages five to 14.

Last year, the City Council approved

higher fines for the sale, use, possession, or storage of fireworks. The fines for fireworks-related violations are \$500 for a first violation, \$700 for a second violation, and \$1,000 for a third violation.

The city increases its enforcement efforts during the 4th of July holiday.

The use of illegal fireworks can be reported by calling 3-1-1, 408-277-8900, or report the address online at: [www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks).

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## *The Chiavettas end the month of June with record setting 6 sales!*



**330 Daisy Dr.  
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This beautiful home in the Palmia Community has 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, 2,484 Sq. Ft. on a 4,100 Sq. Ft. Lot. This home has custom closets, custom built in plantation shutters with a fully landscaped backyard and a gazebo.



**1297 Salvatore Ct.  
(Represented Seller)**

This meticulously maintained Almaden home was one of six homes sold by The chiavettas this month. This 6 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, 2,642 Sq. Ft. on an 8,091 Sq. Ft. Lot has a stunning backyard and entertaining area with an inviting swimming pool and elevated spa.



**788 N. 18th St.  
(Represented Seller)**

This charming home is in a prime location in downtown San Jose. It has 2 Bedrooms, 1 Bathroom, 992 Sq. Ft. on a 5,625 Sq. Ft. Lot with dual pane windows, laminate flooring throughout and recessed lighting in the kitchen. It is 2 miles from the new Google and Bart station.



**1318 Hillcrest Dr.  
(Represented Buyer/Seller)**

Entertainer's paradise has this spectacular golf course views with 5 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, 2,921 Sq. Ft. on a 9,800 Sq. Ft. Lot. It has home features that include a chefs kitchen and a backyard complete with pool, in-ground trampoline, and mini sports field.



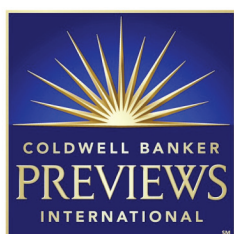
**6979 Hollow Lake  
(Represented Buyer)**

This luxurious custom built 5,744 Sq Ft. Almaden valley home has 6 Bedrooms, 5/1 Bathrooms on a 1.037 Acres Lot. It has beautiful panoramic valley views from nearly every window as well as level backyard with pave stone walkways. The Chiavettas were excited to have represented this buyer for this luxurious home.



**876 N. 8th Street  
(Represented Buyer/Seller)**

This Santa Clara County home has 3 Bedrooms, 2.01 Bathrooms, 1,376 Sq. Ft. on a 1,646 Sq. Ft. Lot. The Chiavettas ended the month of June by closing 876 N. 8th Street. Their record setting 6 sales this month is one of there best months to date.



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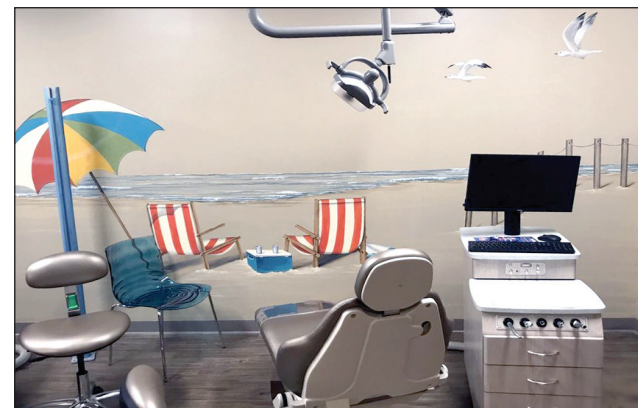
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Dr. H. Derick Phan attended Leland High School where he was a star volleyball player and track and field athlete. Above right: Some of the relaxing beach themeing in the office.

### DONATES \$15,000 TO LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Dentist opens new Almaden office because he cares deeply about the community and local schools

By Kevin Larsen

*Times staff writer*

**D**eric Phan, DDS is a well respected among residents of Almaden Valley because of his passion for the community and his support of local schools.

Phan and his staff at Almaden Valley's Surfside Kids Dental Office, donated more than \$15,000 last year to local schools.

Phan, who attended Almaden schools, continually gives back to the community, not only to the schools, but also donates to community events, such as the Almaden Art & Wine Festival.

Pham considers Almaden to be the best place to grow up and raise a family so he ensures that only the very best doctors, equipment, technology and techniques are used at his dental office. He wants the best for all of his friends, neighbors, and families in Almaden.

Whether your child is visiting the office for a routine cleaning or an appointment or there to tackle a sugar bug, Phan's dental office ensures that the needs of children is being met on an individual basis. The caring pediatric dentist and knowledgeable staff understand that, at times, anxiety can come to children with just the thought of seeing a dentist.

#### Dental office theme

The theme of Surfside Kids Dental Office is that of visiting a beach and having a relaxing time. A few of the reviews on the Yelp website state that there's a TV in the ceilings so that makes teeth cleaning more fun! There are also ipads that provide entertainment for children while they visit. The following comment says it all and reminds us about the importance of dental offices, "Dr. Pham has treated my daughters for over ten years and has given them both the most beautiful smile!"

