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## Record setting crowd turns out to enjoy the 2017 Almaden Art & Wine Festival

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

A record crowd of 30,000 festival-goers turned out Sunday, September 17 to enjoy the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival.

The weather on Sunday was a beautiful 80 degrees with a light breeze which made for an enjoyable event. Many residents commented that it was the best festival they had ever attended.

The annual event, presented by the Almaden Valley Women's Club, benefits local educational institutions, non-profit children's foundations, teen programs and community organizations.

The festival is considered one of the best in San Jose and longest running in California.

Festival-goers were treated to a large selection of local artisans, entertainment by popular bands, See *FESTIVAL*, page 18



The festival is a labor of love for the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC) and requires a year of planning. "It takes a lot of time and effort by a lot of great ladies," says member **Yvette Fodor Walsh**. Member **Donna Fivecoat** agrees. "It takes commitment and absolute teamwork," she says. "We love seeing the Almaden community come together to enjoy it." (l to r): AVWC members **Beth Swartz, Fivecoat, Joy Bender, Andreanna Popovich** and **Walsh**. Top photo: The 41st annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival brought the community together to enjoy local art and performances.



## YOUNGEST TEAM MEMBER Jenna Flynn of Almaden Valley helps Team USA take home the gold in Water Polo

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Jenna Flynn of Almaden Valley helped USA take home gold at this year's Youth Pan American Games held in Lima, Peru with a 9-7 victory over Brazil.

Jenna, 13, scored twice in the gold medal game to help lift the US to a 9-7 victory over Brazil. She was the team's leader in assists and second in goals scored. The US team went 8-0 through the Youth Pan American games.

Jenna's journey from San Jose Almaden Water Polo (SJA) to representing the U.S.A. in Peru came with a lot of hard work. She first began playing SJA in the summer of 2012 as she was entering third grade.

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## PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE MEDAL Inaugural SJVRRC 10k/5k Charity Race slated at Almaden Lake Oct. 1

By William Bellou  
Publisher

The San Jose Vietnamese Running Club SJVRRC is hosting its inaugural OneMile4OneChild 10k/5k Charity Race on October 1 at Almaden Lake

Park.

The Almaden community is invited to participate in the charity running event which is geared for the whole family. It's the first of its kind running event in

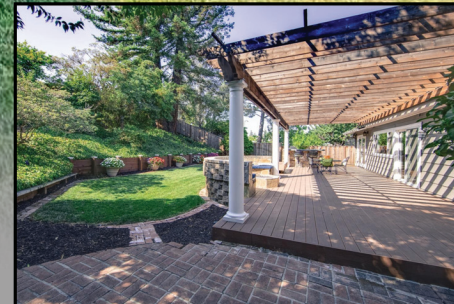
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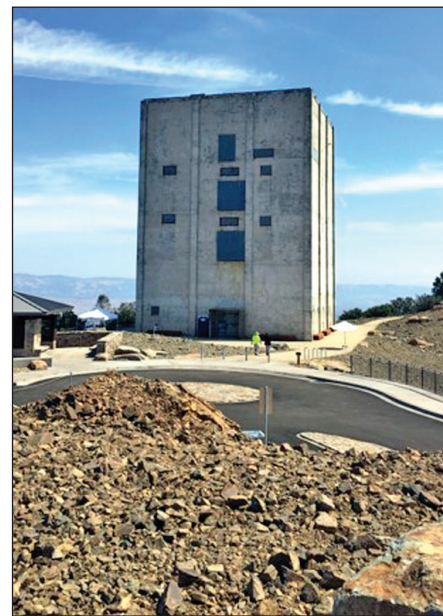
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VIPs turned out to cut the ribbon and officially open the summit of Mt. Umunhum. Above right: Rising 84.5 feet tall, Almaden Airforce Station's radar tower atop Mt. Umunhum was the foundation for one of the largest rotating military radars ever built.



## Mount Umunhum peak opens to the public

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

With a ceremonial flourish and a giant pair of scissors, an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday kicked off the long-awaited opening of Mount Umunhum's peak to the public.

