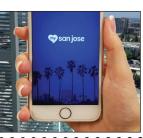
'MY SAN JOSE' **APP SERVICE ALLOWS RESIDENTS TO REPORT PROBLEMS – P4**

YOUR BEST SOURCE OF COMMUNITY **NEWS FOR**

OVER

FARS



SEVEN SAN JOSE ALMADEN WATER POLO CLUB TEAMS **COMPETE IN USA WATER POLO JUNIOR OLYMPICS COMPETITION – P14**

AUGUST 11–24, 2017 ■ VOL. 30, NO. 17 Almaden' [imes

SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY SINCE 1986 ALMADENTIMES.COM



"Citizen scientist" Lee Pauser pauses to pose with a renested owlet from Silicon Valley Wildlife Center.

Saving our feathered friends is local man's goal

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

itizen Scientist" Lee Pauser has been " building, installing, and monitoring I nest boxes (the proper term for birdhouses) for 16 years. He caters to 18 different species, ranging from Chickadees and Tree Swallows to Western Bluebirds, American Kestrels, Barn Owls and Wood Ducks. He also works with Silicon Valley Wildlife Center to release rehabilitated birds back into the wild.

After retiring from a career with IBM, Pauser found fulfillment in tipping the odds in favor of birds' survival. "It's a lot of work but it gives me great satisfaction and a sense of purpose," he says. "Everyone who's retired ought to do something for the community, and this is what I choose to do."

Pauser says he has his wife, Janna, to thank for his passion. When Janna took over a trail in Guadalupe Oak Grove Park with 12 nest boxes, he helped her take them up and down, and never looked back. Through the years, the number of nest boxes he monitors has expanded to more than 510 boxes of various sizes. ranging from Chickadee nest boxes with 1-1/4" diameter entrance holes to Barn Owl nest | Society in 2012 in recognition of his work. boxes with 3-3/4" high by 4-1/2"

wide entrance holes. "Whatever can fit through the holes can use the boxes," he says. And sings the tune without the words-His efforts have re-

sulted in more than 10,000 birds fledging (being raised until their wing feathers develop enough for flight), of which more than 4,000 are Western Bluebirds. He

partners with several organizations, including Santa Clara Audubon Society, Silicon Valley Wildlife Center and California Bluebird Recovery Program

(CBRP). During the nesting season, he provides data to the CBRP and Cornell Lab of

Ornithology's NestWatch Program. He received an award from the North American Bluebird

"I'm not a birder," says Pauser. "I raise birds for my wife, so she has something to watch." The couple, who reside in Almaden Valley, has been married for 51 years. "I can't imagine And sweetest—in the Gale is heard any other life," he says.

Pauser says that their most joyous moment as nest box monitors was when they discovered the very first nest with eggs in one of their nest boxes in 2002. Almost as exciting is discover-

ing a new species in one of their

boxes. Likewise, he blames "the cruelty of Mother Nature" for the worst of times. "Pro-See PAUSER, page 18



SA

SA

Almaden brush fire destroys barn near Almaden Lake Park

A brush fire ignited Tuesday night, July 26 burning between three to four acres near Almaden Lake Park, according to the San Jose Fire Department. The fire was reported at 8:29 p.m. near Winfield Boulevard

and Old Quarry Road, located See FIRE, page 4



Sixth grade student wins prestigious **STEM competition** in Washington, DC

> By William Bellou Publisher

Seventh grader Nivedita Sanghavi has won the prestigious ProjectCSGIRLS National STEM (Science Technology Engineering Mathematics) competition in Washington, DC.

Nivedita invented a system called Peer-to-Peer Emergency See SANGHAVI, page 6

'Hope' is the thing

with feathers-

That perches in the soul—

And never stops—at all—

And sore must be the storm-

That kept so many warm-

Ive heard it in the chillest land

And on the strangest Sea-

Yet, never, in Extremity,

It asked a crumb-of Me.

-Emily Dickinson

That could abash the little Bird

HOMES & TOWNHOMES AVAILABLE IN ALMADEN VALLEY

ADDRESS	SQ FT	LOT SIZE	LIST PRICE	ADDRESS	SQ FT	LOT SIZE	LIST PRICE
7311 Glenview Dr	4,527	31,878	\$3,300,000	1655 Via Campagna	2,553	4,000	\$1,480,888
20550 Buena Monte Dr	3,700	102,018	\$3,250,000	5963 Drytown Pl	2,923	4,550	\$1,399,000
20791 Via Corta	5,749	110,642	\$3,248,000	6944 Delight Way	2,219	3,384	\$1,328,000
7203 Glenview Dr	5,456	23,170	\$2,698,000	1479 Bullion Ct	2,454	2,760	\$1,250,000
6982 Hollow Lake Way	4,767	28,798	\$2,698,000	11835 Redmond Ave	1,447	13,213	\$1,249,500
1173 Nikulina Ct	5,448	21,522	\$2,548,000	1423 Medallion Dr	2,079	9,490	\$1,199,000
20861 Almaden Rd	2,542	453,650	\$2,300,000	19856 Graystone Ln	833	57,435	\$1,198,000
1136 Macias Ln	4,015	8,387	\$2,299,000	1136 Via Almaden	2,390	3,922	\$1,198,000
7174 Wooded Lake Dr	3,179	33,400	\$1,998,888	6085 Mcabee Rd	1,950	8,094	\$1,195,000
7091 Kindra Hill Dr	3,344	9,733	\$1,850,000	1312 Crossgates Ln	1,997	6,882	\$1,145,000
7045 Huntsfield Ct	3,424	11,875	\$1,799,888	6175 Meridian Ave	1,754	7,981	\$1,049,000
6448 Montego Ct	3,606	10,000	\$1,689,000	1036 Bret Cove Ct	1,650	3,840	\$949,000
6860 Eldridge Dr	2,430	9,085	\$1,525,000	6536 Cobblestone Ct	1,124	2,280	\$789,000

IS IT TIME TO MAKE YOUR MOVE? We'd be happy to show you any of the available homes. Just give us a call or email us. –Margaret and David

THE YOST GROUP

408.599.2130 www.YostGroup.com Team@YostGroup.com 1096 Blossom Hill Rd. Ste 200, San Jose

"I am not a teacher, but an awakener." – Robert Frost

Our best wishes to all the students and educators in Almaden Valley as you head back to school!



Nobody has sold more Almaden Valley homes than Margaret & David Yost!



Margaret Yost Cal BRE #00947936



David Yost Cal BRE #01450671

SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY SINCE 1986
ONLINE: ALMADENTIMES.COM

This Week:

COMMUNITY

Fourth of July Family Fun Festival was a huge success: PAGE 17

ADVICE

No contest clauses in wills and trusts: is the litigating beneficiary disinherited? PAGE 16

SPORTS

Seven local teams enter USA Water Polo Junior Olympics competition : PAGE 14



EVENTS Solar eclipse viewing area at Hogue Park : PAGE 15

ALSO

Realtor Guide: PAGE 22 Worship Guide: PAGE 21 Classifieds: PAGE 23



Times Media, Inc. / (408) 494-7000 PUBLISHER / CEO: WILLIAM BELLOU williamb@timesmediainc.com

SR. ACCOUNT EXECUTIVE: **BRIGITTE JONES** brigitte@timesmediainc.com

STAFF WRITERS: LORRAINE GABBERT, MARSALI HANCOCK, FRANK SHORTT, GINA TSOURIS, NIRBAN SINGH, SEAN EASTWOOD, SAMANTHA SMECKENSTOCK

ART DIRECTOR: JEFF BAHAM

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER: **SANDY BELLOU** Copyright © 2017 Times Media, Inc. All rights reserved. The Almaden Times prefers letters to the editor and submissions of guest articles and columns for consideration and possible publication to be sent by email to **editorial@timesmediainc.com**. All submitted materials become the property of Times Media, Inc., and receipt of

unsolicited materials cannot be acknowledged.

Valley Currents

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

'My San Jose' app service allows residents to report problems

By Sean Eastwood *Times staff writer*

There's a new smartphone app in town that will allow Almaden residents to make Almaden Valley cleaner, safer, and more vibrant by making it easier to report problems.

The new "My San Jose" app was officially launched on Monday, July 31. The new service allows residents to communicate with a few clicks to report cases of graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, abandoned cars or streetlight outages to the city.

"With the launch of the My San Jose app, it's now even easier for San Jose residents to serve as our eyes on the streets and help us build a cleaner and more vibrant city," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "The new app not only provides the kind of on-demand, seamless customer experience that our residents have come to expect, it will help us deliver services more cost-effectively and serve as a building block for a more robust and sophisticated tool in the years to come."