#### Easing a child's fears

Surfside's staff is caring empathetic, which eases the fear of going to a dentist. They offer movies to watch and communicate with children and parents so they know what to expect from the bringing to end of any process or

appointment. Kids report the interior of the dental office is "cool," which makes visits to the office a comfortable experience.

Phan was asked when should a child first be seen for a checkup? "Parents should bring their child for a dental check when the first tooth appears, or no later than a child's first birthday," he said. "The checkup can help prevent future dental problems."

#### Orthodontic services also available

While many dentists often recommend an orthodontist for their clients, you don't have to leave the Surfside Kids Dental Office because both dental technicians and orthodontist operate in the same office.

"Having orthodontists on staff is an important benefit to families, because the information is communicated instantly among staff resulting in the best recommended treatment and procedures," said Phan. "Orthodontics is much more than just the straightening of teeth. It's a specialized branch of dental care that also focuses on jaw structure and function. Our orthodontists also specialize in correcting dental issues which are unique to children."

Phan explained that each of Surfside's dentists have undergone years of specialized training to provide top-notch pediatric dental care. Their certifications require additional years of training which focus on the psychology of children in order to help kids overcome stress related to dental visits. They also receive specialized training covering the ways kids' faces develop as they transition from having baby teeth to adult teeth. All of our pediatric dental specialists are educated in the practice of treating special-needs children and the proper administration of medication to children.

*Editor's note: For more information regarding the new Almaden Valley dental office location, visit: [surfsidekidsdental.com/almaden-valley](http://surfsidekidsdental.com/almaden-valley), or call 408.400.3577. The office is located at 6942 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95120*

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## South Bay Activities for July 4

### California's Great America Fireworks

Where: California's Great America, Santa Clara  
When: July 4; Fireworks after dusk

### Rotary Club Centennial Fireworks

Where: Downtown San Jose, Discovery Meadow  
When: July 4, Symphony Summer Pops at 5:30 p.m.  
Fireworks at 9:30

### Rose, White & Blue Parade

Where: San Jose, Rose Garden neighborhood to  
The Alameda  
When: July 4, Parade at 10 am.

### Morgan Hill Freedom Fest: Parade and Fireworks On The Green

Where: Morgan Hill, Morgan Hill Outdoor Sports  
Center  
When: July 4, parade begins at 10 a. m.,  
Fireworks at 9:30 p.m. or dusk

### Scotts Valley 4th of July Parade and Fireworks

Where: Santa Cruz, Skypark on Scotts Valley Drive  
When: July 4, Festivities begin at 3 p.m.;  
Fireworks at 9:15 p.m.

### Fourth of July at Shoreline

Where: Mountain View, Shoreline Amphitheatre  
When: July 4, 8 p.m. featuring the San Francisco  
Symphony

### Old-Fashioned Independence Day Celebration

Where: Santa Cruz Wilder Ranch State Park When:  
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### City of Milpitas 4th of July Celebration

Where: Milpitas, Milpitas Sports Center  
When: July 4, pool party from 1 - 4 p.m., Concert and  
fireworks 7 - 10 p.m.



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## Recent council action explained, local initiatives set in motion

By Johnny Khamis  
*Special to the Times*

For those of you who have had trouble keeping up on all of the action at City Council, I thought you might want to know about some of the things we have approved recently. First up is the annual budget.

The new Fiscal Year begins on July 1 and after several months of community input that followed the Mayor's March Budget Message, Mayor Liccardo put forth his June Budget Message, laying out a \$3.2 billion spending plan for the City, which was approved unanimously. This becomes the spending plan for July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018. I am happy to report that the message got us very close to the goal of \$75 million that I sought for pavement maintenance, with \$74 million committed to paving and sealing City streets.

The plan also sets aside \$2 million to begin the process of planning for the widening of Branham Lane between Snell Avenue and Vistapark Drive to make the width consistent with Branham on the other side of Snell. I have been advocating for safety improvements for this area given the 161 accidents that have happened along this stretch of road through January 2017.

Finally, the budget also includes money to increase maintenance at City parks. Park maintenance is a huge concern for residents in District 10 and throughout the City, and Mayor Liccardo included \$3.4 million in additional park maintenance funding.

In addition to the City budget, progress has been made on a number of other initiatives I have championed, as well. We began the process for developing up to 41 units of affordable, supportive housing, in partnership with Eden Housing, at Gallup Drive and Mesa Drive. I've requested that any development include a much-needed community room for the residents of the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood.

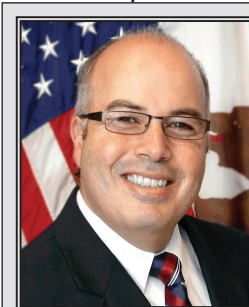
The City Council approved the Guadalupe River Trail Master Plan and environmental clearance to allow for the development of a continuous recre-

ational and bicycle commute trail from Almaden to downtown, connecting the Los Alamitos Trail to the Guadalupe Trail. I worked with the Parks Department on this project throughout my first term and gained support from then-Councilmember Liccardo, then-Councilmember Oliverio, and Councilmember Rocha to fund the development of the Master Plan. The Council also approved the Coleman Avenue undercrossing that will complete the path for a full circuit around Almaden Lake, and for connecting to the Guadalupe River trail system without having to cross at the busy Coleman and Almaden Expressway intersection.

