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SJPD Captain Johnson Fong lends perspective on city's police force



By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Captain Johnson Fong, Southern Division Commander of the San Jose Police Department (SJPD) and Councilmember Johnny Khamis recently addressed the Almaden Valley Community Association.

Fong, a police officer for 28 years, has worked as a training officer, robbery detective and Swat team member. "I had a great career," he says. "I love the San Jose Police Department."

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Pumpkin Bust leaders and volunteers enjoyed a large turn-out for another successful event at Graystone Elementary School.

Huge turn-out reported for Graystone Elementary's annual Pumpkin Bust

By Kellee Markos
Special to the Times

Graystone Elementary's Pumpkin Bust, a long-time honored tradition to celebrate the Halloween season, was held October 27 for the 34th year with a record attendance.

There was a great deal of energy and excitement as the weath-

er was clear and the food, fun and games were plentiful. The Cake Walk game was a fan favorite.

Many Graystone families were in attendance enjoying the games and excitement where great fun was enjoyed for the young and the young at heart.

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Landmark La Forêt restaurant reopens to the delight of the Almaden Valley community

By William Bellou
Publisher

La Forêt, the gem of Almaden Valley, has reopened and a new chapter has begun for the landmark restaurant.

Two local restaurateurs have opened the restaurant after purchasing it from retired owner-chef John Davoudi. Davoudi was there for the soft opening helping out in the kitchen on October 19.

The new owners, Brothers Maurizio (Maurice) and Giu-

seppe Carrubba, have kept their promises to Davoudi. They have retained the restaurant's name, the French / Continental menu and a majority of the staff. The Carrubba brothers have created a new drink in honor of Davoudi's successful 40 years as owner-chef of La Forêt, called the Le Grand Johnnie.

"Our soft opening of the restaurant was a great success," said Maurice and Giuseppe. We wanted to make the transition

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Almaden Valley's famed La Forêt has reopened, after being purchased from the previous owner. The new owners have retained the name, menu and a majority of the staff. Photo by James Guirao

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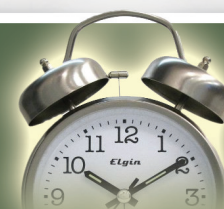
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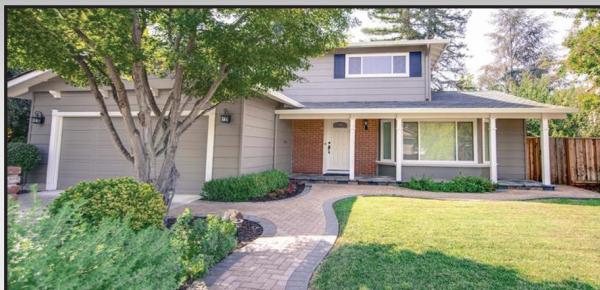
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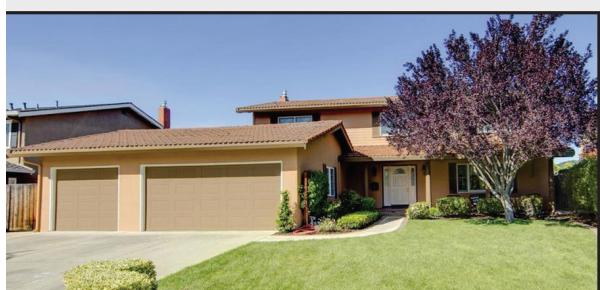
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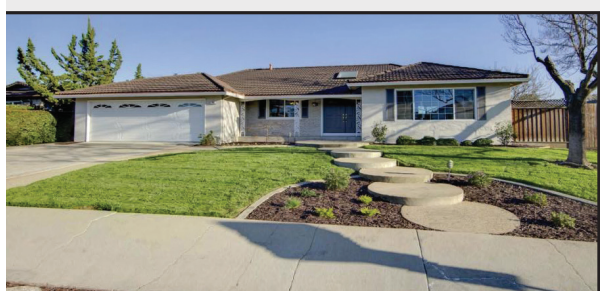
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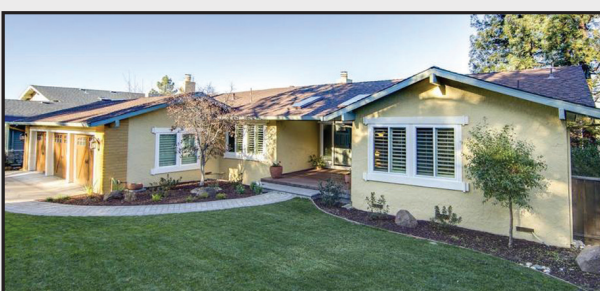
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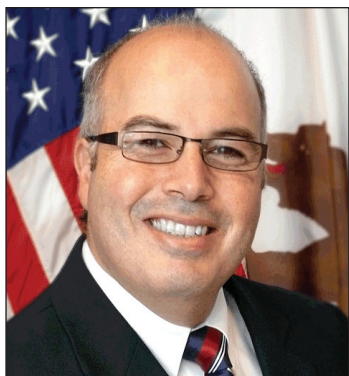
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(L-R) **Sabrina Carley, Alexandra Muraco and Lucy Smrdeli** show off their yummy cake walk win.