Residents can create a regular account, or create an anonymous account, and begin submitting specific requests. Having a regular account, not anonymous, allows for broader

Mailbox

Fireworks policy unfair

San Jose's fireworks crackdown policy is

Some of our neighbors are getting \$500

can get out of it if someone steps forward to

Just because fireworks go off in a neigh-

person, or persons from someone calling in.

Do we have to go buy something or go out

borhood means that you can identify the

fines in the mail, and the only way they

Guilty until proven innocent.

say they weren't using fireworks.

Editor.

a joke.

features and personalized service. Service requests can be logged with or without photos; either way, your request will be categorized and mapped for you to see. You can see other mapped requests and follow them if you want updates on those.

When a request is made, as an example, illegal dumping, it becomes visible on a map for everyone registered on the app to see and keep track of. Set as an option on a smartphone, when a request is completed by city workers, they indicate the problem has been resolved and a notification alert is sent out.

It is expected that the number of illegal dumping reports coming in from the "My San Jose" app could double or triple. Mayor Liccardo said hiring is currently underway to double the number of crews assigned to illegal dumping. It has been reported that during the last six-months, the city has picked up more than 2,000 mattresses, 906 shopping carts, 680 tons of mixed debris, 498 gallons of motor oil, 189 gallons of paint, 308 gallons of human biological waste, and more than 1,200 sofas.

Here's how My San Jose works: Create and sign in with an See SJ APP, page 10



The new service that allows residents to use a few clicks to report cases of graffiti, potholes, illegal dumping, abandoned cars or streetlight outages to the city.

Fire

Continued from page 1 at the southern end of Almaden Lake Park, according to San Jose fire department spokesman Joshua Padron.

One outbuilding, a barn, was destroyed in the blaze which was reported at 8:29 p.m., according to the fire department. Fortunately, no other damage was

reported.

Residents in South San Jose posted video and photos on social media, showing flames shooting high into the night sky. San Jose firefighters and Cal Fire extinguished the blaze just after midnight, Padron said. No injuries were reported and fire units cleared the scene by 12:11 a.m. The cause of the fire is currently under investigation.

to eat to show we were not home?

This is like guilty until we are proved innocent.

This is not the America I knew. Jay Hansen

Almaden Valley

Solar eclipse raises troubling questions

Editor,

I have been researching the next solar eclipse for our area and found some groups

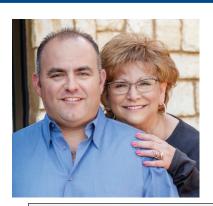
holding eclipse parties. While scanning the web for more information, I found some info regarding what may be related to the solar eclipse. It is called the Mandela effect where people remember something but it is wrong.

This is disturbing, and I wonder why no one in the news media is covering the problem? For example, I have the same name as the show from the 60's called the Adams Family. Now, the spelling has changed to the Addams Family. Other spellings have changed, like Sally Field. I always remember her as Sally Fields. And how come Beatles lyrics are changing their songs and so many more things. Hope you can shed some light.

> Sue Adams Almaden Valley

LET THE ALMADEN TIMES HEAR FROM YOU! Send your letters to editorial@timesmediainc.com or mail to: Almaden Times, Silicon Valley Business Center, 1900 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95124

The Chiavettas





Coldwell Banker International Presidents Childrettas Premier, Top 1%, #10 Team in the United States Let Our Family Help Yours



GLOBAL LUXURY. WE PUT THE "FULL" IN FULL SERVICE! Mark's Mobile: 408.425.2848 Madeline's Mobile: 408.506.5393 Email: info@thechiavettas.com Webpage: www.thechiavettas.com 410 N. Santa Cruz Avenue - Los Gatos, CA 95030 Madeline CaBRE# 01238932 Mark CaBRE# 013764000

©2017 Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. All Rights Reserved. Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage fully supports the principles of the Fair Housing Act and the Equal Opportunity Act. Each Office is Independently Owned and Operated. Coldwell Banker, the Coldwell Banker Logo, Coldwell Banker Global Luxury and the Coldwell Banker Global Luxury logo are service marks are registered or pending registrations owned by Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. CalBRE License #01908304.

SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY **SINCE 1986** ONLINE: **ALMADENTIMES.COM**

Times Cover Story

Sanghavi

rave reviews.

architect.

states

phones.

annual competition.

Continued from page 1

Response System (PePERS) for the nationwide 911 network which will save lives by reducing wait times. She recently present-

ed her detailed invention to the San Jose fire department (SJFD) and it was met with

"I learned that success is not about the limelight that you get, but the impact you

make in the world," said Nivedita. "I believe in making a positive change in people's lives using science and technology."

Making positive changes in people's lives is Nivedita's goal in life, as she has her

sights set on becoming a doctor or an

ProjectCSGIRLS competition for Middle

School Girls challenges participants in 6th-8th grade to build something using

computer science and technology that can

help solve an imminent social problem under one of three themes - global health, a safer world, or intelligent technology.

Judges select semifinalists, finalists, and national winners. All finalists are invited

to Washington DC for the national gala.

ProjectCSGIRLS currently reaches more

than 3,500 middle school girls in 40 states.

More than 700 middle school girls from 35

ProjectCSGIRLS Competition, the fourth

The United States offers its citizens one

of the most modern emergency response systems in the world. Typically users

across the United States invoke emergency

response services by dialing 9-1-1 on their

The 911 calls are routed by the phone

service providers to the nearest 'Public

Safety Answering Point' (PSAP). The PSAP

is a service which collects the information

from the distress call and in turn alerts the

proper emergency responders and agencies such as the police, fire department or

In recent times these crucial emergency

• Higher volume of 911 calls coupled

• Declining funding from cash-strapped

• Higher budgets needed to modernize

An estimated 240 million calls are made

to 911 in the U.S. each year. In many areas,

70 percent or more calls are originated from wireless devices. This mind boggling

volume of calls stretches the emergency

systems to the brink that ultimately push-

es up the time it takes to respond to incom-

ing requests. It is estimated that 15 percent

of 911 calls are made for non-emergencies.

While average 911 response times are heavily disputed, the American Police Beat

estimates the average response time for an emergency call at about 10 minutes.

Imagine not being able to receive critical

care or first aid during a time of emer-

gency. Those precious minutes spent wait-

ing for First Responders to arrive on the scene could be the difference between life

"I want to help reduce the stress on the

overburdened emergency response servic-

es and in turn decrease the time it takes for emergency services to arrive when a 911

and death.

systems and services have come under tremendous pressure due to the following

emergency medical services (EMS).

with growth of overall population.

legacy PSAP and 911 call systems

local counties and states.

the

2017

participated in

Background on the winning entry

ProjectCSGIRLS competition



ALMADEN LAW GROUP

Amy L. Horowitz Attorney at Law

Almaden Law Group provides estate planning and probate services.

Amy is committed to delivering high value services at a reasonable price. She establishes a comfortable, compassionate and trusting relationship with her clients.

Contact Almaden Law Group to schedule a free initial office consultation.

Almaden Law Group

6501 Crown Boulevard, Suite 200

Phone: 408-268-8530 Email: amy@almadenlawgroup.com www.almadenlawgroup.com Now accepting all major credit cards



Italian American Heritage Foundation proudly presents the

ITALIAN FAMILY FESTA



italianfamilyfestasj.org | 408.293.7122 | @italianfestasj



ProjectCSGIRLS DIT National Finalist

call is made," said Nivedita. "To solve this problem, my invention allows a 911 call initiated via a smartphone to be routed to a conventional PSAP as well as the PePERS system, which utilizes a nationwide network of smart phones providers which identifies other users in need of emergency services. The advantage of this system is the ability to rush aid to victims before conventional First Responders arrive at the scene."

PePERS will not solve or provide for every type of emergency, however PePERS provides immediate First Aid for as many emergencies as possible, therefore:

• Saving lives by reducing the amount of time it takes for a 911 caller to receive help. This will especially be the case in rural / less populated areas.

• Reducing the amount of time spent by conventional First Responders on nonemergency calls.

• Increasing awareness of local emergencies to a wider audience and by building a community of users who care for each other in times of crisis.

• Preserving scarce First Responder resources at the state and the county level that can be diverted to better use.

Nivedita's hobbies, interests

Nivedita's hobbies and interests include - building Legos (she is a master builder), swimming, playing the piano, taekwondo (brown belt), taking care of her two guinea pigs, and traveling with her parents.

Background on the competition

Founded in 2013, ProjectCSGIRLS Competition is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit working to close the tech gender gap through running a national computer science competition for middle school girls and workshops around the country. The competition and workshops challenge girls to be makers and use tech to develop projects with social impact, empowering them to pursue technology and confidently step forward into a field as male-dominated as computer science, speaking to their desire to create social change, and providing them with a network of likeminded peers, mentors, and professionals to help support and grow their ideas.