The newly constructed Mt. Umunhum Trail connects miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails to the summit (visitors can also hike this 3.7-mile trail from the Bald Mtn. parking area). Mt. Umunhum offers nature lovers winding trails through rolling hills dotted with wildflowers, pine forest and shrubby chaparral. With its rich cultural history, ranging from a sacred site of indigenous peoples to a Cold War-era radar station, Mt. Umunhum is known as a mountain made of stories. At an elevation of 3,486 feet, the mountaintop affords 360-degree views of the Santa Clara Valley, Santa Cruz Mountains, Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

"Today we are celebrating the completion of an incredible journey: getting the summit of Mt. Umunhum cleaned up, restored and open for everyone to enjoy," says Larry Hassett, Director of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Hassett appreciates the vision and support that led to this event, including the passing of Measure AA, a \$12-per-parcel tax to fund Bay Area habitat restoration. "Voters made it clear that opening this mountaintop was a high priority," he says, "and we're trying to deliver on that."

Hassett especially credits Midpen's General Manager Steve Abbors for making access to the summit possible. "If it was not for Steve's passion, tenacity, wisdom and leadership," he says, "this mountain would still be behind



Former Congressman Mike Honda and Kitty Monahan both worked to save the radar tower.

locked gates with no legal public access. This project really began in 2008...when he went to Washington, D.C. and worked with the U.S. Air Force and our congressional representatives to get \$3.2 million from the federal government. That money allowed us to clean up the contaminants and remove the old Air Force buildings, about 80 of them, the rest of the site's restoration and public access and improvements."

### Opportunity is transferred to reality

"Every now and then, a really special opportunity appears," says Abbors, "and sometimes, when the tumblers of the universe align perfectly, that opportunity can be transformed into reality. The decision by the board to purchase a surplus Air Force station,

the willingness of Congress to fund the cleanup, the generosity of the public and our partners to fund the restoration and capital improvements, all of these things had to happen for us to enjoy this day."

He also acknowledged his staff for everything from acquiring the land to opening the gates to the public. "It's truly been a team effort," he said. "Without the dedicated and inspired staff of Midpen, who clearly understood the unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to both heal the mountain and prepare it for gentle enjoyment by a patient public, we wouldn't be here today."

Mt. Umunhum, the resting place of the humming bird, has watched the world change around it. "The arc of history goes back 10 to 15 thousand years," says Abbors. "It spans hundreds of generations of indigenous peoples living with the land and paying homage to its highest peaks to be close to their creator. It's seen the appearance of missions in the valley below and the efforts of European settlers to eke out a living growing stone fruits on the slope of the mountain. In the late 1950s, the mountaintop was leveled and terraced to become a bustling Air Force station for 220 service personnel and their families, scanning the western horizon for Russian bombers carrying nuclear weapons that fortunately never came." Lieutenant Colonel Charles Skinner (USAF, Ret) presided over its closing 37 years ago when new satellite technology rendered the long-distance radar of Almaden Air Force Station obsolete.

Although Midpen was working towards opening the summit to the public for years,

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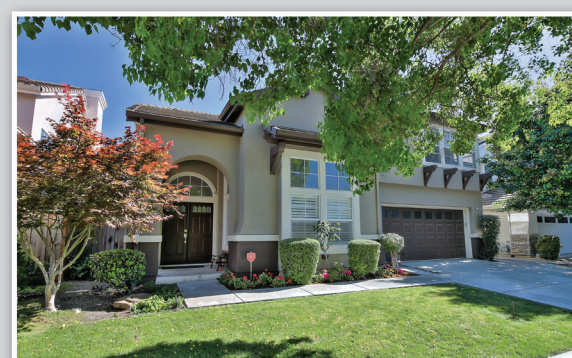
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### Dando article appreciated

Dear Editor,

Many thanks for your very fine article about Pat Dando. I especially appreciated the photos of her beautiful family and her wonderful life, pictures which we would probably not see in any other publication. She was a part of our Almaden Valley lives for so many years,

and was such a positive influence, that what you've written will mean a lot to many. I first met Pat through the PTA (or Home & School Club) when our children attended Henderson Elementary School, and that was over 40 years ago.

As others have said, not everyone agreed with everything that Pat promoted, but interactions with her were civil and good-spirited, "kind and respectful."