Rock'in and Walk'in at Los Alamitos' Dandy Day

By **Denise Styerwalt**
Special to the Times

Los Alamitos Elementary PTA's 28th Annual Dandy Day: Walk-A-Thon and Silent Auction was held on Oct. 21.

Dandy Day is the largest PTA fundraiser of the year to support the school's enrichment programs including a hands-on science lab, music program, art program, reading lab, technology program and for supporting multiple classroom and teacher needs.

"We could not offer the programs we have at Los Alamitos without the financial support and strong community building events that our amazing PTA provides us with," said Thomas Rousseau, Principal at Los Alamitos Elementary. "The high level of parent involvement at Los Alamitos and the PTA continually impresses me and this year's Dandy Day was one of the PTA's biggest and most impressive fundraising events yet."

This year's theme was "Rock Star" and in addition to being a major PTA fundraiser, enabled students, families, friends and faculty to spend the day together to celebrate and show support for the entire Los Alamitos community.

The PTA Dandy Day Walk-A-Thon was kicked off with the teacher dance, a long-standing tradition, and featured a live DJ, silent auction, Ultimate raffle, Dutch raffle for kids, cake walk, karaoke booth, Photo-with-a-Famous-Singer booth, slime booth, Tae Kwon Do demonstrations, barbeque, and an array of amazing treats to keep hungry walkers fueled up and happy.



Three-year-old **Elanie** is having fun at her first Dandy Day. *Photos by Denise Styerwalt*



Kunaal Pendse is having fun while raising money for Los Alamitos.

OP ED

Preserving Pat Dando's huge legacy

On July 16 of this year our entire community lost a true "Light-house" person when Pat Dando died.

If you knew Pat you know that she did a lot of great things to make life in Almaden a better place to live. The Almaden Times detailed a number of her accomplishments in the Aug. 25-Sept. 7, 2017 edition which is available online at: timesmedia.pageflip.site/editions/AT90720. I ask you to please review the article to see the amazing thing Dando did for our community.

When Pat passed away several of us felt that there should be some sort of permanent memorial to her positive contributions. Since she was a moving force in rebuilding both the old Almaden Library and small Community Center, we felt that renaming the combined facility in her honor would not only recognize her contributions to Almaden, but would also keep her Horatio Alger (female version) story in the minds of future generations as a true inspiration to hard work and persistence.