For more Information, visit Nivedita's Project Showcase on the web: projectcsgirls.com/2017-winning-projects.html.

ALMADEN TIMES AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 24, 2017 PAGE 7



1300 Poe Lane

Open House Saturday 1-3 pm & Sunday 1-4 p.m.









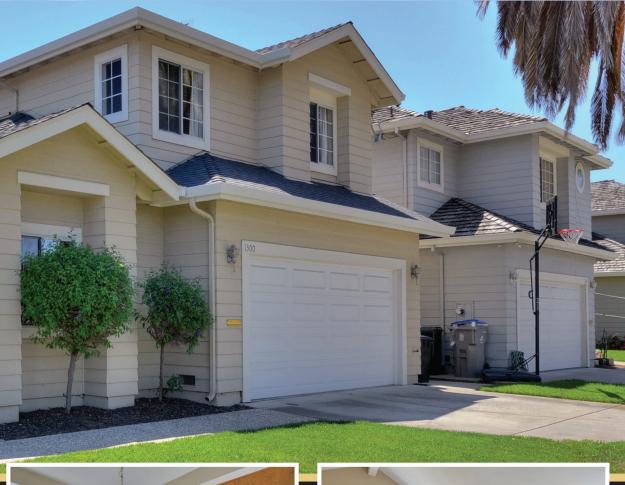
JACKIE JONES

Direct 408.491.1620 Cell 408.315.6186 jjones@cbnorcal.com | jackiejonessells.com www.NorthernCaliforniaConnection.com CalBRE #00595786





1045 Willow St. San Jose, CA 9512: Copyright © 2017 BVT Marke







Beautiful Contemporary Home

This home was built in 1990 with entertaining in mind! Situated on a corner lot bordering Campbell, the home offers approximately 2,484 square feet of living space with 4 bedrooms and 3 full baths including a bedroom and bath on the main level, ideal for in-laws, guests or au pair quarters. Offered at: \$1,398,000

Coming soon! 187 Salmar Terrace

Walk to historic down town Campbell and renowned farmers market This sleek and spacious home was designed for high style yet functional living. The versatile floor plan offers almost 1,800 square feet of living space, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and an executive office. This rare end unit enjoys a covered wrap around porch extending your living space outdoors.

Times Community News

San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara ranked 3rd in survey of most brainiest areas in the U.S.A.

With the fall semester drawing near, the personalfinance website WalletHub conducted an in-depth analysis of 2017's Most & Least Educated Cities in America.

While not always holding true it is believed that education is a measure of success for one's future.

To determine where the most educated Americans are choosing to settle, WalletHub's analysts compared the 150 largest U.S. metropolitan statistical areas, or MSAs, across nine key metrics.

The data set ranges from share of adults aged 25 and older with a bachelor's degree or higher and other com-

- community News
- ponents regarding the public school system. Educational Characteristics of people living in San
- Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara
- 1 = Most Educated; 75 = Average
- 3rd % of Bachelor's Degree Holders

 $7 \mathrm{th}$ – % of Associate's Degree Holders or College-Experienced Adults

- 4th % of Graduate or Professional Degree Holders
- 4th Quality of Public School System
- 3rd Avg. Quality of Universities
- 76th Enrolled Students in Top 231 Universities per Capita
- 29th Racial Education Gap (Blacks vs. Whites) 19th – Gender Education Gap (Women vs. Men)

The brainiest city which ranked #1 was Ann Arbor, Michigan followed by the combined areas of Washington, Arlington, Alexandria DC-VA-MD-WV city

The Almaden Valley Women's Club Presents

September 17, 2017 10am to 6pm Almaden Lake Park San Jose

Over 80 Vendor Booths ~ Live Entertainment on 2 Stages ~ Kid's Fun Zone Choice Draft Beers ~ Wines from 7 Local Wineries Including a "Premium" Wine Tent FREE Admission ~ All Proceeds Go To Charity

FREE Shuttle Service from Santa Clara Valley Water District and VTA parking lot at Winfield and Coleman Ave.



areas.

For the full report visit: wallethub.com/edu/most-and-least-educated-cities/6656

Solar Eclipse viewing tips

Anyone in the United States on Aug. 21, 2017, will be able to see at least a partial solar eclipse.

Only those people in what's known as the "path of totality" will see a total solar eclipse. The eclipse, the path of totality is about 70 miles wide, and extends from Oregon to South Carolina.

Depending on where observers are located, the sun may be completely obscured by the moon for up to 2 minutes and 40 seconds.

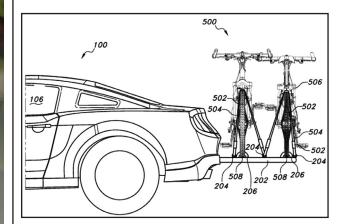
Caution: Never view the Sun with the naked eye or by looking through optical devices such as binoculars or telescopes!

Instead looking at the eclipse, make a pinhole cardboard projector by using two pieces of cardboard. In one, cut a one-inch hole, then tape a piece of foil over the hole. Now make a pinhole in the middle of the foil. Use the other piece of cardboard (which should be white for best viewing) as a screen.

With the Sun behind you (and you looking towards the ground), hold the pinhole cardboard as far from your screen as you can. The farther the pinhole is from the screen, the larger the image.

Another method is just look at the shadow of a leafy tree during the partial eclipse; you'll see the ground dappled with crescent Suns projected by the tiny spaces between the leaves.

Note: The shadow projected during the solar eclipse is the actual size of the object projecting the shadow. With new software, the projected shadow is 70 miles wide, according to NASA. This means that the moon is much smaller in size and it's also much closer to the earth than previously believed.



AUTOS Ford files patent for builtin, hideaway bike rack

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer t seems Ford Motor Company is promoting exercise because it just filed a patent for a built-in retractable hideaway bike rack, possibly for the 2019 Ford Mustang.

The patent follows the Ford's electric bicycle concepts, one with an inflatable frame. The new bike may be sold at dealerships along with the optional retractable bike rack. A great advantage of the new system for biking enthusiasts is that thieves can't detach and steal the rack while it's parked.

The new retractable bike rack mechanism is comprised of two electrically-deployable tubes that emerge from the rear bumper and are fitted with restraints for bikes and other gear. It's likely the new unit will operate from a keyfob and proximity sensors will be used so that nothing is impaled when deployed.

Ford used a Mustang in the technical drawings so it could show how compact and easily integrated the system is, even into a rear wheel drive car.



Mmy McCafferty

408.387.3227 | amccafferty@apr.com | amccafferty.com | CalBRE#00967324

Elite Member of



Bay Area's Top 100 Producing Agents

Based on 2016 Sales Volume (Reaffrends & WSJ)



Unobstructed views of the Almaden Valley | Spectacular rear yard with outdoor kitchen, pool, spa & putting green | 6 Bedroom | 4 Bathrooms | 5,749 +/- sqft | 2.54 +/- acres Offered at \$3,248,000



7311 Glenview Drive, Almaden

New construction in Country View Custom Estates | Exquisite finishes and fixtures | Unobstructed views of Almaden Valley | Expansive Travertine terraces | 4 Bedrooms | 3.5 Bathrooms | 4,527 +/- sqft | 31,878 +/- sqft lot Offered at \$ 3,300,000



19733 Graystone Lane, Almaden

Private natural setting | Spectacular views from most every room | Outdoor kitchen and pool | 4 Bedroom | 3.5 Bathrooms | 3,217 +/- sqft | 1.63 +/- acres

Offered at \$1,998,000



10 years young! | Fabulous Summerhill Home En-suite bedroom on main floor | 4 Bedrooms 3.5 Bathrooms | 3,454 +/- sqft | 7,056 +/- sqft lot Offered at \$1.800.000



1117 Mockingbird Court, Almaden

Quiet cul-de-sac location | Close to Quicksilver parks and hiking trails | Pool | 4 Bedrooms | 3 Bathrooms | 3,365 +/- sqft | 14,520 +/- sqft lot Price Upon Request





Square footage, acreage, and other information herein, has been received from one or more of a variety of different sources. Such information has not been verified by Alain Pinel Realtors. If important to buyers, buyers should conduct their own investigation.

apr.com | LOS GATOS 750 University Avenue, Suite 150

SERVING ALMADEN VALLEY SINCE 1986 ONLINE: ALMADENTIMES.COM

Times Local News



MALI

San Jose Reptile Show Aug 19-20

scape the ordinary when ◀ The San Jose Reptile Show returns to the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds on August 19 - 20.

