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## ON DISPLAY AT ART ARK GALLERY



A pair of owls stare intensely from inside a narrow slot canyon carved by flash floods, Zion National Park; Coast Redwoods, the tallest trees on earth, reach for the night sky in the Stout Grove, Redwood National Park. Photos by QT Luong

## Luong of San Jose first photographer to capture all 59 National Parks with large format camera

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Photographer QT Luong of San Jose has accomplished something truly remarkable.

Luong is the first person to photograph all 59 national parks with a large format film camera. The project spanned 23 years, during which QT made more than 300 park visits. In 2009, Ken Burns and Dayton Duncan featured Luong in the film "The National Parks: America's Best Idea."

Not only did Luong visit each of the 59 national parks, returning multiple times in different seasons to catch the varying moods of the land, he also photographed each significant area of each park, revealing lesser known, quieter, and off the beaten path locations.

Luong also experienced the diversified life-zones represented by the incredible range of parks and ecosystems: From climbing to the top of the coldest mountain on Earth (Denali) to diving under the tropical seas of the Atlantic Ocean (Virgin Islands), he chose the best images that capture the amazing, vast, wild and majestic landscapes the world has to offer. The result is a unique and remarkable

assemblage that captures the most fascinating and impressive landscapes of each park.

### Photography exhibit on display

For the first time, San Jose's residents have the opportunity to view Luong's traveling photo exhibit of each the 59 US national parks. The exhibit returns home from its national tour that included venues such as the Museum of Science, Boston. It has been seen by hundreds of thousands across the country.

The exhibit is on display now through June 20 at the Art Ark Gallery in San Jose. An "Artist Talk" will be presented on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 p.m. During the events, Luong will sign his new book *Treasured Lands: A Photographic Odyssey Through America's National Parks*, which won four different national book awards during the last few months.

**Treasured Lands book released**  
Treasured Lands was released



In 2012, QT Luong visited each of the (then) 58 National Parks and became the first photographer to capture their beauty with a large format camera. Photo by Buddy Squires

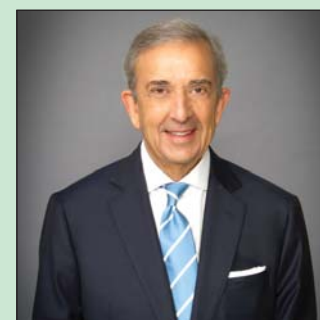
**"Luong's revelatory photographs suggest that our ordinary equipment for seeing is missing something. Luong offers us a leg up to a new way of understanding Nature's greatest gift."**

— Ken Burns, director and co-producer of *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*

in the fall of 2016, the year when the National Park Service celebrated its centennial birthday. With his unparalleled decades of natural photography and research expertise, Luong shares both exceptional photography and practical insights into the finest, remarkable natural wonders and landscapes that can only be found in the national parks. He's traveled the country, bringing awareness to the most unusual and spectacular creations made by nature and, inspiring others to enjoy those treasures as well.

The stunning, remarkable coffee-table book has won four national awards: Independent Publisher Book Award ("IPPY") - Coffee Table Books Gold Medal; IBPA Benjamin Franklin Awards - Arts and Photography Gold Medal; Nautilus Book Awards - Photography and Arts Silver Winner and National Indie Excellence Awards - Photography Winner.

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## Leave a lasting legacy while you are here and after you leave

While most of us will not be world-class Olympic athletes, Oscar-winning movie stars or generals who command great battles, we still have a desire to leave some type of mark on this world.

For many people that desired action is leaving a legacy while financially securing themselves, their families, their causes and charitable organizations long into the future.

**Patrick Renn** (pictured) has found a way to help others leave a legacy and reveals those strategies in his best-selling book, *Finding Your Money's Greater Purpose*.

"Each of us, through our contributions as volunteers and benefactors, holds the power to change the course of society for the better," says Renn.

Renn suggests a number of ways to build a legacy and keep contributing to society even after we have left this world.