In a public-safety-related action I brought forward, the Council voted to support State legislation to change how former prisoners that are on supervised release are treated after they violate their parole the third time, AB 1408 (Calderon). This legislation is supported by law enforcement and victim's rights groups and gives police and prosecutors new tools to combat crimes by repeat offenders. AB 1408 has passed the State Assembly and is awaiting action in the State Senate. I encourage you to contact your State Senator if you'd like to encourage the passage of AB 1408.

Finally, action was taken by the City Council to approve a "smart" streetlights project to convert 1,000 streetlights to LED. A Council majority approved this project, but I could not, in good conscience, support a project using controller units that could collect video or audio data on residents unless we first have a data privacy policy in place. I will continue to advocate for a data privacy policy at upcoming opportunities.

It's been a busy year at City Council, but a very rewarding one, with projects that I've been working on since I began serving as your Councilmember finally moving forward! For some of these items, like trail connections, approval of a plan by the City Council is just the starting point. I ask you to remain engaged to ensure that these long-term projects make it across the finish line.



## District 10 Report

**Johnny Khamis,**  
City Councilmember

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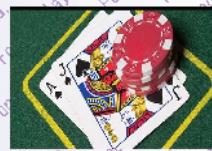
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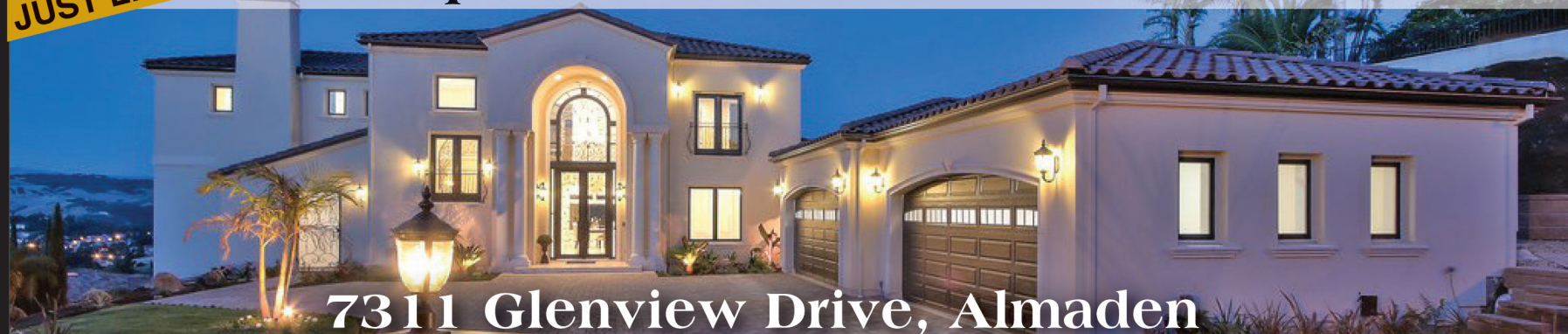
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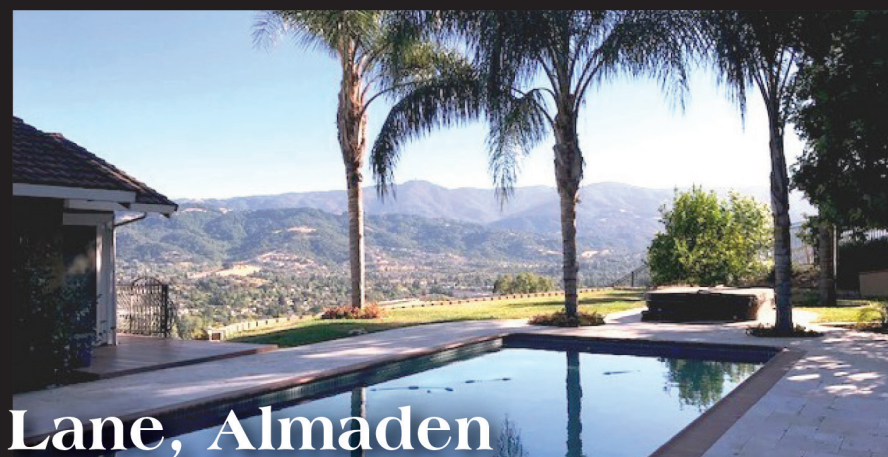
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## Times Local News



The Sons of Jubal perform at "A Day in Paris."

## Almaden 'A Day in Paris' dinner well attended

"A Day in Paris" event attracted more than 140 Almaden seniors.

The themed dinner and music venue, held on June 10, included a fabulous gourmet dinner of chicken cordon bleu with side dishes prepared by the Almaden seniors kitchen crew.

Sons of Jubal, a Christian stage band, performed many of the big band tunes made popular in the 40's and 50's. The band also plays traditional ballroom dance music.

Editor's note; The Sons of Jubal will be performing at the San Jose Jazz Summer Fest in August. To learn more about their "upcoming gigs" just web search, Sons of Jubal

by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Total sales in May totaled 785 residential properties priced \$1 million and higher, a 14 percent increase from 688 sales in May 2016.