**Bonnie Home**

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### Family asks for help in locating missing 82 year-old Julia Madden

The San Jose Police Department is asking for the public's assistance locating a missing person at risk. 82 year old Julia Madden was last seen by family on Wednesday August 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The family is very concerned for her safety due to the fact that she suffers from dementia and other health conditions requiring medical attention.

Julia is 5 feet 5 inches and 120 pounds. She has blue eyes and gray hair. Julia was last seen at her residence in the



**Julia Madden**

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The race welcomes casual beginning runners to active elite runners with different fitness levels and running backgrounds and purposes. SJVRC primary goals are to encourage and foster physical health; expanding community support and networking; and most importantly raising funds to support orphanages through the "OneMile4OneChild" Charity Fund.

#### Runners' route

Runners will start from scenic Lake Almaden and traverse along scenic Los

Alamitos Creek, turn around and finish at the Arroyo picnic area at the lake to enjoy wonderful post-race treats and live music hosted by the famous Warren Baker of "The Game Day" featuring singer Ngan Hanh.

SJVRC was founded by Luong Le in June 2016 with just four members. Today, there are more than 400 members. "I founded the running as a great way for everyone to have fun and to achieve healthy results and also contribute to charity," said Le.

All proceeds go to OneChild4OneMile charity fund, 501(c)(3). The SJVRC, a non-profit organization established in September 2016 and consists of compassionate volunteers to raise funds for the unprivileged children throughout Vietnam and promote running within the Vietnamese community.

Due to the safety of all runners, no dogs and strollers are allowed. To register for the Oct. 1 5K and 10K Charity Race at Almaden Lake Park, visit [sjvrc.org](http://sjvrc.org)



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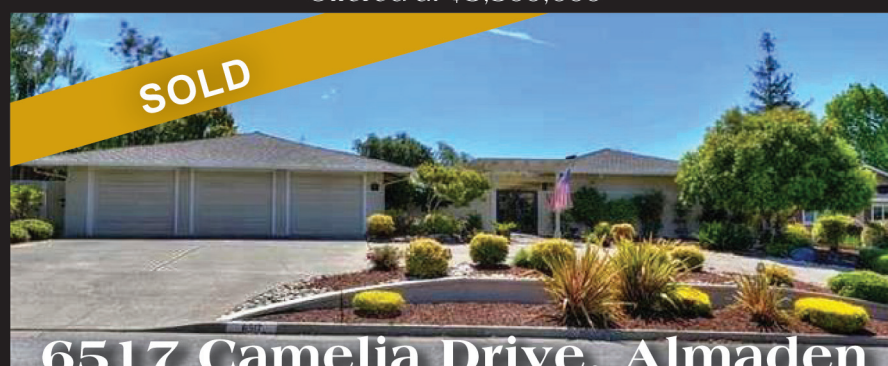
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The US team went 8-0 through the Youth Pan American games.

## Flynn

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Jenna, the youngest member of the 13 member USA team roster, is the only player still in middle school; she currently attends Castellero Middle School in Almaden.

"It has been amazing watching her grow from that eight-year old just learning to throw a ball to representing our country and taking home gold," said Eric Rise, SJA Girls Water Polo Head Coach. "Putting countless hours in the pool, Jenna has competed against girls much older than her, which is probably why she had no problem going to Peru as Team USA's youngest member," said Rise.

### National Anthem memories

Jenna stated that her best memory at the Pan American Games was, "When they played the National Anthem the first time. It really hit me that we were representing the entire country. It was important that we played hard and showed good sportsmanship."

Jenna was also selected by the team to have dinner with the US Ambassador and the President of Peru while representing the US at the games. She also stated that she will never forget the moment, "When I looked up in the stands after we won the gold medal and saw all the parents jumping up and down celebrating. They came from

so far from home to support us."

When asked if she had any advice, Jenna shared, "If I can make the team anyone can. Do not give up on your dreams of making any team. Work as hard as you can and good things will happen."

Jenna said she wants to thank her Castellero friends and SJA teammates. "Their comments through Facebook while I was in Peru helped me not feel home sick."

I'm so grateful and thankful for all their support."