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Times **Feature**

# Fighting flood waters begins in the summer with stream maintenance

By **Linda J. LeZotte**  
*Special to the Times*

The Santa Clara Valley Water District's Stream Maintenance Program ensures flood protection projects continue to function as designed to protect homes and businesses along water district streams.

The water district owns 278 miles of streams in our county, but only a portion of them have been improved with flood protection projects. Those are the streams that become stream maintenance projects

Every summer since 2001, the water district has undertaken a five-month-long effort to maintain and improve our stream conditions so they can safely carry water during winter storms. From June to October, our crews trek into streams to remove sediment, manage vegetation, clear trash and debris, and stabilize banks that have been eroded.

During heavy storms, unruly vegetation and sediment washed down from areas upstream can restrict the flow of water and in some areas, cause a back-up, increasing the risk of flooding. Managing vegetation is an important part of stream maintenance. Removing invasive vegetation, weeds and dry brush improves habitat for wildlife and a healthy stream ecosystem, contributes to improved flows in creeks, and even reduces the risk of fire hazards along neighboring properties.

While the heavy work takes place in the summer, stream maintenance is a year-round effort. Each year district crews inspect stream and bank conditions, especially after storms. Toward the end of the rain season, staff identifies maintenance projects for the upcoming work season.

Throughout the county, the water district works with partner agencies and private property owners to monitor creeks and perform maintenance where the water district either owns the land or has easements. Additionally, maintenance work is

very limited on a natural channel, or a creek without a completed flood protection project. Without a completed project in place, work performed on a natural channel threatens wildlife and properties, harming natural habitat by removing native vegetation and destroying habitat if enlarging the channel to increase the flood capacity. It could also redirect floods to another location downstream. Limited maintenance like removing trash and debris is allowable, if approved by regulators. Each year the water district works on obtaining the necessary permits from regulatory agencies to proceed with labor on identified priority locations. The permits require the work be completed between the months of June through October.

This work season, the water district has identified over 400 projects along water district facilities among 63 different streams, consisting of 16 sediment removal projects, 17 stream bank repairs, and hundreds of vegetation management projects, including an invasive plant removal on Coyote Creek. We are also working with our regional partners, like the City of San Jose, to identify projects in which they can perform maintenance on their portions of streams that they own. If you own property along a creek and have questions or concerns regarding stream maintenance, please feel free to contact our Community Projects Review Unit at 408-630-2650.

The water district and I appreciate the community's role in helping us keep homes and businesses safe. I am grateful for the residents and business owners who have reported potential blockages in our waterways. I continue to encourage reporting of concerns or issues in creeks that can affect the flow of storm water.

If you notice something blocking a stream during a storm, call our flood hotline at (408) 630-2378. We will assist you or direct you to the appropriate agency having jurisdiction.



**Water District**

Linda J. LeZotte,  
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**Leave your retirement plan to charity.** Leaving money to a charity from your retirement plan could save a lot of headaches. A retirement plan is one of the worst assets to die with because of the taxes associated with it. Leaving the plan to a charity could be the most tax-efficient strategy for that money.

**Give your family choices with a donor advised fund.** You can leave your family a say in where your charitable donations are going via a donor advised fund. Family members could recommend where money from the fund is going now and after you're gone.

**Donate a life insurance policy.** Insurance policies that no longer serve their purpose are a good place to look for charitable opportunities. Many people have outdated life insurance and have now outgrown their original need. Instead of cashing the policy in or just dropping it, why not consider donating it?

"I feel that part of my mission is to show people that they can take advantage of certain financial procedures if only they know about them," says Renn, founder and president of Renn Wealth Management Group. "With a bit of planning, such procedures could benefit them and the causes and institutions they care about."

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Santa Clara  
County Assessor  
Larry Stone

## SILICON VALLEY LOOMS LARGE

### County Assessor Stone offers perspective on local economy

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

With a glance back to the recession, Santa Clara County Assessor Larry Stone provides a glimpse of how the economy has grown to where it stands today.