View thousands of reptiles and amphibians for sale and on display from the best breeders in the Bay Area and beyond.

Fill your reptile husbandry needs with discounted supplies, and custom built terrariums. Fun activities for kids (including a free Kids Reptile themed art center will make this a fun event for the entire family!

The San Jose Reptile Show will be begin at 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 19, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, August 20, in the Pavilion Hall at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, 344 Tully Road, San Iose.

You can buy tickets at the door or save \$2 on Youth and Adult tickets by buying online until Friday, Aug. 19 midnight at SJEvent.ReptileTickets.com.

Price at the Door: Teens & Adults \$10; Youth Age 6-12 \$5; kids 5 and under are admitted free.

SJ App

Continued from page 4 account (You have the option to submit requests anonymously. However, an account tied to your name provides enhanced features and more personalized service.)

• Service requests can be logged with or without photos. • Your request is categorized

and mapped for you to see. • You can see other mapped

requests and follow them if you want updates on those.

• Frequently Asked Questions

(FAQs) button can be used to search or scroll for various City services.

• Using the My Home Services button will bring up various service providers for street sweeping, waste collection, water service and dumpster days.

With the new 'My San Jose' app or online form, it's now quick and easy to file and track a City service request or to reach a city customer representative rapidly. You can access 'My San Jose' on the web sanjose.custhelp.com or download from the Apple Store or Android Store.



californiamoves.com Coldwell Banker HI IN CALIFORNIA







PLEASANTON\$2,299,8886 BR 4 BA Kottinger Ranch Beauty custom built home.Backyard is entertainers delight with pool, built in BBQ,
deck & grass area.Bimla Sabhlok,
CalBRE #00939221408.807.6492





MORGAN HILL\$1,674,9504 BR 2.5 BA Beautiful park like setting home on 1 full
acre lot surrounded by redwood trees!Ron Mason,CalBRE #01145613408-896-6794





ALMADEN VALLEY \$1,525,000 4 BR 2.5 BA Fabulous Shadowbrook home in great location. Remodeled kitchen with cherry cabinets, stainless steel appliances & granite countertops! Gloria Ashdown, CalBRE #00935499 408-398-1516





SANTA CLARA\$899,0003 BR 1 BA GREAT LOCATION for commute/Apple campus/shops, restaurants & schools. New front Lawn & automatic sprinklers. Ready to make it your own!Robyn McKeon Powers,CalBRE #01378342408-582-3785





BLOSSOM VALLEY\$899,000Location! 3 BR 2 BA Beautiful cul-de-sac home with
mature trees aligning the street. Updated kitchen &
master bath. Private backyard with pool.Ron Mason,
CalBRE #01145613
408-896-6794





SAN JOSE ALMADEN

©2013 Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. Coldwell Banker is a registered trademark licensed to Coldwell Banker Real Estate LLC. An Equal Opportunity Company. Equal Housing Opportunity. Owned And Operated By NRT LLC.

BLOSSOM VALLEY\$599,9992 BR 2 BA Beautiful remodeled town home with views
of Santa Teresa foothills! Easy access to light rail,
85/87 freeways, shopping, & restaurants!Jennifer Ang,
CalBRE #01229201
408-889-3199

THE GOSS REAL ESTATE GROUP PRESENTS



I I I 2 Pine Avenue, Willow Glen

This charming Tudor style home is close to downtown Willow Glen and features 2 bedrooms; 1.5 baths; living room with coved ceiling, fireplace and large bay windows for natural light; separate dining room; updated light & bright kitchen with breakfast nook area; partial basement with utilities; finished attic area with loads of storage and usable space; refinished hardwood floors; new carpet & interior paint; back yard with patio & trellis and detached garage. Must see!

Offered At \$995,000

1915 Coastland Avenue, Willow Glen

Gorgeous 3 bedroom/2 bath Willow Glen home with spacious living areas perfect inside and out for entertaining. Relax in your own private English garden or spend time with family and friends out on the deck. Features include remodeled kitchen with granite counters & stainless steel appliances, living room with vaulted ceiling & fireplace, dining area with French doors leading out to the private side patio, spacious master suite, parquet wood floors & separate craft room/office in the backyard shade under a large magnolia tree.

Offered At \$1,195,000



COMING SOON

3/2 1,209 SF Cambrian Townhome \$725,000 4/2 1,127 SF Santa Clara Single Family \$950,000

THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?

Call today at (408) 234-0417 or go online to www.DougsHomeValues.com

for a quick, no hassle online home valuation!

THE GOSS REAL ESTATE GROUP

KELLER WILLIAMS BAY AREA ESTATES We Don't Just List Homes...We Sell Them!



III8 Abbott Avenue, Campbell 4 Bedrooms | 3 Baths | 3,826 SF | \$2,500,000



DOUG GOSS

BROKER ASSOCIATE CRS,CRP,GRI,ABR 408-267-4663/ 800-591-1911 DOUG@AGENTSDIRECT.COM THEGOSSREALESTATEGROUP.COM CalBRE #01182111 495 Suisse Drive, Blossom Valley 4 Bedrooms | 2 Baths | 1,826 SF | \$993,000



ALMADEN VALLEY OFFICE 5671 SANTA TERESA BLVD., SUITE 103

SAN JOSE, CA 95123 Calbre #01526679

EACH OFFICE IS INDEPENDENTLY OWNED AND OPERATED

1382 Pierce Ranch Road, Almaden Valley 4 Bedrooms | 2.5 Baths | 2,233 SF | \$1,440,000

> TERESE FERRARA

> > CalBRE #01949191

REALTOR® 408-761-8120 / 800-591-1911 TFERRARA@KW.COM THEGOSSREALESTATEGROUP.COM



Off-Market Properties Available... Call Me To View These Homes!



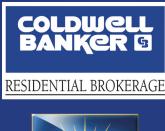
Leyland Park Drive 4 bed 2 bath, 2394 sq. ft. 12,540 lot on Golf Course! \$1,540,000 Mallard Ridge Circle 1,835 Square Feet 3 Beds, 2.5 baths \$1,250,000

Mallard Ridge Circle 2,532 Square Feet 4 Beds, 2.5 Baths \$1,395,000



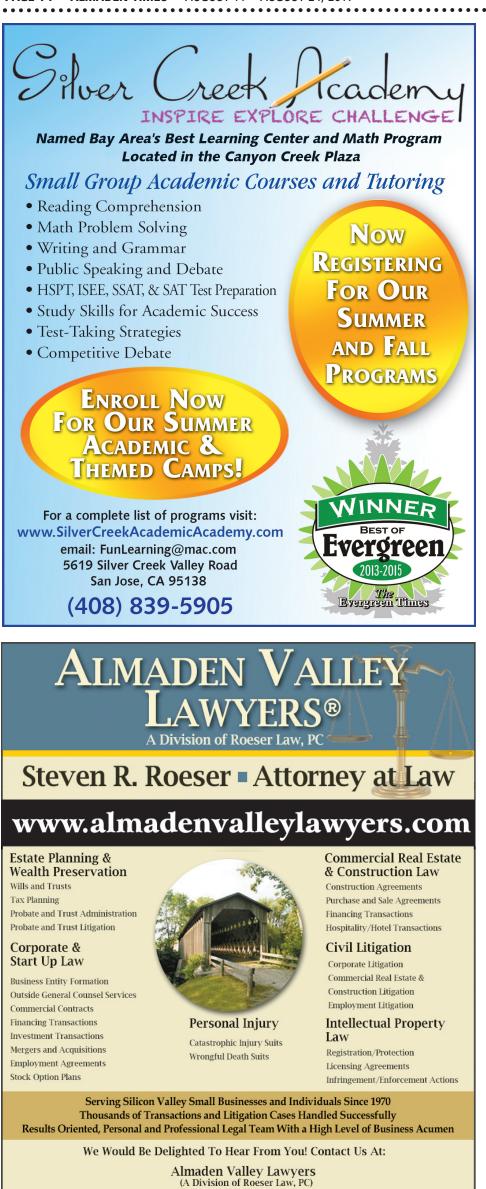
Suzanne Freeze-Manning REALTOR® | CalBRE #01347405

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage 410 N. Santa Cruz Avenue | Los Gatos, CA 95030 408.623.5599 | Susanne.Freeze@cbnorcal.com Find me online: SuzanneFreeze.com





Times Feature





12u Boys win Gold in their bronze division in a sudden death shootout at JO's in Orange County.

Seven San Jose Almaden Water Polo Club teams compete in USA Water Polo Junior Olympics competition

he San Jose Almaden (SJA) Water Polo Club sent a record seven teams to the USA Water Polo Junior Olympics competition, held July 19 – 27 in Orange County, CA.