For more information about the SJA Water Polo Club and Leland High School girls varsity team, contact Eric Rise: [erise@sbcglobal.net](mailto:erise@sbcglobal.net).





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## Times Local News



Former Congressman Mike Honda, Midpen President Larry Hassett and General Manager Steve Abbors celebrate the opening of the peak of Mt. Umunhum.

## Umunhum

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they weren't interested in keeping the radar tower. In September, 2012, Umunhum Conservancy formed to do just that. Director Basim Jaber created a video depicting the Air Force station in action, as well as the families who lived on top of the mountain, and shared it with the community. President Sam Drake manned festival booths and drummed up community support to save the tower. They raised funds and grew membership in the Conservancy and convinced Midpen not to destroy the tower.

"We shouldn't be burying or demolishing our history," says Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "I want this monument to stay for generations to come."

### Radar tower deemed important to the community

"I'm glad the radar tower is still on the summit and I was a part of saving it," says Jaber. "It's historical to this area and contributed to the welfare of this valley. It's our landmark." However, he cautions that even though the tower still stands, it is not preserved. "We want to make sure the preservation happens," he says. "The views on top of Mt. Umunhum are to die for, but everyone also wants to see the radar tower up close."

Drake says that their next step is to ensure that Midpen hires engineers to assess the condition of the tower and that repairs are done to a proper standard in a timely manner. "The radar tower is spared for now, but not yet preserved," says Drake. "We're not done."

### World class nature destination

Through a representative of his office, Assemblymember Mark Stone expressed his excitement to realize this day as he had co-authored legislation to clean up Mt. Umunhum for public use. "Mt. Umunhum is a special piece

of land that supports over 63 species and 324 native and animal species," says Stone. "It has been transformed into a world-class nature destination and is also a significant historical reminder. Mt. Umunhum's historic radar tower represents Silicon Valley's contribution to the protection of Americans during the Cold War. It is one of few remaining physical reminders of how the defense industry put Silicon Valley on its path to worldwide technological leadership. The radar tower should be restored and preserved so Californians can learn about our proud local history."

Former Congressman Mike Honda also worked to acquire the \$3.2 million needed to clean up the military site. He remembers as a kid looking up the mountain and seeing the rectangular square on the hill and wondering what it was. "It's fitting as we look forward, we look back at our original brothers and sisters who were here and understand we are a part of nature," says Honda. "We have to take care of this earth that's been given to us. Keep on working for the future."

A representative of Senator Jim Beall's office presented a State Senate Resolution to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for their hard work and vision to open space, including Mt. Umunhum. He also thanked them on his behalf for helping to pass the park bond, Senate Bill 492, which allows Midpen to acquire about 6,500 acres of land—the upper Guadalupe, Los Gatos Creek and Saratoga Creek watershed—currently owned by the San Jose Water Co. to be acquired, preserving 1,000 acres of redwood forests and allowing trails to be linked.

### The mountain is being reborn

"In 1980, the Air Force abandoned the station and in 1986, Midpen purchased it for a mere \$260,000," says Abbors, "\$25 million and 31 years later, the



Times **Feature**

Airforce veterans who served at Almaden Airforce Station pose with a welcome sign.

mountain is being reborn. Once leveled, the mountaintop has been restored to its original form and carefully planted with native species that will thrive and breathe new life into this sky island that has been absent for more than 60 years...a place where rare purple martins duck and dive after midges and the Thunder Bird of lore, the California Condor, can suddenly appear."

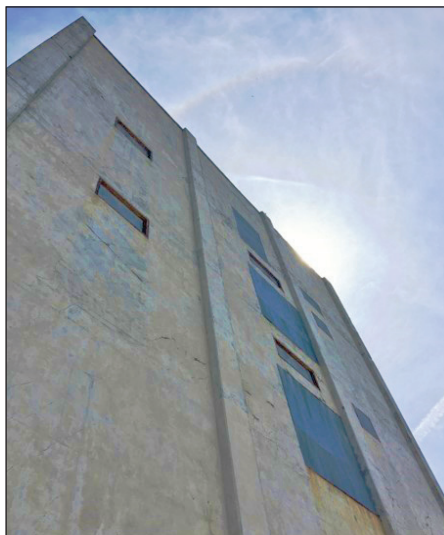
In researching Mt. Umunhum, Midpen became aware of its connection with the indigenous people who were forced to leave the site 200 years ago. "We're interested in doing the right thing," says Abbors. "Our purpose is for the new stewards to work with the ancient stewards of the land to heal this place."