"We've risen from the depths of the worst economic decline in my lifetime and yours," he said during a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting. "The world is interdependent and volatile politically and economically, which is both a benefit and challenge."

While the world's economy is cyclical, Silicon Valley experiences faster and steeper cycles. Stone believes that a more diverse economic base, less dependent on high tech, would be helpful for the region.

CEOs polled by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group repeatedly cite transportation, housing and public education as Silicon Valley's top issues. Stone sees a parallel between Detroit being the envy of the world in the 1950s and 1960s and Silicon Valley today. "Detroit is in bankruptcy," he says. "If we don't solve our problems...we could be in trouble, too."

Recognizing this crisis, Facebook has committed \$20 million over the course of five years for affordable housing, job training and assistance for tenants at risk of losing their homes. Other Silicon Valley tech firms like Google, Applied Materials and Microsoft have also invested millions, taking some responsibility for sharply climbing rents and housing prices, but more needs to be done says Stone.

"Either we will come together and address this crisis or Silicon Valley will not be Silicon Valley in 20 or 30 years," says Elliot Schrage, Facebook's vice president of communications and

public policy, as reported in the San Jose Mercury News. "It will move to other parts of the country and world."

At the end of June, the County Assessor's office notifies residents of the assessed value of their homes. "If you think the market value of your property is below the value on the notice, you can request an informal review," says Stone. "If we agree it was over-assessed, you can get a reduction." Stone says that about one-third of those who request a review receive reductions. "Appraisal is more an art, than a science," he says. "We try to get it right."

The County Assessor's office regularly goes to bat against large corporations. "Currently there is a \$62 billion value at risk," says Stone. "That's the difference between the county assessment and what tax payers say they're worth. About 85 percent of these are Apple, Google and other major corporations. Last year, after a series of court cases, notes Stone, the County Assessor's office retained 96 percent of what they assessed."

Many residents wonder where tax revenue goes. Stone says that about 45 percent goes to Sacramento for schools. About 18 percent goes to the county to pay for the sheriff's, district attorney's and assessor's offices, jails and fire department. Cities receive 14 percent and 10 percent pays down the redevelopment debt. About 6 percent goes to special districts like water and fire and 7 to 8 percent to community colleges.

Santa Clara County leads the Bay Area, state and nation in job growth. During the past six years, the county experienced job gains of 4.1 percent, compared with 3.3 in the Bay Area and 2.6 percent in the state. However, according

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## Luong

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"I'm particularly pleased with this chance to engage with my local community, since I have lived in the Bay Area since 1993 and in Evergreen Valley since 2002, said Luong "Because of history and the proximity to many of them, national parks have long been important to the local community. The Yosemite Grant of 1864 was the first time any nation had set aside a large tract of natural land for all people and for all time, and it would pave the way for all national parks."

Currently, California has nine National Parks which is more than any other state, and the most recent, Pinnacles National Park, is located only one hour and a half away from Evergreen.

"Although last year's National Park Service Centennial was an occasion for celebration, this year is a time of concern, as America's public lands have become a topic in the nation's political conversation," said Luong. "In the footsteps of Carleton Watkins and Ansel Adams, I view my work as a much-needed reminder of the beauty, lasting value, and impor-

ance of our treasured lands."

### About QT Luong

Twenty years ago QT Luong, a Berkeley, California scientist and budding photographer embarked on an extraordinary journey. With highly specialized professional expertise in artificial intelligence and image processing, his goal was to capture the incredible beauty and splendor of the parks in the highest quality and largest format possible. *The result is his award-winning book, Treasured Lands, A Photographic Odyssey Through America's National Parks*, which is the most comprehensive work on all 59 US National Parks. This remarkable collection of exquisite photographs reveals some of the greatest wildland treasures in the United States, with an innovative information section for photographers and visitors who wish to personally experience these natural wonders.