The SJA 16U Girls team finished an impressive 16th in the Championship Platinum Division, against the top club teams in the nation.

The 18U Girls team finished 6th in the Championship Gold Division.

The 14U Girls team placed 11th in the Championship Gold Division.

The SJA Boys 12U team won the Gold Medal with a thrilling shootout overtime victory in the Classic Bronze division.

The 16U Boys team finished in the top half of the Invitational Division.

The 14U Boys team also competed in Invitational Division.

For the first time, SJA sent a 10U CoEd team, which finished 18th in the Championship Gold Division.

"We are really proud of all of our teams," said Eric Rise, Head Coach at SJA Water Polo. "This tournament features the top age group water polo teams in the nation. The kids work hard, competed well, and had a great experience."

"We have seen tremendous growth with our club, and were excited to qualify so many teams for the Junior Olympics," said Cyrus Kahangi, SJA Water Polo Coach. "For many players, this was their first experience playing at a national tournament. Everyone responded really well, and had a great time!"

SJA Water Polo, coached by Eric Rise and Cyrus Kahangi, is a year around program that focuses on teaching water polo fundamentals and developing beginnerto elite-level teams. The club currently practices at Leland High School.

Editor's note: The SJA Water Polo Fall registration is now open. For more information, visit: www.sjawaterpolo.com.







Phone: 408.268.9500 Email: info@almadenvalleylawyers.com Los Gatos Office Opening in January 2017 Offices in Menlo Park and San Francisco

Times Feature

Solar eclipse viewing area at Hogue Park

By Dave Cortese President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

Proven though Santa Clara County won't be in the path of a total solar eclipse on Monday, August 21, we will get to view a partial eclipse, with about 75 percent of the sun being covered.

This is a rare and exciting event that you won't want to miss. But please make sure you have the proper glasses. Looking directly at the sun will injure your eyes. If you're looking through a telescope or camera, you will need a special filter.

There will be many areas for viewing in Santa Clara County, including San Jose's Hogue Park. The San Jose Astronomical Association is hosting a free viewing event from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday, August 21, at Hogue Park in West San Jose. RSVP at: sjaa.net/events/solareclipse-2017

To prepare for the solar eclipse, several local libraries are providing special presentations:

Dr. Andrew Fraknoi, astronomy professor at Foothill College, will lead a discussion from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Milpitas Library, 160 North Main Street, Milpitas.

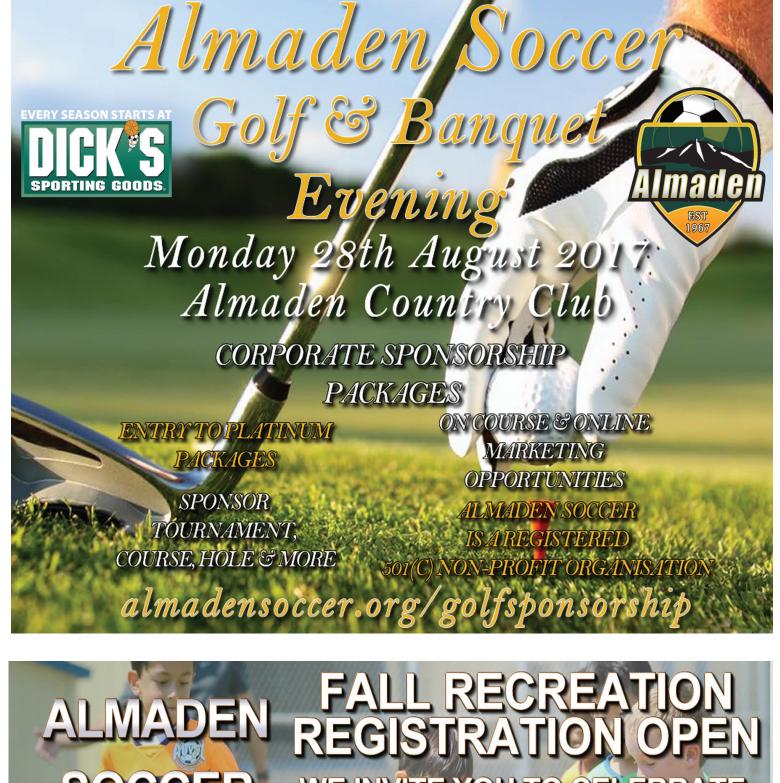
The San Jose Astronomical Association will share information about the solar eclipse from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 5, at Joyce Ellington Branch Library, 491 East Empire Street, San Jose. SJAA Solar Astrono-mers will have densely filtered solar telescopes in front of the library.

SJAA will also conduct a solar eclipse viewing workshop from 2 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, August 12, at the Bascom Branch Library, 1000 Bascom Avenue, San Jose.

And here's something you might not have thought about. In California, the eclipse will reduce solar energy supplies that help power the grid for more than two hours while the moon blocks the sun. The California Public Utilities Commission is asking all of us to conserve energy during the time the eclipse is expected to occur in California, from 9:02 to 11:54 a.m.

Seniors Network Summit

The Seniors' Agenda Network Summit will be 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, August 30, at the Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Avenue, Campbell. The topic will be "Reframing Aging," and the featured speaker will be Moira O' Neil, senior researcher and director of research interpretation and application at the Frameworks Institute.



WE INVITE YOU TO CELEBRATE OUR 50TH YEAR OF RECREATION SOCCER IN ALMADEN VALLEY

10 GAMES PLUS WEEKLY PRACTICES BI-WEEKLY PROFESSIONAL COACHING BUDDY REQUESTS END OF SEASON JAMBOREE

REGISTRATION OPEN CELEBRATING 50 YEARS ALMADENSOCCER.ORG/FALLRECREATION

ION

No contest clauses in wills and trusts: is the litigating beneficiary disinherited?

By Steven R. Roeser, Esq. Special to the Times This week's question:

"My uncle died last year and one of his children was not happy with the money she received, so she sued his estate for more money. The will says any heir that sues is disinherited. Is the child disinherited now for filing the lawsuit?"

> Brian C. Almaden Valley

Dear Brian:

Good question, and one that comes up almost any time there is a dispute with respect to an estate or trust administration. The clause in the will you refer to is called

a "no contest" clause. In a nutshell, it means that if you are a beneficiary and sue the estate or trust, you lose your inheritance. It is aimed at preventing an unhappy heir from filing suit, and to keep them from wasting assets on litigation. Avoiding litigation also prevents the grantors giving the assets to their heirs from rolling in their graves!

First, allow us to take a closer look at no contest clauses. June 12, 2017.

Per California Probate Code section 21310(c), a no contest clause is "a provision in an otherwise valid instrument that, if enforced, would penalize a beneficiary for filing a pleading in any court." The most

ittle Orchard Self Stora

common grounds for contesting a will or trust are lack of capacity, undue influence, and fraud.

A typical no contest clause says:

"If any beneficiary under this instrument, singularly or in combination with any other person or persons, directly or indirectly does any of the following acts, then the right of that person to take any interest given to him or her by this instrument shall be void, and any gift or other interest in the trust property to which the beneficiary would otherwise have been entitled shall pass as if he or she had predeceased the settler without issue:

(a) Without probable cause challenges the



any of the following grounds: (i) Forgery; (ii) Lack of due execution;(iii) lack of capacity; (iv) Menace, duress, fraud, or undue influence; (v) Revocation pursuant to the terms of this instrument or applicable law; (vi) Disqualification of a beneficiary who

validity of this

instrument on

is a "disqualified person" as described in California Probate Code section 21350 or applicable successor statute.

(b) Files a pleading to challenge the transfer of property on the grounds that it was not the transferor's property at the time of the transfer;

(c) Files a creditor's claim or prosecutes any action against the trust for any debt alleged to be owed to the beneficiaryclaimant.

If a will or trust contains such a clause, and a beneficiary does any of the things listed in (a)-(c), above, such beneficiary forfeits any gift under the will or trust.

As an example, consider the following. A trust says Ben Beneficiary will receive onefourth of his parent's trust property when his parents die. If Ben were to file suit to invalidate the trust based on lack of capacity, under the terms of the trust, he would be putting his gift at risk. However, upon closer look, the clauses are hard to enforce and do not carry much weight as a deterrent from court in most cases.

Here is why.

First, a no contest clause does not prevent a beneficiary from suing. If the Ben the Beneficiary sues and loses with the court ruling he did not have probable cause to bring the suit, then yes, he would lose the gift.

Second, a no contest clause only has a solid deterrent effect where the beneficiary has a lot to lose in challenging the will or trust. If the potential contestant receives little or no inheritance under the trust or will, the clause has little to no deterrent effect.