"Creator gave us the responsibility to take care of Mother Earth and all living things," says Valentin Lopez, Chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. "When we got the phone call recognizing us as a stakeholder of Mt. Umunhum, we said we have to restore prayer to the land." They requested a prayer circle for their ceremonies and for all people. "For us to return to this mountain is truly miraculous," says Lopez. "Being here at this sacred site is significant because our creation started here. We came to ask the Creator to bless the mountain, to thank our ancestors and to make a promise to our descendants to restore the humanity of our native people."

To restore balance in the story of the history of Mt. Umunhum, members of the Amah Mutsun Tribe held a ceremony on

Thursday. They built a fire and burned herbs, allowing prayers to rise to the Creator through the smoke. They circled the fire counter clockwise, cleansing all with the sacred smoke. The native men began singing, then male dancers entered the circle to celebrate their ancestors. Females joined in, sharing their prayers through dance. The ceremony closed with a prayer of remembrance.

"As a county and community, we have such a reverence for open space, keeping the land open for generations to come in spite of the demands for development," says Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager. "We are a community willing to tax ourselves and elect people to protect these areas. The people on the valley floor don't know the beauty we have up here."



## Ramey of Almaden named to Dean's List at Washington University in St. Louis

Emily Ramey of Almaden Valley has been named to the Dean's List for the spring 2017 semester at Washington University in St. Louis. Ramey is enrolled in the university's College of Arts & Sciences.

To qualify for the Dean's List in the College of Arts & Sciences, students must earn a semester grade point average of 3.6 or above and be enrolled in at least 14 graded units.

Emily recently completed an internship with IBM Labs in Silicon Valley.

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## LePage named to Dean's List at Merrimack College

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## Great America Haunt's 10 Year Anniversary

There will be lots of scary treats, fog and frightening creatures again this year at Great America 10th anniversary of Halloween Haunt starting Friday, Sept. 22.

New for 2017 will be Backwoods, which leads guests to a deserted cabin through woods full of werewolves. Also, Chaos House will provide mystifying special effects that may leave you cowering in terror. All three scare zones are new: Feary Tales, Underworld Alley and Jester Town. And also featuring, Demon: Re-ignited!

Famed magician Ed Alonzo (of Saved by the Bell fame) will bring his cutting-edge humor to Psycho Circus of Magic and Mayhem each night and the live entertainment of Blood Drums, Nite-walkers and Sideshow all return.

Halloween Haunt's returning haunted mazes include many fan favorites: Zombie High, Wax Museum Chamber of Horrors, Roadkill Road House, Corn Stalkers, Madame Marie's Massacre Manor and Toy Factory.

Scares take place Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning September 22 through October 29, and all guests 13 and older are invited to face their fears. Costumes are not allowed. Check CGA's website at cagreatamerica.com/haunt for hours and to purchase tickets. Haunt admission is free for 2017 and 2018 Gold

and Platinum Pass holders.

#### The Great Pumpkin Fest

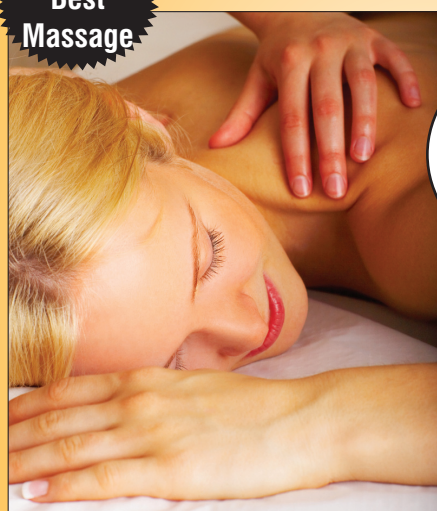
For the younger set, on weekends September 30-October 29 (closed October 22 for a 49ers game); The Great Pumpkin Fest is included with the price of admission and takes over Planet Snoopy during daytime hours. The Great Pumpkin Fest features trick-or-treating with Snoopy and the PEANUTS Gang, pumpkin decorating, a hay maze and coloring.