The median price for luxury properties sold in May rose to \$1,475,000 from \$1,450,000, an increase of 1.7 percent. The data is based on sales transactions recorded in Santa Clara County by the Multiple Listing Service.

"The Silicon Valley housing market continued an upward trend throughout the month of May with no signs of slowing down," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Not only are luxury homes selling at a higher volume, but they're selling for well above asking price and in an even shorter time frame compared to this time last year."

Sales in the upper end of the market also experienced gains. Of the luxury home sales in May, 67 were of homes priced \$3 million and higher, compared to 62 a year ago.

## Luxury home sales in Silicon Valley rise in May

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

The Silicon Valley luxury home market saw a gain in total sales in May year-over-year and a gain in the average sales price from last month, according to a new report

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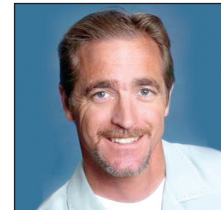
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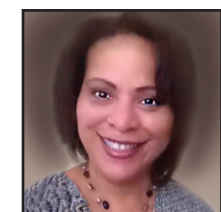
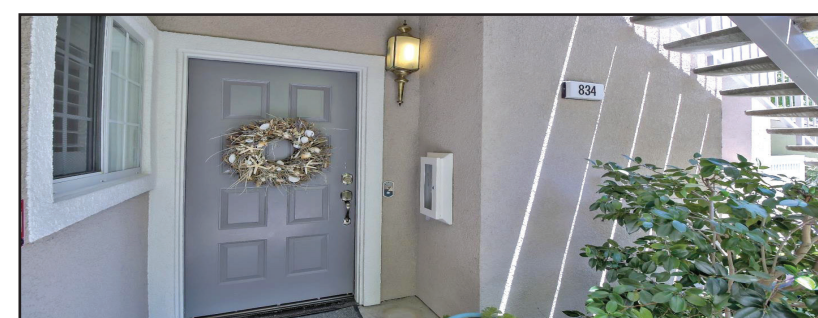
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# CMT first regional theater to present Disney's 'Hunchback of Notre Dame'

Children's Musical Theater San Jose is presenting The Hunchback of Notre Dame directed by CMT Artistic Director Kevin Hauge at the Montgomery Theater. July 28 – August 6.

CMT San Jose is one of the first amateur companies to receive the rights to The Hunchback of Notre Dame and the first local theater to produce it. As with all CMT Mainstage productions, multiple casts rotate during the run of the show and for Hunchback 112 performers ages 14-20 will take the stage.

Numerous graduating seniors and college students returned to CMT to do this summer production, representing Boston Conservatory, NYU, Pace, Ford-



Mitchel Mosley as Quasimodo.  
Photo by Curtis Finger

ham, Malloy, University of Texas, Redlands and Syracuse theater programs.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame is based on the Victor Hugo novel and the Disney ani-

imated film. The sweeping story begins at the stately cathedral in 15th century Paris where Quasimodo, the lonely bell-ringer, is held captive in his tower. He is enchanted by the kind and beautiful gypsy girl Esmeralda, but he has two rivals for her attention—one of whom is his devious keeper, Frollo, who will stop at nothing to have what he wants. Complete with a powerful Oscar-nominated score, this epic and unforgettable love story redefines what it means to be a hero.

The CMT San Jose artistic team for The Hunchback of Notre Dame joining Kevin Hauge includes Ian Leonard (CMT alum), LA-based Choreographer Kelly Connolly (Sweeney Todd, Rent and American Idiot for

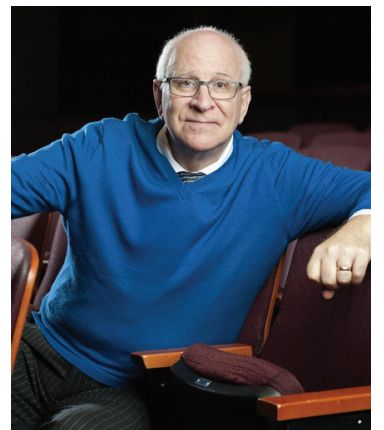


Valeria Johnson as Esmeralda.  
Photo by Curtis Finger

CMT), Vocal Director Mason Kimont (CMT alum), and Musical Director Amie Jan (veteran of numerous CMT productions).

## Schedule

The Performance schedule for



CMT Artistic Director Kevin Hauge.

The Hunchback of Notre Dame playing July 28-August 6 at The Montgomery Theatre (271 Market Street in San Jose) is:

Friday, July 28 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 29 at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, July 30 at 1 and 6 p.m.; Thursday, August 3 at 7 p.m.; Friday, August 4 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, August 5 at 2 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, August 6 at 1 p.m.

There is also a special student matinee presented on Friday July 28 at 10:00 a.m. Tickets are on sale at [www.cmtsj.org](http://www.cmtsj.org) or by calling 408-288-5437. Tickets for The Hunchback of Notre Dame range in price from \$20-25 and are on sale now at [www.cmtsj.org](http://www.cmtsj.org) or by calling 408-288-5437.