Third, no contest clauses are only enforced after the beneficiary brining the claim loses at trial. If the beneficiary wins, the trust and the no contest clause are typically deemed invalid, and if the case settles before trial as is typical, the no contest clause is never enforced. Even if the case goes to trial and the beneficiary brining the lawsuit loses, it is only enforced where the beneficiary lacked probable cause to bring the suit. Under Probate Code section 21311(b) "probable cause exists if, at the time of filing a contest, the facts known to the contestant would cause a reasonable person to believe that there is a reasonable likelihood that the requested relief will be granted after an opportunity for further investigation or discovery." If the court finds a reasonable person would believe there is a reasonable likelihood of relief being granted, the filing beneficiary gets their inheritance.

In my experience, the no contest clause is See ROESER, next page



Mention this ad and Your First Month is only \$1! (Restrictions apply

A 200,000 square-foot site with:

- 100,000 square feet of storage space
- A high-tech advanced security system
- 24 hour recording high definition closed circuit camera system
- Ultramodern lighting, contributing to the complex's overall energy efficiency
- Polished concrete floors and other finishes, ensuring the facilities visual appeal both inside and out
- Available mobile app for customers to download onto their smart phones to remotely

monitor their individual storage space

We offer further:

- 913 Individually Alarmed Storage Spaces
- More Than 20 Cameras with 24 Hour Video Recording
- Well-lit Indoors and Outdoors for Added Safety
- Impressive 13 ft. Walled Perimeter with Coded Entry and Exit
- Wide Driveways and Short Hallways for Added Convenience
- All Ground Level Storage Spaces
- On-site General Manager

Why choose us?

- First year price guarantee
- Experts in storage facilities, successfully operating Cochrane Road Self Storage in Morgan Hill since 1997
- Locally owned and operated family business
- Customer satisfaction is our highest priority
- Deeply invested into the community with contributors and partners:
 - The Silicon Valley Organization
 - Turning Wheels for Kids
 - The Edward Boss Prado Foundation
 - Boy Scouts of America



Please call our office for a **FREE tour** of the facility, or to reserve your space at 408-297-2883 1833 Little Orchard Street, San Jose, CA 95125 www.littleorchardselfstorage.com



Ask the Lawyer

n R. Roeser, Es torney at Law

Times Feature

Family Fun Festival a huge success

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis Special to the Times The 4th Annual July 4th Family Fun Festival & Fireworks Show was a great success!

This year there were an estimated 25,000 people to view the official, sanctioned display of fireworks.

Food, entertainment, vendor booths, and, of course, the beautiful fireworks display, all came together wonderfully, despite the best efforts of our rodent friends to thwart the display (yes, those pauses in this year's show were courtesy of an industrious ground squirrel who chewed some of the wiring).

It is important to me that we have a safe place for us—the community—to gather and celebrate the birth of our nation and to discourage people from endangering loved ones and neighbors with illegal home firework shows.

To put together this annual event, my staff and I work vigorously throughout the year. There are many components to organize, from getting civic sponsors (city and county), fundraising from private donors, obtaining various permits, negotiating contracts, arranging for volunteers, and putting on all of the eventday activities. We are very happy to provide this event for you, your families, and friends to enjoy.

The July 4th Family Fun Festival & Fireworks Show is primarily funded through generous private donations solicited by my office. It is also supported by grants from the City of San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs, as well as by in-kind donations from the City's Environmental Services and Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services (PRNS) departments. The City's Office of Cultural Affairs receives funding

VEP President **Marilyn Rodgers** selling glow sticks

from the Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT), which is a tax paid by visitors to hotels located in San Jose. The TOT is not part of the City's General Fund, instead TOT dollars are specifically earmarked for cultural events in San Jose—like the July 4th celebration. We are grateful to Mayor Sam Liccardo for specifically including our celebration in his annual budget message, along with the Rotary Fireworks and the Rose, White, & Blue Parade.

Our many sponsors are the backbone of the event. Without San Jose businesses and individuals generously donating to this event, it would not happen. Please consider patronizing our business donors and join us in thanking them, and the other donors, for supporting this year's July 4th Family Fun Festival & Fireworks Show.

This year's lead sponsors were: Skip's Tires - locally-owned, und located in District 10 at the

and located in District 10 at the corner of Winfield Avenue and Blossom Hill Road Salvatore Caruso Design –

an award-winning architecture and design firm owned by a District 10 resident

Also sponsoring the 4th Annual Family Fun Festival & Fireworks Show were:

Almaden Senior Association; Almaden Times—Times Media, Inc.; Almaden Valley Women's Club; Amir Ibrahem Photography & Graphic Design; Boulder Ridge Golf Club, a Bay Club property; Bozzuto Insurance; Burnham Construction; California Apartment Association, Tri-County Division; County of Santa Clara; Davidson Foundation; Don Rocha, Councilmem-See FESTIVAL, page 20



Continued from previous page always asserted by an estate administrator or trustee of a trust in defense of a will or trust contest, but it is a difficult defense to prevail upon.

In summary, for our Almaden Times audience dog lovers, the no contest clause is more bark than bite!

If you find yourself needing advice as to a will or trust contest, or any estate planning litigation issues, feel free to contact me.

Until next time ... Kindest Regards, **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

You can reach Mr. Roeser with your questions by email at steve@roeserlaw.net, with "Almaden Times" in the subject line, or by telephone at (650) 300-5778. Your real name will not be used. No attorney-client relationship is created by these articles, and any information in this article does not constitute legal advice and is not to be relied upon. For more information on our practice, please visit www.almadenvalley lawyers.com. ALMADEN TIMES AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 24, 2017 PAGE 17

PAGE 18 ALMADEN TIMES AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 24, 2017

Times Cover Storv



Windows · Screens · Patio Glass Doors

- Offering Milgard Vinyl Replacement Windows
- Many sizes and styles of window screens and screen doors
- Friendly customer service
- Professional installation
- Competitive pricing
- I00% customer satisfaction

Since 1945 – the Salamida Family Business 601 Hamline Street, San Jose, CA 95110 www.thescreenshop.com • 408-295-7384



Healing Touch Chiropractic Clinic 2724 Aborn Road, San Jose, CA 95121 * Introductory Price Available for First Time Clients * Ask About Our Discount Massage Package!



A Western Bluebird nest with a female on her eggs

Pauser

Continued from page 1

tracted storms with wind or rain can be the cause of nestlings dying in boxes because the adults cannot feed them, and probably not even themselves," he says. "How do you find food in a wind or rain storm?"

Unfortunately, not all eggs hatch. Sometimes eggs disappear or get broken. In addition, nestlings don't always survive: if they can't raise their heads, they can't eat. During a heatwave in June, Pauser was devastated to discover a dead Barn Owlet in a box with four other owlets missing; the heat caused the owlets to jump out of the box to escape. Still, he tries to help bad situations from getting worse. When feather mites become a problem for Tree Swallows, he'll dust their nests with food grade Diatomaceous Earth to rid them of the mites.

Janna says that Pauser is saddened by any loss. "On good days, he comes home and says, 'No disasters today," she says. "He loves the birds. They're his babies."

When he approaches a nest box, he talksings to them to alert them of his presence and avoid startling them. "I'm coming to check on you, Sweetie," he says. In fact, Pauser calls them all "Sweetie" so he can greet them by name.

Pauser says he still recalls the thrill of

A SAN JOSE

watching a bird hatch in one of his nest boxes for the first time. "Nowadays, I have a hundred nestlings fledge, which is wonderful," he says, "but if there's one that doesn't. I wonder what more I could have done." As a result, he is always improving his nest boxes, adding sun covers, vents for air flow and cooling, rain guards and drainage, and overhangs to prevent predator access. He also considers the distance from the bottom of the hole to the bottom of box while building it to keep the nest out of reach of predators. If woodpeckers peck around the hole trying to enlarge it, he adds acrylic panels to prevent it. "A lot of thought has gone into these boxes," he savs.

As they're extremely portable, the nest boxes can be placed in backyards, parks and golf courses and along creeks and trails, attracting a variety of birds. He has about 200 nest boxes in Cinnabar Hills Golf Club alone. With its land, water and green hills, it's an oasis, he says. His boxes are popular there with Tree Swallows. Santa Teresa Golf Club is a favorite site for Western Bluebirds. He painstakingly tracks which birds use each of his nesting boxes, how many babies they have and how many survive.

Pauser has contrived tools for easy installation of his nest boxes. He added hooks to the top of each one and lifts them using extendable poles with paint roller handles attached. Utilizing hinges, he can

The Dancing Cat is a comfortable living room-like environment where adorable adoptable cats roam free waiting to meet you. If you're a cat lover looking for a charming place to hang out, study, or just play with cats, come visit!