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## Times Feature

# What type of business entity should I form? Part two: the corporation

By **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

*Special to the Times*

This Week's Question (Part Two):

"I have a small business and have been told by my peers that I should form a business entity to protect myself in the event of a lawsuit. What do you recommend?"

- **Michael L.**  
*Almaden Valley*

Dear Michael:

In our last "Ask The Lawyer" column, printed in the August 25, 2017 edition of the Almaden Times, we discussed the benefits of forming a business entity, and specifically we covered the limited liability company. In this column, we shall cover the corporation.

As we previously wrote, it is indeed wise to form a business entity to protect yourself, and any business co-owners, from personal liability in the event of a lawsuit. The California limited liability company is a very popular choice of entity as it is simple to run and has less formalities than a corporation. However, many business owners choose to form and operate as a corporation. Indeed, some professions require

a corporation as the entity choice. You should consult with an attorney and your CPA to determine what is best for your business. Now, on to the basics of the corporation.

The primary purpose of a corporation is to establish an independent legal entity that limits the personal liability of the company owners (typically referred to as "shareholders"). Owners of sole proprietorships or general partnerships are not protected by limited liability. An owner of such a business is personally liable for all debts of the business. That can quite literally put one's entire financial existence at risk.

A corporation is formed in California by filing Articles of Incorporation. The bylaws are the governing document that provide for how the company operates and how decisions are made. A corporation has to follow various formalities to follow in its operations, including but not limited to annual meetings and document-

ing actions by written consent.

Generally, control and decisions for a corporation work as follows: the shareholders vote for board of director nominees, and the candidates getting the highest number of votes become the board of directors until periodic elections are held again. The board of directors make the major decisions with respect to the company, including electing directors, such as officers. The company shareholders must be certain to follow all required statutory operating procedures and applicable laws, as engaging in fraud or using the company as a personal expense bank account can result in "piercing the corporate veil" and holding the shareholders, or even directors and officers, personally liable, as though the corporation never existed.

Corporations are separate taxable entities and most small businesses make "S" elections, which means the income passes through to the shareholders like a partner-

ship, without double taxation. Larger corporations are generally "C" corporations and are taxed at the corporate and individual level. Tax planning is an important component to starting a business and a new business owner would be wise to consult with a CPA and attorney.

Most business people believe that they do not need a business entity, and operate under a business name without any business entity in existence (for example, Rosie's Roses). They often pay a heavy price! A catastrophic event can occur and the business, that is really just an individual person where no entity has been created, is personally liable. Proper formation and operation of a business entity such as a corporation can protect a person from what can quite frankly be a major life disaster in the form bankruptcy, foreclosure, etc. Your best course of action if you are a small business owner, real property investor or otherwise in a position of ownership, is to create a business entity such as a corporation to run the business or own the property, and get adequate insurance through a qualified commercial insurance broker.

If you find yourself needing

advice as to a formation of a business entity, or any business matter, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,  
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# Record crowd turns out for festival fun

## Festival

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wines from Northern California vineyards, a silent auction and a Kids Zone featuring crafts, carnival games and performances.

The silent auction brought in thousands of dollars this year and wine glass sales sold out in the early afternoon.

Festival corporate sponsors were impressed with the turnout and many are already planning to return to next year's event.



Amber Lao, Ana Chope and Katrina Huinh, sunflowers in hand, enjoyed the festival. Above right: Co-owner Naira Guzman started Miss Ooh la la, a Girls Party Place, with her sister as they both have little girls. They recently opened their boutique and party venue at Almaden Safeway Center. Guzman loves the community atmosphere of the festival.



Carina Beal of the Almaden Women's Club gets a hug from the San Francisco Giants Mascot.



Hundreds of festival-goers applauded as Almaden Spirit Athletic team members put on a spectacular show at the 41st Annual Almaden Art & Wine Festival held Sunday, September 17.