## About CMT San Jose.

CMT San Jose, a nationally acclaimed theater organization honored 10 times by the NEA and the oldest performing arts organization in San Jose, is celebrating its 49th year. A key provider of life building opportunities for youth in Silicon Valley, CMT remains committed to its mission to train and educate today's youth through musical theater to set and achieve high artistic and personal goals and to inspire them to become exemplary artists, patrons and citizens of tomorrow. Inclusiveness and quality are the two touchstones of CMT's vision.

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## Times Feature

# Gift and estate tax laws explained

By Steven R. Roeser, Esq.  
Special to the Times

This Week's Question:

"I am considering getting an estate plan in place, but I am dazed and confused by the current gift and estate tax laws. Can you help me understand the current gift and estate tax laws?"

Michael G.,  
Almaden Valley

Answer:

Many are speculating that our current President will eventually eliminate estate taxes at the Federal level entirely, which would result in the wealthy passing along all of their assets without paying any Federal estate tax. I for one do not believe that will happen, but who knows! Nearly all of our United States population falls into the category of having under \$5,500,000 in assets, or twice that amount if married, which represents the permissible exemption amounts under current Federal Law (as further discussed below). Most all of us would also rather give our assets to our children, grandchildren, etc. when we (along with our spouses) are gone, rather than having it go to good old Uncle Sam. With some planning, you can maximize what goes to your chosen heirs, and minimize what Uncle Sam keeps for

the privilege of living in the United States ... and it is indeed a privilege to live in this great country, which we should always remember in celebrating the 4th of July. A big thank you to all that serve our country to maintain our freedoms. You make this country what it is.

Now, let's have a look at the basics of federal estate and gift tax planning. California does not have any estate tax or filing requirements (it was repealed) with rare exceptions, so this article addresses federal estate and tax laws only.

To put it simply, when you die, your estate will have to pay estate taxes if the net value of the estate (assets minus debts) is more than the permissible exemption amount for the applicable year. For 2017, the individual federal estate tax exemption is \$5.49 million per person (it generally increases each year with inflation), meaning every dollar over the exempt amount of 5.49 million is taxed at forty percent!

While you may be thinking hey, I am well under the exemption amount, so I have no worries, the laws could change and exemption amounts reduced, but more so, your assets are likely to grow

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## Ask the Lawyer

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substantially in value before your death. In Silicon Valley, this is all the more true, where small properties cost millions and appreciate consistently over measured time periods, and some fortunate start up employees come into millions in a matter of years. Or maybe this is your year to win the PowerBall Lottery! (kidding.)

As you and your spouse each get the 5.49 million exemption, a married couple jointly has nearly 11 million in assets they can pass along without paying any federal estate tax. Amounts above the 11 million will be taxed heavily at 40%. If the estate goes up 2 million to 13 million, there would be \$800,000 in tax going to Uncle Sam. You get the point and would be wise to consult counsel and get a proper estate plan, including a living trust, in place, to start, if you have such assets. Getting a revocable trust in place is also wise for those that fall under the exemption amounts and are not at risk of paying any estate taxes, because trusts have many other benefits such as avoiding probate court and bringing certainty to estate administration and distributions, to name a couple.

In addition to the individual estate tax exemptions at death, you can currently make annual tax-free gifts of up to \$14,000 per recipient, and if you are married, you and your spouse together can give \$28,000 per recipient per year. Additionally, subject to specific rules, you can also give an unlimited amount for tuition and medical expenses if you make the gifts directly to the educational organization or health care provider. With respect to real property you want to pass along to your family, you can give your child a \$14,000 "interest" in the property each year, which can be discounted via appraisals under certain conditions, which can be a very effective way to transfer wealth at a discount.

If you want to give more than \$14,000 in a given year, you can do so, but must report it to the IRS and it will begin to reduce your lifetime gift and estate tax exemption of 5.49M. Like estate assets, gifts in excess of exempt amounts are also taxed at forty percent at the federal level. Some planning here is the key to effectively utilizing annual and lifetime exemptions.

For example, it can be especially wise to gift assets that are appreciating in value, because any income and appreciation that occur after such gift is made are removed from your taxable estate. However, the recipient then may have to pay capital gains tax if the asset is later sold, with such tax calculated using your original basis ... meaning the recipient is taxed on the difference between your purchase price and the sale price. That could be a lot of tax. If the property passes through your estate after your death, the recipient may receive a step up in basis as of the date of your death (basis is the fair market value at your death), which would save a lot of capital gains tax on the subsequent sale of the asset.

No offense, Uncle Sammy, but I want my kids to keep as much of our family assets as possible! Consult counsel and get an appropriate estate plan in place. It makes good sense to take care of your family, whether you are under or over the estate tax exemption thresholds.

Until next time ...