We will be asking the San Jose City Council to rename the Almaden Library/Community Center as the "Pat Dando Almaden Library/Community Center" sometime in the first quarter of 2018. If you think this is a good idea, you can help us show that the Almaden Community agrees with making this change by signing our online petition at: <http://www.AlmadenHomes.com/DandoPetition>

If you're not sure about signing the petition, please read on...

Pat served Almaden from the time she arrived here in the early 1970s, but her story starts in a small town in Texas where she was raised by a single mother who instilled the love of family and basic values in her daughter. She graduated from college there and moved with husband Bob to New York State where she taught school and started raising a family.

On their move to San Jose Pat focused on raising her three children and being active in their education

through PTA and community activities. Even then she did much more than just watch things happen. Whenever she saw a problem that needed solving she stepped up; brought together a group of likeminded folks; and, pursued the best solution possible. Getting the smoking policy at Leland changed, adding back the six period day in all high schools, and co-founding the Almaden Valley Youth Counseling Service, AVYCS (currently AVCS) to deal with local teen suicide issues to name just a few. In later years she went on to be one of the co-founders of the Almaden Art & Wine Festival through her membership in the Almaden Valley Women's Club.

As the kids grew up and with the agreement of her family she took on bigger projects that would benefit Almaden and the entire city including the Measure A campaign – to fund the completion of highways 85/87; the Shark Tank construction campaign; and later an executive position in the Redevelopment Agency. Eventually, she decided to run for City Council and spent 10 productive years there including becoming Vice Mayor before terming out at the end of 2004. A few months after leaving office she was asked to be the CEO of the San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce where she served admirably until her retirement in 2011.

One thing Pat did well was to listen to people's views on issues whether she agreed with their position or not. This skill held her in good stead even with her political opponents. She also never forgot that it takes more than one person to get things done. She was a master at getting others involved and equipping them to be successful in whatever the endeavor they were pursued. As friend and co-worker in many Almaden projects, Rocki Kramer put it this way, "You could always be sure that Pat had the best interest of Almaden and the entire city at heart."

Please sign our petition at: www.AlmadenHomes.com/DandoPetition

Thank you!

Rich Crowley
Almaden Valley

Editor's note: Rich Crowley has been a positive Almaden community activist since 1970 and a local Realtor there since 1975. He leads the effort to rename the facility in Pat Dando's honor.