Robert Tyler returned to the Almaden Art & Wine Festival for his third year entertaining with his soulful vocals. Tyler performed with top bands in the 80's and 90's. His performance was sponsored by Jackie Jones, Coldwell Banker, a major corporate sponsor of the festival.



South County Chrysler-Jeep-Dodge contributed thousands of dollars to the Almaden Art & Wine Festival as a new corporate sponsor. Pictured is Rey Sotelo, parts and service manager, showing a customized Jeep Rubicon. Above right: Hundreds of festival-goers visited with Johnny Khamis, San Jose City Councilmember, at the District 10 booth. Pictured with Khamis (l to r) are: Brigitte Jones, Almaden Times account executive, Denelle Fedor, council assistant and Patty Barbaccia, Almaden Art & Wine Festival Chairperson.



A Stephen Curry signed framed photo montage sold for more than a thousand dollars at the silent auction.



Jaimie Lowry and Scott Vanderpool greeted Festival-goers with a free sunflower at the Almaden Art & Wine Festival. More than 5,000 sunflowers were distributed at the event. Above right: Some of the record-setting crowd of 30,000.



Andree Rouse of Bloomster's, pictured with the Bansal family, considers it an honor to spread happiness through flowers at the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival.



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Entertainment at the Festival was nearly non-stop for six hours. Pictured is the popular Bay Area band Jokers and Thieves. The band plays a wide range of crowd favorites, including Country, Classic Rock, Hip Hop, Dance and Disco.



The 41st annual Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival brings the community together to enjoy local art and performances. Above right: Indian is considered America's first motorcycle company. The famous brand – started in 1901 in Springfield, Mass. Pictured is **Rey Sotelo**, Sales Manager, at Hollister PowerSports, the premier Bay Area dealer for Indian Motorcycles located in Hollister, CA.



One of the most popular artisan booths at the Almaden Wine & Art Festival is Fairy Dream Ceramics owned by **Patricia Beck**. She makes whimsical fairy houses and decor for home and garden. Above right: **Gianna** beams with pride after artist **Sarah Joy Cabana** painted her a beautiful butterfly. Her mother, **Golshan** loves the creative crafts and family-friendly atmosphere of the festival.



Pictured with the 2001 NPL State Cup Winners are: (l to r): **Colin McCarthy**, Almaden Soccer President; **John Devine**, Technical Director; San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo**, **Gordon Mackintosh**, Director of Soccer; **Manuel Montero**, team coach (front row on the right).

## Almaden Soccer's 50th anniversary fundraiser celebration and inaugural Golf Tournament 'sold out' success

By **Sean Eastwood**  
Times Staff Writer

Almaden Soccer's recent 50th anniversary celebration teed it up well for the inaugural Golf Tournament and Banquet Dinner were both a great success with more than \$25,000 raised.

More than 200 people attended the event which overflowed to a second room where optimism prevailed at the sold-out banquet in the Almaden Golf and Country Club on August 28.

Those attending the event witnessed the unveiling of the new renderings for the future soccer fields envisioned to be located at Pioneer High School. The price tag for the 3.7 acre construction project is approximately \$11 million and the project will be built in increments.

District 10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis** (pictured above) said, "I'm optimistic that the club

will raise the needed money for the project. The designs are beautiful and I am happy I gave money to the league.

Khamis has been working with the San Jose Unified School District on a land transfer agreement needed for the project to happen. "I know we will get the project completed, because there are some very talented and enthusiastic people behind the project."

The design includes a clubhouse with offices, a trophy room and a gym with a basketball court that can accommodate futsal, that is taught by the girls team coach.

Another banquet fundraiser is planned later this year, for the well-organized league hopes to raise an additional \$4 million.

*Editor's note: If you would like to contribute the Almaden Soccer project visit: [almadensoccer.org](http://almadensoccer.org) The club welcomes all contributions, large and small.*

## Almaden Valley businesses contribute funds for Breast Cancer Awareness month

By **William Bellou**  
Publisher

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Several Almaden residents are each raising a minimum of \$2,300.00 and a team goal of 10K for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, frequently referred to as the 3-Day.