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**Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

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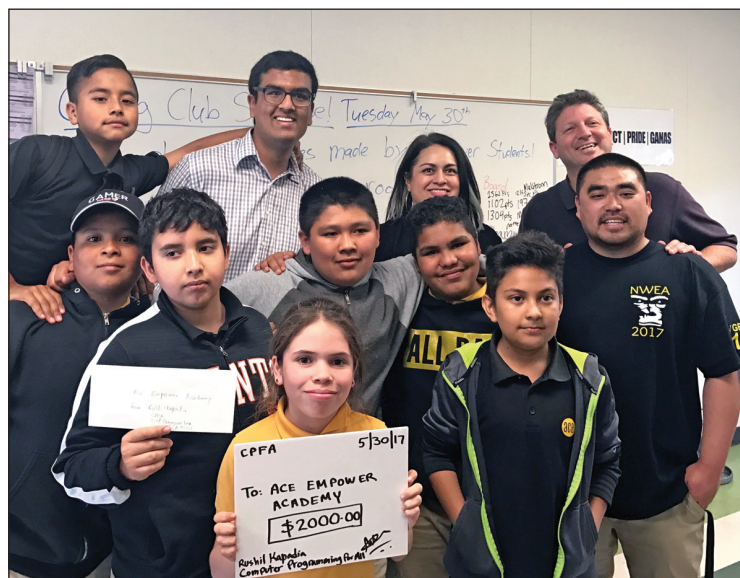
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Times **Feature**

Computer Programming For All members pose with the \$2000 donation with San Jose Councilmember **Silvia Arenas** (back row, second from right).

## Coding club presents \$2,000 check to local charter school

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

Rushil Kapadia, a junior at Archbishop Mitty High School, presented a \$2000 check to Ace Empower Academy, a Charter Middle School recently.

The money donated to the school was generated from Kapadia's non-profit coding club, Computer Programming for All, Inc.

Upon discovering that we had no computer science curriculum and realizing that many of our students come from homes with limited opportunities, Kapadia decided to start an after-school coding club on a voluntary basis.

"I realized that 'traditional' curriculums would not work and so I developed my own curriculum using the Scratch programming language," said Kapadia. "The curriculum is quite innovative -- it teaches kids programming by having them create popular games such as Pacman and Galaga -- which the students find very engaging."

This is his third year Kapadia has been teaching at Ace Empower which now provides instruction for more than eight locations with the assistance of 15 volunteers teaching more than 100 students.

Kapadia has donated more than 500 hours and raised, and along with this team of volunteers, raised \$2,000 for Ace Empower to help with computer science education.

In a recent survey, some of the students said expressed their appreciation to the education opportunity. "This class has endless fun...The

people here are so nice... we learn a lot about creating games...It's a cool place to relax and release us of stress”

"I feel the program has had a real impact and touched the kids' lives," said Justin Gill, eighth grade Science Teacher at ACE Empower Academy. "The kids used to view computers as a vehicle to play games after school, and did not have the appreciation that they could build a career in computer science. Through this program, they have come to appreciate that they could go to college and pursue computer science as a major -- this is exactly the outcome we had hoped for."

Gill said some students find the class so engaging that they log in from home and continue to work on their projects. “On a ‘dress up to work’ day, a seventh grader dressed up as a game developer/ computer programmer. She said that the class has inspired her to pursue a major and subsequently a career in computer science”

Rushil's efforts have enabled a number of kids, who had absolutely no exposure to programming, to become well versed at Scratch and further inspired them to learn more. His curriculum based on building games to teach programming is innovative, and resonates with the kids.

"For the first time, many kids have realized that computers are a tool that can be harnessed rather than just a device to play games," said Gill.

For more information about Computer Programming for All, Inc. visit: [computerprogrammingforall.org](http://computerprogrammingforall.org)

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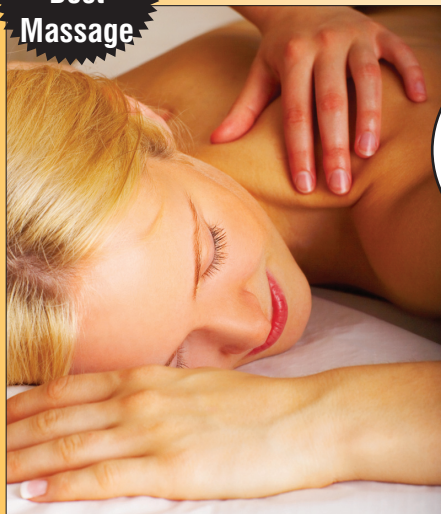
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## Assistance League of San Jose celebrates 34 years

Assistance League of San Jose (ALSJ) celebrated its 34th year during its annual Charter luncheon last month at the Almaden Country Club with the theme of Spreading Sunshine Through Service.

There are currently 164 members who volunteered 33,356 hours during the past 12 months.

"Most of our members volunteer for more than one of our eight programs and serve on our committees," said Jerri Kazmierczak, president of ALSJ. "Our motto is caring and commitment in action and this definitely reflects who we are."

### Program Highlights:

**Operation School Bell** is the philanthropic program that distributes two school uniforms each year to underserved children. This year new uniforms were given to 5,434 elementary school children in 39 schools in Alum Rock, Oak Grove, Franklyn McKinley, and San Jose Unified School Districts.

**Readers are Leaders** volunteers read six times this year to 1,283 children in 32 second and third-grade classrooms. These books were then donated to each classroom and school library. Each child also received a book of their own to take home in December.

**Screening Eyes Early** screened 718 preschoolers to detect vision problems at 18 preschools; 15 children were referred to an ophthalmologist.

**Hug-a-Bear** distributed 973 teddy bears to seven agencies to support and comfort children in crisis including San Jose Police Department and Family Supportive Housing.