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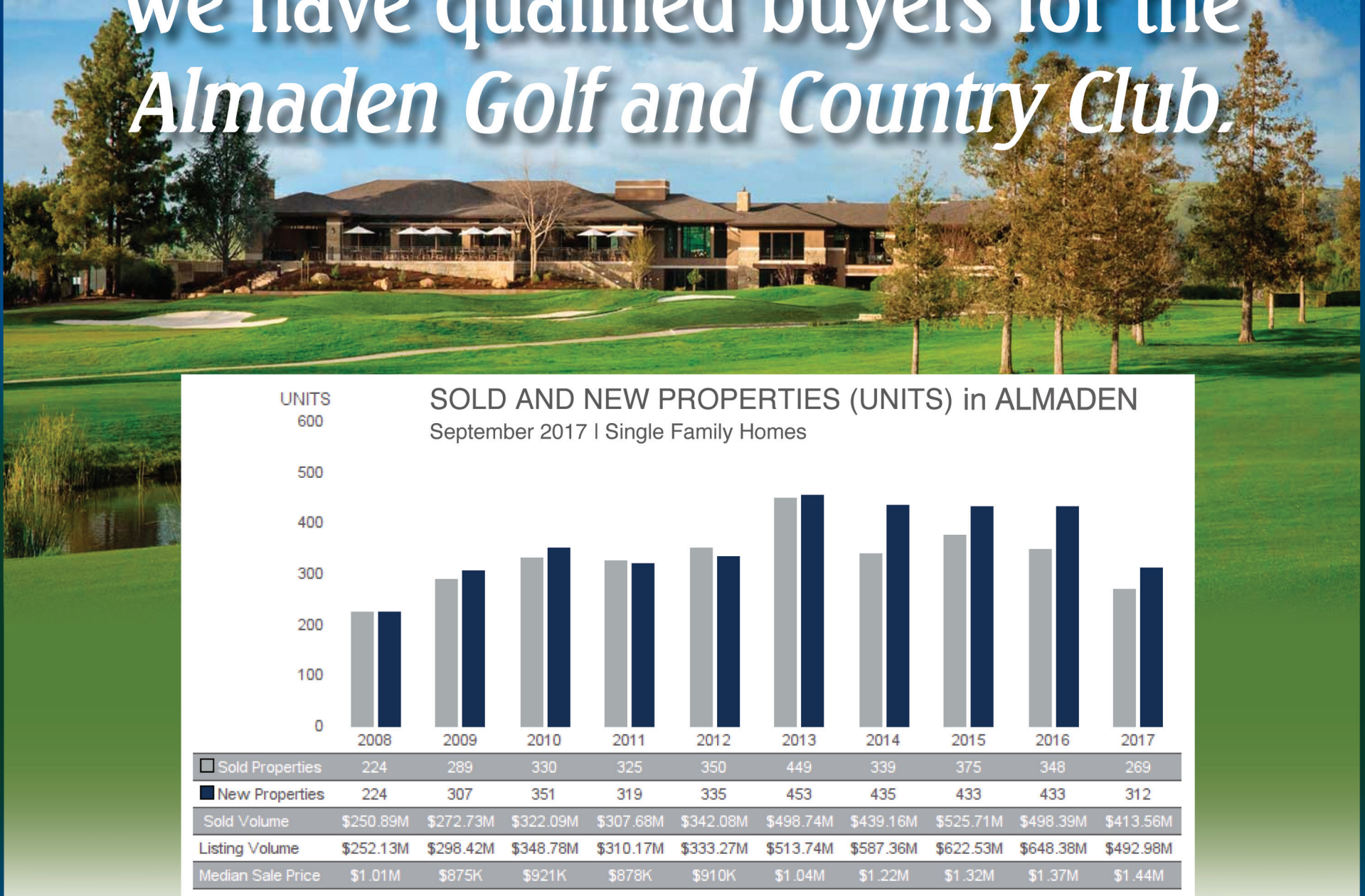
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La Forêt's staff show their enthusiasm on the first day of soft opening on October 19. Maître d' Sami Deeb (first left) has been with the restaurant since 1982.

La Forêt

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as seamless as possible. We really appreciate the support of the community for La Forêt for these many years."

Sami Deeb continues his position as Maître d' and is happy to be back to work. "Sami is such a fine man," said Paul Gardner. "We are looking forward to returning to the restaurant that hosted so many of our family gatherings."

"We have added a 14 oz. ribeye steak to the menu and our customers say they really enjoy the new item," said Maurice. "We are also including some new entrees in our daily specials. Our Sunday Brunch is scheduled to return sometime in December."

La Forêt invites the community to make reservations at La Forêt which is open every day except Monday from 5:30 to 9 p.m.

History

The two-story hotel originally housed



Chef **John Davoudi** (right) and Chef **Dave Page** take the first order during La Forêt's soft opening. Davoudi was there to assist in the transition.

workers from the quicksilver mines, and it operated as a boardinghouse until the 1930s, when it became Cafe Del Rio. That restaurant operated for 40 years. Davoudi and partner Mike Mashayekh founded La Forêt in 1978.

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La Forêt was originally a two-story hotel which housed workers from the quicksilver mines, and it operated as a boardinghouse until the 1930s.



A new drink has been introduced at La Forêt, which is named Le Grand Johnnie in honor of John Davoudi's 40 successful years as owner-chef of La Forêt.



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Pumpkins and Jack-o-lanterns added flair to the Pumpkin Bust event.

Pumpkin

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There were many volunteers from the local high and middle schools (Leland & Bret Harte) to help with the fun.