Born to Vietnamese parents in Paris, France, he was trained as a scientist (PhD U. Paris). The revelation of the high Alps led him to become a mountain climber and wilderness guide. On a trip to Yosemite, he fell in love with the National Parks and decided to photograph all of them with a 5x7 large format camera.

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Children's Discovery Museum kicks off nationally recognized summer of service programming

Summer of Service, the museum's award-winning program that connects teens in grades 7 - 10 to volunteer opportunities, kicks off June 12 with the first of four sessions.

With an emphasis on responsibility and purpose, participants have the option of volunteering in one of five focus areas for each four week session including community outreach activities, early childhood education, the environment, activities for museum visitors, and leadership development.

“Our program is really one-of-a kind in the Bay Area,” said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children's Discovery Museum. “There are so many beneficiaries – the teen, the teens' parents, and the nonprofit organizations. Parents are often surprised how motivated and impassioned their child becomes when they discover they can make a difference and help others regardless of their age.”

There are 14 service sites located in the South Bay that provide rewarding opportunities for teens to earn up to 30 community service hours per session doing

such things as sorting and bagging food for low income families at The Health Trust, mentoring preschoolers at Estrella Family Services, clearing evasive species at Ulistac Natural Area, making blankets and cat toys for Silicon Valley Pet Project, and facilitating activities and conversations with seniors at Live Oak Adult Day Services.

As part of the museum's strategic commitment of Community Service Learning, Summer of Service helps teens develop valuable life skills like empathy and perspective taking, two key EQ skills cited as critical to tomorrow's workforce and a civil society. This program provides many opportunities for teens to experience different perspectives and see the world through someone else's eyes.

**WHEN:** Session 1: June 12– June 23  
Session 2: June 26 – July 7  
Session 3: July 10– July 21  
Session 4: July 24 – August 4  
**WHERE:** Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose, 180 Woz Way, San Jose.  
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## Times Community News



# Moving Memorial Day ceremony presented by Oak Hill Funeral Home and United Veterans Council

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The United Veterans Council and Oak Hill Funeral Home and Memorial Park presented a moving Memorial Day ceremony honoring those who gave their lives in service to our country on May 29.

Medal of Honor Recipient Major General James E. Livingston spoke at the 99th annual Memorial Day tribute.

Dave Cortese, along with Supervisor Cindy Chavez, spoke about Santa Clara

County's commitment to the veterans in the community by providing much needed services, including help for local homeless veterans.

Sam Liscardo said that Supervisor Dave Cortese is "working hard to end homelessness for veterans in our community."

Zoe Lofgren reminded the audience that "we should also honor those that have sacrificed their lives by preserving our Constitution and our way of life."

Photos by Maya Esparza



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to the Silicon Valley Business Journal, tech layoffs surged 21 percent in 2016 with computer, electronics and telecommunications companies shedding more than 90,000 jobs. Stone notes that according to an Oxford study, 40 percent of jobs will be displaced by digital technology in the next 40 years. "I heard a robot in San Francisco makes the perfect salad," he said.

Stone says that last year, PC sales were at their lowest level in nine years, impacting chip makers like Intel. "Global technology spending is expected to drop in 2017," he says, "while smart phones account for 47 percent of consumer technology and spending worldwide." In the future, Stone sees drones, virtual reality headsets and autonomous autos dominating the tech market.

Today, home ownership isn't an essential component of the American Dream, says Stone, especially for millennials who face six-figure college debt. In fact, home ownership has fallen to its lowest point since 1967. "While older people think renting is throwing your money away, younger people think owning a home is throwing away your freedom," he says.

Stone says that millennials prefer a work/live/play lifestyle near shops, work, entertainment, fitness and transportation. "They embrace an urban culture and compact development," he says. "About 56 percent choose place over job." They want short commutes with jobs they can walk or bike to and flexible work schedules. Today walkscore.com rates cities and neighborhoods on their distance to grocery, retail, school, parks, bank, entertainment and post offices. Driving isn't as important to millennials, says Stone. Only 28 percent had their driver's license at age 18. Instead, they ride-share using Uber or Lyft and bike share.