• Wifi at no charge Snacks to purchase (or bring your own) \$10 admission donation

tor

www.thedancingcat.org Phone: (408) 459-9644 702 E. Julian Street • San Jose, CA 95112

UNGE



Times Cover Story





Owlets huddle; a Western Bluebird's nest with seven eggs waiting to hatch.

open the top to take a peek inside, or open the side all the way to clean it out. He outfitted his Toyota pickup with a camper shell and attached a ladder to the side to aid in his mission. "About everything I need on the trail is in my truck," he says. In fact, he can hang up to 25 nest boxes from the back at one time, fanning them out like a peacock's tail. "I'm going for the Guinness Book of Records here," he jokes.

However, his labor of love is not without its challenges. The nesting season for Western Bluebirds, for example, is from March to August. From June on, with 1,200 nestlings to monitor, Pauser only took one day off a week. During many months, he's up at 4:30a.m. and out by 5a.m. In July, he gets to sleep in until 5:30a.m. "It's basically year-round, six days a week, six to eight hours a day," he says.

Pauser builds nest boxes, changing their size and opening holes, specifically to attract certain types of birds. His target species for a long time was the Western Bluebird and Pauser says he is delighted to see some pairs return to the same box year after year. Tree Swallows are his second most common species. Unfortunately, the second clutch doesn't always survive as the Tree Swallows feed on flying insects, which are less plentiful in late summer. Sometimes he is lucky to attract Violet Green Swallows, with their stunning plumage and white evebrows, to his nest boxes.

Through the years, he has learned a great deal about bird's behavior and where to hang the nest boxes. In some locations, he is careful to hang the nest boxes high enough so cows don't knock them down. He hangs them low, near creeks for Wood Ducks and knows that about five feet off the ground is ideal for Western Bluebirds. But even with his experience, positioning nest boxes isn't an exact science. "Putting boxes up is like fishing," he says. "I've had boxes in a tree for two years without anything. Then I move it to the other side, and I get a nest. Over time you get smarter and learn what birds you'll get in what kinds of habitats."

However, he still can't prevent Acorn Woodpeckers from filling nesting boxes with acorns. "They put the acorns in the hole, but they can't get them out," he says. On rare occasions, he's had a Nuttall's Woodpecker nest in his box. He says that woodpeckers like boxes packed with wood shavings. In the wild, they excavate holes in dead trunks or limbs of sycamores and oak trees and move their eggs from nest to nest.

House Wrens, common in backyards, like nest boxes filled with twigs, says Pauser. The male fills several cavities with twigs which can number in the hundreds—and the female chooses which nest she likes best. She adds a cup on top, made out of fine grass to lay the eggs in. The male House Wren, seeking to propagate his species, pecks holes in and removes eggs and nestlings of other species.

House Finches, he says, will nest anywhere. He's found their nests inside a predator guard on a Bluebird nesting box and in the corner of Kestral boxes. Pauser had 15 broods of Kestrels this year. "They're just adorable," he says of week-old Kestrel babies. "They're beautiful birds," he says, "as are Wood Ducks."

Wood Ducklings need a rough surface to be able to climb out of the boxes, says Pauser. He places about five inches of wood shavings in their nest boxes. The female makes a down blanket out of her feathers, mixed with the wood shavings. She lays one egg daily, although Pauser has seen up to 14 from one female. He's had five broods this year. When they're ready, the mother duck calls her ducklings to come outside the box and they tumble-fly to the ground. She shows them where to find food and they selfforage until they can fly and set off on their own.

Along Santa Teresa Creek and Los Alamitos Creek Trail, Pauser has Western Screech Owls nesting in his boxes. He puts wood shavings in the bottom of his large Barn Owl boxes to help keep the eggs from rolling around. He's found about 2,700 Barn Owl eggs in his nest boxes and about 1,600 of these have fledged. Barn Owls pair for life, he says, and have incredible evesight and hearing. They can locate sounds both vertically and horizontally and can hear a mouse crunching on grain or underground.

When he sees a grass-nest lined with dog hair, Pauser know it's probably a Titmouse nest. These birds also line the top of the nest with a blanket to keep it warm, he says, and are extremely resourceful. In Greystone Park, they collect pine needles for the bottom of their nests, but finish the nest off the same way. Grass and bark on the bottom of a nest box indicates a White Breasted Nut Hatch, he says, while Chickadees line their nests with moss.

"I do what I do because it gives me purpose and a reason to get up and out," says Pauser. "I get a lot of satisfaction viewing miracles of nature firsthand. Everyone should give back for the betterment of our world. I fortunately have the time to do it."

For more information, please see his website: www.birdsfly.info. The Santa Clara Audubon Society is hosting a Coyote Valley BioBlitz on Aug 19 from 8am to 12pm to document plants, bugs, reptiles, mammals and birds. Everyone over age 4 is welcome. To register, see: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/coyote-valley-bioblitz-registration-35284737600.

\bigcirc

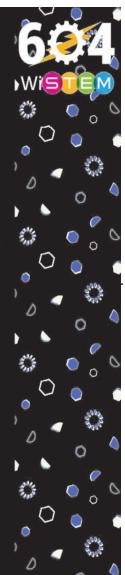
ALMADEN TIMES AUGUST 11 – AUGUST 24, 2017 PAGE 19

CODE ONE PROGRAMMING

Artificial Intelligence Seminar

HANDS-ON LEARNING FOR TEENS. JOIN US TO SEE HOW ALGORITHMS LEARN USING NEURAL NETWORKS. SEPTEMBER 2, 2-4 PM ROSE GARDEN LIBRARY

SPOTS ARE LIMITED REGISTER NOW tinyurl.com/ codeoneai-rg





Mr. Peabody's

The Most Powerful Green Cleaning On the Planet

Carpet & Upholstery Cleaning

Complete Carpet Cleaning,

Stone Polishing and Repair

(408) 254-1949

Serving Almaden Valley since 1995

10%

DISCOUNT:

Mention this

ad

Times Local News

Festival

Continued from page 17 ber, District 9; Donna Castillo, Intero Real Estate; Forest Consulting, LLC; Garden City Construction; Hunter Storm Properties; International Gourmet Foods/ International Food Bazaar; JSM Enterprises; KT Urban; Lan Diep, Councilmember, District 4; Mill Creek Residential; Naprotek, Inc.: PG&E; Republic Services; San Jose Earthquakes; Santa Clara County Association of Realtors; Schoennauer Company; Sergio Jimenez, Councilmember, District 2; Tam Nguyen, Councilmember, District 7

...and these online donors: Steinhoff: Eldon Betty Cherniss; Elizabeth Kean; Julie Herbert; Lorraine Lance; Lynne Brown; Phyllis Prior; Sharon Bynum; Vikki Carmitros; Wolcott Family Trust.

A special thank you to Craig Cutright and Kenny Chee, owners of Devastating Pyrotechnics, LLC. They outdid themselves again this year and provided an outstanding fireworks show - despite the squirrels who tried to thwart the show by crawling into the fireworks setup earlier in the day and chewing on the wires!

Thanks go to the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC) for being our fiscal agent and, specifically, Carina Beal, for her hard work and dedication to making this event prosper. This is the third year that the AVWC has stuck by us, and we value our partnership with them.

We are thankful to the many District 10 volunteers who graciously gave their time to support the event. Two volunteers who assisted my staff throughout the year are Bob Vonderwerth (Playa Del Rey) who worked directly with the pyrotechnic team from Devastating Pyrotechnics,

• Our patients like implant bridges for partials or missing.

arranged for the sale of water and soda as an event fundraiser, and enlisted his family as volunteers; and Raylene Fedor (District 10 Leadership Coalition) who helped with obtaining security and arranging for food trucks and permits. Other volunteers included Michelle DeOcampo – volunteer check-in; Tony DeOcampo - street closure assistance; District 10 interns Farrah Ballou and Bryan Huang - set up and as-needed; Robin Hayr - Letters to the Soldiers Mailboxes and supervisor of the Letters to the Soldiers table; and, Cheyanne Segura helping with set-up, working all day at the Letters to the Soldiers table, and cleaning up on July 5th.

From helping with set-up and take-down and overall help the day of July 4th, these special folks showcased patience and a strong work ethic. The event would not have been possible without them: Marilyn Rodgers; Aiko Fadness;

Josie Supencheck; Dorothy Courtney; Dong Li; Kimberly McDonald; Mark Gong and Family; Monique Pierce; Scott Rago; Ken & Kathy Caveney; Prasana Iyengar; Juliana Khamis & Family: Norma Faulkner: Suzan Bartlett; Julie Herbert and Family; Rick, Matthew, and Stephen Dexter.