**Kids on the Block** puppets demon-

strating ways to prevent bullying were shown to 222 children at 3 schools.

**Senior Bingo** games with prizes are held each month at 2 residential care facilities

**Caring Hands** volunteers knit 1,052 baby layettes as well as caps and lap robes for chemo patients. These hand-made items were donated to Valley



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Medical Center.

**Assist-a-Shelter** serves two organizations: Family Supportive Housing and City Team. Volunteers served 624 dinners on the 3rd Friday of the month to Family Supportive Housing residents. In addition, volunteers put on four enrichment programs to 148 children and adults. ALSJ also assisted children in "shopping" for holiday presents for their families.

Assistance League of San Jose is currently accepting new members. There will be an orientation tea for prospective new members on July 20, 2017. For more information visit: [www.alsj.org](http://www.alsj.org) or email [AssistanceLeagueofSanJose@yahoo.com](mailto:AssistanceLeagueofSanJose@yahoo.com). Leave your name and contact information and a member will contact you.

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and by the end of the program, they have smiles on their faces and you can just see their enjoyment. They have confidence in themselves and are no longer afraid. It makes me happy.”

Although she says she’s bonded with many children, there is one boy she’ll never forget. As she led the horse he was riding around the circle, they talked the whole time about horses, video games, his friends and things he likes. “Afterwards, I noticed the social worker looked shocked,” she says. “The social worker said that the boy doesn’t talk—to anybody. It made me want to cry. The kids will always remember their experiences with this program.”

“People here are like family,” says volunteer Rowan Brush. “I love it here. Doug has taught us a lot. I volunteer here because I enjoy helping the community and working with the horses.”

Victory Ranch also partners with HomeFirst, which serves homeless veterans. Through his Veteran’s Ranch Visit Program, veterans have the opportunity to enjoy a peaceful ranch visit and commune with the horses. A disabled army veteran himself, Hutten has experienced how a horse’s calming spirit can help those suffering with PTSD and was excited to start this program to help comrades in arms.

Hutten’s own victories over life’s challenges inspired the name Victory Ranch. “We all go through stuff,” he says. “No one can escape the things that occur in life, but I choose to have victory.”

Empowering children is Hutten’s main goal. When students graduate, he says, “How many of you were afraid about things you did in the program? In your lives, there will always be challenges and you can say, ‘I did this!’”

His favorite part of teaching is seeing the changes in the children over time. “I provide a way for them to step away from their stuff and step into the spirit of the horse,” he says. “I know how to connect them.” When Hutten lived in Denver, Colorado, he worked with kids from a church youth group at his ranch there. Sometimes the kids would play ball and there was a horse standing on second base. Other times, the horse would pull the kids on tubes down the snow-covered roads.

The idea of starting a ranch with a program for children and horses began when Hutten was volunteering with an equestrian program for children with autism through B.O.K. Ranch in Woodside. Thanks to grants from the Dean Whitter Foundation, Morgan Family Foundation and Sorenson Foundation, his dream became a reality.

Caring for the children is evident in everything Hutten does, from educational classes in the barn to working with the horses in the corrals. During these lessons, Hutten also instructs the children in manners, focus and following directions. “I try to put them on the right path in life,” he says.



**Sophia Larocca** with Scout. Volunteer Sophia Larocca is moved by how the children grow through their experiences with horses.

Utilizing his Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Speech Communication, Hutten teaches his students to communicate effectively and project their voices. “We need to talk to our horse like we do with our dogs at home,” he says. “We need to monitor their behavior. Horses talk through their behavior. When we’re connecting with our horse, we want to be confident and firm.”

He helps the children feel more confident, even while standing beside a horse for the first time. “Feel her breath. It’s warm, right?” he says. “Hold the lead rope with your right hand and the remaining rope coiled in your left hand.”

Walking beside a child in the corral, Hutten tells him, “The horse should walk beside you. The handler should walk

between a horse’s head and shoulder. What we’re going to do now is walk all the way around. Are you ready? Talk to the horse. Make the horse go where you want him to go. There you go. Good job!”

“So many kids need our help,” says Pat, Hutten’s wife and business partner. “They all have their issues, but they all love being close to the horses. There’s a boy with Asperger’s who is so gentle with his horse.”

“My son is getting attached to the horses,” says Robin (last name withheld). “He loves the connection. He’s really enjoying it. What Doug’s doing is amazing. He’s teaching the kids the proper way to do everything. Ryan has always been very comfortable around animals, and I’m hoping once he gets on a horse, he’ll feel

so much more comfortable. I think he will.”

“Wait and watch what happens,” says Hutten. “You want to be a team together when you’re sitting on a horse’s back. When children get on a horse for the first time, all of a sudden their focus is there, where it wasn’t before.”

Michelle (last name withheld) says that Victory Ranch is a great fit for her son as he loves animals. “He knows horses have feelings and body language, so it helps him to read body language and know he has to be calm,” she says. “He learns not only what the horse’s behavior is, but also what his reaction should be to the behavior, and he can carry this on in other situations.”

“I have moms walking up to me after the kids ride sobbing, ‘Doug, you’ve changed my child.’ That’s it for me. Life’s about what we’re giving to the world, rather than to ourselves....”