In San Jose, apartments are at 96 percent occupancy with an average rent of \$2400/month for a 2-bedroom apartment. In 2016, in Santa Clara County, the median price for a single-family home increased by 4.7 percent, to one million dollars. Stone says that about 19 percent of Silicon Valley in-vestors are from Asia and 22 percent pay in cash. "Schools are important to residential real estate," he says. "Anyone who owns residential real estate and votes against school bonds or parcel taxes isn't voting in their own self-interest."

Although online shopping is growing at more than twice the rate of brick-and-mortar stores, Stone says it goes both ways. Amazon plans to open 300 to 400 bookstores and retailers are investing in showrooms and in-store demonstrations. Nordstrom is investing \$3.9 billion over 5 years to increase online sales. Retailers are expected to downsize storefronts 40 to 50 percent during the next decade. "Millennials are the driving force behind e-commerce," says Stone. "They grew up in a one-click world where convenience was expected."

Stone notes that income gains outpace inflation, but there is an increasing disparity in the region between high and low-tech jobs with fewer jobs in the middle, and with the decline of the middle class, mid-level retailers are struggling. Stores

like Circuit City, Mervyn's, Blockbuster, Borders, Sports Authority and Linens and Things closed their doors. Walmart closed 150 stores in the United States and Radio Shack filed for bankruptcy. Sears, JCPenney, The Gap, McDonald's, Pier One, Walgreens, Rite Aid and Office Depot are closing hundreds of stores and even Best Buy is in financial trouble.

Silicon Valley continues to be a leader in the U.S. economy. "Apple and Google are the largest corporations in the world," says Stone. However, according to the Silicon Valley Business Journal, Bay Area start-up funding is at a six-year low with only nine Silicon Valley IPOs in 2016, its weakest level since 2009.

The U.S. economy is sluggish, says Stone, with a GDP growth of 1.8 percent in 2016. By comparison, Silicon Valley experienced a 3.6 percent GDP 2016. Economists predict a slight recession by mid-2018.

Stone believes that the general 2017 economic outlook is positive, but there are still significant areas of concern. "There is continued dysfunction and gridlock in Washington, D.C. as the President and Congress try to solve problems that don't exist, while avoiding real problems that need real solutions," he says, with an eye towards Medicare, social security and unfunded pension liability. He sees Trump's proposed tax cuts, increased military defense and infrastructure spending, along with deregulation as having a positive impact on economic growth. However, he also predicts negative consequences of Trump's policies, including larger budget deficits, higher inflation and interest rates and a stronger dollar.

"A more expensive dollar hurts American exports, making U.S. goods more expensive overseas and imports cheaper in the U.S.," he says. "It's a recipe for pain for U.S. manufacturers... encouraging them to move jobs overseas." Stone also believes that Trump's trade policies are bad for both the country and Silicon Valley. "He pulled us out of GPP and China filled the void," he says. "Trump promised to renegotiate NAFTA and penalize China for unfair trade practices." Trump's failure to do so hurts American consumers and businesses by driving up the prices of goods from abroad, he says, like technology from China, autos from Japan and even scotch from the U.K. "It's bad for California and it's bad for Silicon Valley," says Stone.

Another problem, says Stone, is immigration reform. The U.S. issues about 400,000 permanent visas annually. According to Joint Venture Silicon Valley, says Stone, about 200,000 Chinese students educated in the U.S. returned to China and will compete with U.S. businesses. Tech company workers are also staying overseas due to Trump's immigration policies, he says. About 38 percent of Silicon Valley residents are foreign born, along with 45 percent of its workforce. About 62 percent of tech workers are foreign born and 1/3 of new U.S. businesses were started by immigrants, as well as 36 percent of Silicon Valley patents. "Population growth is essential for GDP growth," says Stone. "With the decline in the American birth rate and our aging population, immigration is essential for a strong economy. Immigration is not problem, but a solution, especially here."