We are incredibly appreciative of the work of the San Jose Conservation Corps/Zero Waste team who provided garbage and recycling services in conjunction with the City's Environmental Services department, and Molly Tobias of PRNS who arranged for the huge clean-up team of 70+ KPMG interns that left Almaden Lake Park looking spotless after their July 5th work!

A very special thank you goes to The Snarky Cats-our live entertainment. The Snarky Cats are George Nowicki, Cindy Nowicki, Dave Hockenberry, Mike Palos, and Ron Olmsted -

District 10 and San Iose Residents.

The event would not be complete without food, of course, and this year we were blessed with District 10 businesses Sweet Rendezvous (located in Sunrise Plaza)--serving Marianne's and Loard's ice cream; Almaden Kiwanis - serving hot dogs; and Dippin' Dots - serving its signature ice cream treat. Also featured were the best food trucks in town: Falafel Fresh & Gyro, Los Jarochos Grill, and the traditional Hungarian street food of Rill's Chimney Cake & Lángos.

Danielle Pirslin, Extraordinary Makeup, provided face painting, Pete, Pete G. Magic, provided a wonderful magic show, and the National Anthem was sung by San José's young, rising star, Victoria Thuy Vi McDowell.

Vendor booths included: Forma Gym; Rocketship Education; Holy Spirit School; Santa Teresa Foothills Neighborhood Association: Just Serve: Sons in Retirement; Tulip Kids Academy; District 10 Leadership Coalition; Playa Del Rey-Legal Shield; VEP; Almaden Tae Kwon Do; Almaden Super Lions Club; Letters to the Soldiers; Santa Clara County Water District, District 10 Councilmember Johnny Khamis, First Aid/Volunteer check-in.

Our other great vendors included KRTY, with on-air commercials and site promotion; the security teams provided by locally-owned Intrepid Security and by M & R Process Service; port-apotties and sinks provided by Golden State Portables; stage, tables, and chairs from Williams Party Rentals; the printing services of AB Press, Inc.; and, ACS Armored who provided the

A special thank you, as well, to the City departments and divisions that help us make the event happen: Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services; San Jose Police Department; San Jose Fire Department; Department of Transportation; Department of Environmental Services; Department of Public Works; Park Rangers: and Parking Compliance. Thank you to Suzanne Lew and her team with Santa Clara County Health.

Finally, we thank the San Jose Vet (Veterans) Center located at 278 N. Second Street, San Jose, CA 95112 for the services they provide to our soldiers every day. We deeply appreciate our soldiers - they are the people who have sacrificed to ensure that our annual day of freedom-July 4th— remains a reality.

After a short breather, we'll quickly be back to planning the 5th Annual July 4th Family Fun Festival & Fireworks Show. We look forward to seeing you again next year!





CAMPBELL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1675 Winchester Boulevard (near Hamilton), Campbell, 95008. Church Office: 378-3472. www.campbell-umc.org. E-mail us at: campbell umc@earthlink.net. SUNDAY WORSHIP: 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Handicapped, hearing-impaired friendly facility. (Nursery Care available). SUNDAY SCHOOL for every age at 9:00 a.m. WHAT YOU WILL FIND: Youth/Young Adult programs, Choirs for all ages, Active Senior Fellowship, a dynamic and diverse congregation of seekers motivated to explore the questions of faith and life; opportunities for fellowship, study, spiritual growth and outreach. Campbell UMC is a Reconciling Congregation ~ ALL ARE WEL-COME! Campbell UMC sponsors Bright Days preschool, offering a play-based, developmentally appropriate curriculum. Call 378-8422 for information.

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC 6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA

95120. Pastor, Rev. Marty Williams, 408 268 0243. www.ccavucc.org.

We are a welcoming church with a progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local commu-

nity. We are proud to be UCC. Open and Affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local LifeMoves (formerly InnVision) Shelter Feedings once a month. San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty.

Worship Sunday, 9:00 AM followed by fellowship and refreshments. 1st Sunday in Worship: Holy

Communion 2nd Sunday in Worship: Folks Choir and Potluck Sunday.

Tuesdays, AA Meetings, 8:15 - 9:15 PM.

Wednesdays, 9:30 AM, Women's Study Group

CHURCH OF CHRIST

5351 Carter Ave., San Jose 95118 408.265.5837 www.bibleroad.org We strive to be a group of Christians that love and honor God and Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We assemble each Sunday to encourage each other through singing, studying, praying and sharing in the Lord's supper. Simple just like what one reads about in the New Testament. Bible class at 9:30 AM Worship at 10:30 AM Located in south San Jose near Kooser Rd. and Camden Ave. (behind the Almaden Valley Athletic Club).Come make new Christian friends

EAST VALLEY CHURCH

We are a Multicultural Christian Community committed to making Christ known to our Neighbors, Community and World. Sunday Schedule: Coffee and Conversation 9:15am Worship 9:45am, Sunday School for all ages 11:15am Childcare is provided for all our

Sunday Services, Our NFW Children's Building is Open!

Uplifting music, Biblical teaching, ministries for Children, Youth College & Career, Small Groups for all adults, Ministries to Men, Women, Seniors, Celebrate Recovery (Please see website for details and meeting times www.eastvalleychurch.com) VBS: June 13th - 17th (5:45-8:30pm) & Sports Camp: July 18th - 22nd (9am -12:30pm) For more details or to register please visit our website Senior Pastor - Pastor Ron Johnson, Community-Life Pastor -Pastor Patrick Boyd, Children's Ministry Co-Directors - Alyssa

Friend and Kristen Pearson We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalleychurch.com We are associated with Converge

Worldwide www.convergeworldwide.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector Phone:408-268-0243 Web:www.eca-sj.org At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:45AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH Visit our Web Site at

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

FIRST CHURCH DOWNTOWN

Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.com

Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both

contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term. life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

GRACE CHURCH OF EVERGREEN www.GraceChurchSJ.Net

See you on Facebook 2650 ABORN ROAD at Kettmann, across from Evergreen Public Library. Serving Evergreen for over 50 Years. John S Goldstein, Pastor Christian Worship every Sunday at 11.00 am Together let us build lives toward excellence! Music Institute (408)791 7772 After School lessons on Piano, Violin Viola, Flute PreSchool Age 2-6 years caring for your child with God's love and affection (408) 791 7772 Immigration Services Call for Appointment (510)584 1824

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120, Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday -Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for

recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th. and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794

THE POINT CHURCH www.ThePoint.Church

3695 Rose Terrasse Circle. San Jose CA 95148. Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave. Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations,

fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages. each with their own auditorium and pastor

10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM

SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

ORTHODOX CHURCH

ST. BASIL THE GREAT GREEK

6430 Bose Lane, San Jose, CA 95120

Church Office 408-268-3214 Clergy: Fr. Allan Boyd Experience our Lord Jesus Christ after the manner of the earliest Christians. All are welcome to our warm, multicultural Church community, where services are done primarily in English. What happens when you reunite created matter to its Creator? Come and see! Sunday worship: Orthros – 8:30 am Divine Liturgy – 9:30 am We also celebrate Liturgy on most

feast days.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135

408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com www.stfrancisofassisipreschool.org We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE -High School and North Star -Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality

family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd.

Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations.

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

St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12.30 PM

Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road

Sunday 9:30 AM The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)

Sunday 8:15 AM For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM: 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

> Worship listing advertisements available. Call (408) 898-7534.

Mediterranean Cuisine DINING • TAKE OUT • CATERING • DELIVERY Come Caspian Village **Celebrate** Our 7th anniversary! Beef Gyro Kehohs OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK HOURS: 11:00AM to 9:00PM YOUR ENTIRE PURCHASE! Expires 8/31/17 2881 Villages Parkway, Not Vaild with any other promotion, special or offer. imit one per table per visit Aaximum discount \$10 USD. San Jose, California, 95135

Baked Lamb Shank Sicilian Lasagna Moussaka **Butter Chicken**

Gyros & Falafel & Many More

PHONE: 408-528-8500

Visit us at: www.Caspianvillage.com





Sold in 2017 by The Swan

SOLDI







SOLD



SOLD

















SOLD!





SOLD









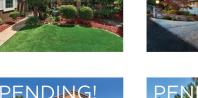
OLD!

















Therese Swan 408.656.8240

tswan@apr.com AlmadenValleyRealEstate.com License #01355719

> Swan has been the #1 Agent in Almaden Valley each year since 2009 as measured by Dollars per Agent per Year. She is the only Almaden Valley specialist to ever have been nationally ranked and recognized by Wall Street Journal/RealTrends as being in the Top 250 Agents in the US. Swan is consistently in the Top 100 Agents in the SF Bay Area.



APRCOM