The 3-Day is a 60-mile walk to raise funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure and promote awareness to fight breast cancer. Individual participants must raise at least \$2,300 to walk 60 miles (96 km) over a three-day

weekend.

Almaden businesses are also becoming involved in donating for the 3-Day, including Almaden Country Club with the proprietary sponsor of Garrett Rajkovich, Ana's Bakery, La Playita restaurant, Charlie's Cheesecake Poppers, Bloomster's, Legends Pizza, Olive Garden, Trader Joe's, World of Sports Memorabilia, Hayes Mansion, The Creek Eatery of Silver Creek, San Francisco artist Marina Goldberg, Permanent Make Up artist Marina Dumov, Hotel Valencia and the San Jose Sharks.

*Editor's note: Please let these businesses and owners know their contributions are appreciated. If you would like to participate or donate funds, contact Kimberly Nannette Pertner via email: [k.pertner@yahoo.com](mailto:k.pertner@yahoo.com).*



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# 'Join Wondergirl' dedicated to supporting families experiencing childhood cancers

By **Gabriella Medrano**  
*Special to the Times*

**J**oin Wondergirl was founded last year with the help of five women passionate about finding a cure for childhood cancers and helping families battling the disease.

Our members are: Crystal Lequang, mother of two and owner of Amazae Special events in Willow Glen; Ramona

Snyder, mother of three and supervisor of the HOST program at San Jose airport; Fiona Marshall, mother of two and childhood cancer activist in Almaden Valley; Lydia Markoff, mother of two and writer; and finally Gabriella (Gabi) Medrano, mother of three and Cancer Mom.

The organization was named after Giselle, Gabi's daughter, who was diagnosed with leukemia at age three.

keep!) took over six months, but the results were fantastic.

The campaign is to benefit Superheroes Against Childhood Cancer, a program of Jacob's Heart. Jacob's Heart has been helping families fighting childhood cancer in the Bay Area for 19 years. Our message for this campaign is: "The fight is not over when you take the last chemo pill. Childhood cancer survivors continue to fight for the rest of their lives — and they can't fight cancer alone."

According to studies by St Jude's Children's hospital:

- 95 percent of childhood cancer survivors will have a chronic illness by age 45
- 80 percent of childhood leukemia survivor will deal with obesity in their lifetime

Join Wondergirl wants to make a difference in our community and in the way pediatric cancer is treated, researched, and funded. No one should ever have to hear the words "your child has cancer," but if they do, they should know Join Wondergirl is there to fight alongside them.

Giselle, a.k.a. Wondergirl, is cancer free and just started Kindergarten in Willow Glen; her ordinary life as a five-year-old is, in a way, the most wonderful and extraordinary thing, and we want to help more children fight through to that happy ending.



"Wondergirl" fought like a superhero — her nickname was earned during her fight. On November 20, 2016, Giselle took her last chemo pill, and Join Wondergirl was born.

Join Wondergirl is dedicated to raising awareness and funds for research and to help families battling pediatric cancer. Working directly with nonprofit organizations to hold events and create campaigns, we bring a variety of expertise, resources and hopeful energy to making a difference in the lives of pediatric cancer patients and their families. Our goal is to raise awareness of the unique issues faced by children fighting the evil villain cancer and to raise funds to support their fight.

Our first campaign was a photoshoot for September, which is National Childhood Cancer Awareness month. The photoshoot was designed with Wondergirl in mind. To show the real superheroes living among us, we chose nine Bay Area kids who are survivors or currently in treatment, dressed them as superheroes, and Photoshopped them into scenes representing their cancer battle. We also documented behind the scenes on video.

Getting to this point was not easy. In late December, we started searching for artists who wanted to be a part of this amazing idea: commercial photographers, costume designers, videographers, and so on. Coordinating everyone involved and creating a schedule (that we then had to



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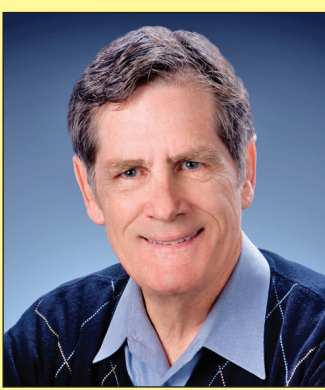


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