**Tips for cooking a great steak every time**

By Sean Eastwood  
*Times staff writer*

Cooking a great steak seems like it should be easy; but sometimes the results are less than favorable.

Unless you're a beef rancher, a good steak can be pricey, so you don't want a disappointing outcome. You really only need a few ingredients. And the basic steps couldn't be simpler: Just toss the meat in the pan, flip it once, cook it until it reaches your desired doneness, and viola!

In reality, home-cooked steak often ends up tasting bland, tough, or both because of just a few mishaps. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Here are some tips for a great steak:

1. If you want a great tasting steak, look for tender cuts with a good amount of fat marbling, like filet mignon, New York strip, T-bone, or rib eye. That way, your steak will be moist and flavorful.

2. A steak needs to be seasoned in advance. Adding a salt and fresh cracked pepper to both sides of your steak at least 30 minutes before cooking gives the seasoning a chance to get absorbed into the meat, resulting in juicier, more flavorful meat.

3. Make sure you blot the raw steak with a paper towel to get rid of any residual moisture. This will ensure that the outside of

your steak gets crisp and caramelized.

4. Do not use lightweight, nonstick skillets. Steak needs plenty of heat, so use a heavy-duty cast iron skillet to help form deliciously crisp outer crust.

5. Make sure the pan get hot enough. A screaming hot cooking surface is essential in order to achieve a crisp, caramelized crust. If there is not enough heat, your steak will steam instead of sear.

6. Always use a meat thermometer. It's difficult to tell whether a steak is done just by looking at it, so forget the visual cues and use a simple meat thermometer. Cook your steak to 140°F for medium-rare, 155°F for medium, and 165°F for well done. (Note: the steak will continue cooking and reach its final cooking temperature while it rests.)

7. The most common mistake everyone makes is cutting into your meat the minute you pull it off the pan or grill. This will result in all the flavorful juices spilling out of your steak and onto the plate—leaving you with a sad piece of meat. Always let a steak rest for 5 to 10 minutes so that the juices will make their way back to the center of the meat, and you'll be rewarded with a moist, mouthwatering steak and be well on your way to becoming a professional chef, at least in the eyes of your family and friends.

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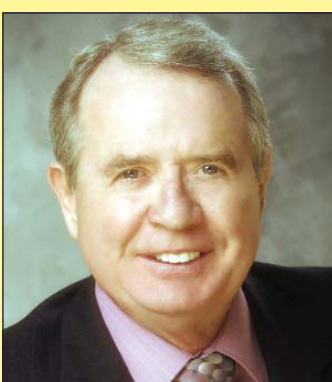
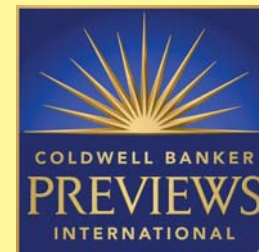


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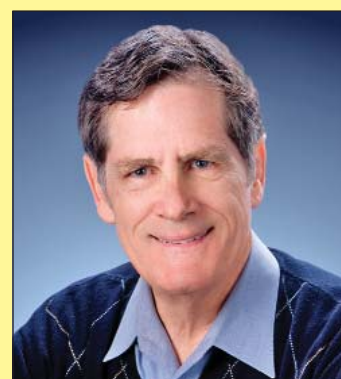
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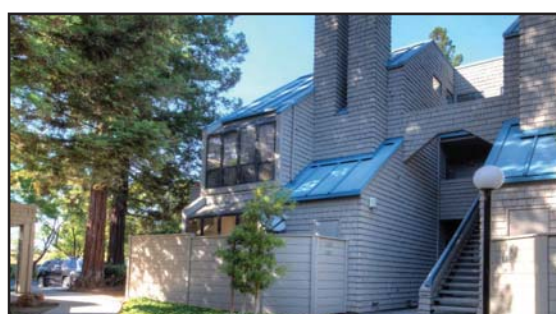
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