Hutten has been a member of the San Mateo County Sheriff’s Mounted Patrol Search and Rescue Group, Deputy Sheriff with San Francisco’s Mounted Unit, Colorado Search and Rescue and Marin County’s Sheriff Search and Rescue team.

Horses have always been a part of Hutten’s life. He started riding when he was six years old and continues to do so 60-some years later. “The spirit and connections of my horses really help me to work through life’s challenges,” he says. “The peace I’ve been able to experience on horseback is phenomenal. I have a gift; a sense of understanding a horse’s spirit.” Part of that connection, he says, comes through his Native American sensibilities, as his mother belonged to the Chickasaw tribe. “It’s been an honor to maintain my heritage,” he says. On the wall in his office is a picture of three Native Americans walking their horses through snow in the woods. “It’s near and dear to me,” he says.

For 24 years, Hutten rode a horse named Sydney, writing short stories to share his experiences on horseback during character-building times. “He was my buddy,” he says. When Sydney passed away, he got Minko, which means “Chief” in Chickasaw. “His spirit was special,” says Hutten. “Animals look to us for friendship, connection and trust. People don’t know how deep that goes.” He rode him for 15 years. “When he left the planet four years ago, a cowboy friend of mine introduced me to Dude,” says Hutten, “because when I train horses, I always say, ‘Hey, Dude.’” Hutten and Dude have developed a tight bond that just grows stronger with time.

As a child, Hutten rode ponies on Belle Isle, Michigan. “Instead of a soccer mom, my mom was a pony mom,” he says. As his dad was a project engineer on the Apollo project, the family moved to Alabama. They later relocated to Cambridge, Massachusetts where his father worked at a NASA Research Center.

In high school, Hutten volunteered helping kids in Boston’s inner cities. He played college football at Boston

*See VICTORY, next page*



**Doug Hutten** believes every child can be helped through horses.



# Times Cover Story

## Victory

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University and planned to do the MBA program there, but the family moved back to Detroit, where he transferred to Wayne

State University. He enlisted in the army with the draft. He left his dad at the airport, where they fondly touched their foreheads together. Three days later, he got an emergency phone call that his father had died, having drowned in a whirlpool. He had

to fly back to identify his body. Doug was 18 at the time. He served his country, helping to find pilots who were shot down, and finished college through night school, using every penny of the G.I. Bill.

About 12 years ago, Hutten left his job in Silicon Valley to start Victory Ranch. "I paid my dues and was very successful," he says, "but I decided to do something else using my gifts with horses." Hutten has worked as a high-end consultant to industries getting technologies off the ground, including cable start-ups TCI and DirectTV in Denver. He walked down the red carpet in his cowboy tux in 1999 when The Matrix won an Academy Award, as his consulting group had managed a merger/acquisition for their special effects company. He worked as a consultant for IBM, bringing the first supercomputers into China and with Apple and Sony. "For me, Victory Ranch has been a great way to use my talents to focus on helping others," he says.

Like Hutten, Pat left her high-tech career behind to help others through Victory Ranch. She traded in her high heels and beautiful clothing and career at Qualcomm in Taiwan to work at the ranch. "But the reward here is huge," she says. "You're happy. I worked 12 to 15 hours a day at Qualcomm, but I wasn't happy."

"My personal gratification is that Victory Ranch has been able to help so many kids with behavioral disorders through the years," says Hutten. "On a personal level, I just feel joy in being able to see the changes in



"It's so rewarding at the end of the day to be able to transform kids' challenges, fears, pain and suffering. I have a special way through the spirit of the horse to help them get through all that," says **Doug Hutten**.



them, especially when the kids start to ride a horse."

Victory Ranch is currently run out of Rose Rock Ranch, located at 20100 Almaden Road in San Jose. While he greatly appreciates the accommodations, Hutten hopes to raise the funds for a ranch of his own where he can expand the types of programs he offers like Equine Assisted Psychotherapy, veteran's PTSD and battered women programs. "We want to help more people," he says. He would love to stay in the area as they've established relationships with local social service agencies who can transport the children. They also have about 18 teen and adult volunteers. Hutten hopes to raise funding to enable him to purchase land on

Harry Road in Almaden Valley to create a ranch. "The need for the ranch is huge," he says. "Our real focus is to the future and securing our own ranch to serve more disadvantaged youth."

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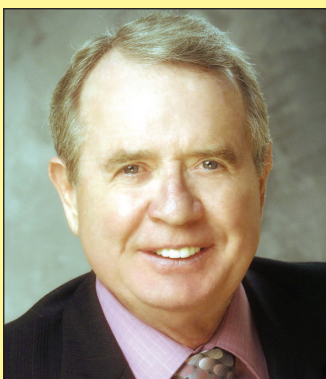


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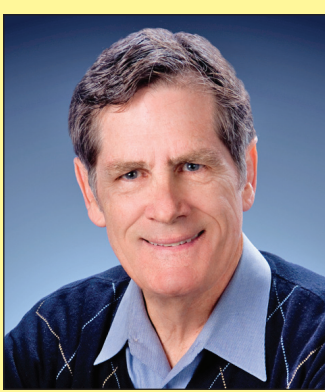


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