The Golden Gate Garrison 501st Legion Star Wars Troop was in attendance and drew a large crowd of Star Wars fans who eagerly took pictures with them. Even the Wookies made an appearance!

"There was so much joy and happiness throughout the event, as evidenced by all the smiles and laughter. This is community fundraising at its best!" stated Kimberly Meek, San Jose Unified School District Board Member.

Amy Shumway, Principal at Graystone Elementary, commented "We had a great time at Pumpkin Bust. The efforts of our parent organization provided a fun event for the community. We had an exceptionally great turn out with staff, students, parents and even our board member, Kimberly Meek, who brought her family to enjoy the evening."

"We had such a fabulous turnout for this fun event," Stefanie Bellucci, Graystone's Home & School Club Co-President and Chair of Pumpkin Bust 2017. "It was great to see so many of the Graystone community come out to enjoy the warm evening and support our school."



Wookies made an appearance at the event.



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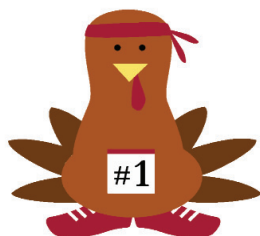
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**Median island cleanup
is part of SJ Mayor's
#BeautifySJ initiative**

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times staff writer

New funding for the landscape cleanup program is a part of the #BeautifySJ initiative which was announced during the budget process.

Mayor Liccardo allocated \$2,000,000 over two years in his June Budget Message to the cleanup and beautification of City-maintained landscape.

San Jose residents identified the appearance of the City's public landscape as an area of concern. Maintenance on median islands was being done every 18 months, which was not frequent enough to keep the islands in good shape.

With this funding, the Department of Transportation (DOT) will utilize contracted services to provide regular landscape maintenance to approximately half of its landscape inventory.

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**Handwork for Others
presented November 18**

The Handwork for Others class is hav-

ing its Annual Holiday Boutique event at the Almaden Community Center on Saturday, November 18 and Saturday, December 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Many new items will be for sale, including crocheted jewelry, fancy scarves, headbands, quilted decorations, women's shrugs, vests, sweaters and lots more, so come early for the best selection.

The Handwork for Others class provides handmade items to local charities and monetary donations to the Almaden Senior Association and the Almaden Community Center for youth activities non-profit groups.

**San Jose Clean Energy
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Hendrickson of Evergreen becomes first candidate to enter Persky recall election

By William Bellou
Publisher

Cindy Seeley Hendrickson (right) of San Jose has announced her candidacy to replace Judge Aaron Persky. The recall election is expected to occur in June 2018, although the recall effort is still in the process of gathering the required signatures.

Hendrickson said her candidacy provides voters with a clear alternative to serve in their judiciary. She currently serves as a Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney. “During the past 22 years, I have prosecuted some of the region’s most gut-wrenching cases,” said Hendrickson.

In 1999, Hendrickson helped launch the Santa Clara County Financial Abuse Specialist Team, sending con artists to prison and helping seniors recover and protect millions of dollars in life savings. She also worked with the sexual assault unit of the District Attorney’s Office, which led to life imprisonment for numerous child molesters and rapists.

In 2015, Hendrickson spearheaded the creation of a Family Justice Center in San Jose, where victims of domestic violence can receive comprehensive services.

“I’ve spent over two decades as a prosecutor advocating for the most vulnerable victims in our society while safeguarding



the rights of the accused, and I will continue to faithfully serve my community as a Judge on the Superior Court,” said Hendrickson. “Santa Clara County needs judges who reflect the values of the community, and there needs to be no doubt that the laws apply fairly to all. In my courtroom, everyone will feel respected and heard.”

Hendrickson, a graduate of Stanford University and UCLA Law School, worked as a civil litigator for five years before being sworn in as a Deputy District Attorney in 1995. She and her husband are raising three teenage daughters.

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San Jose City Councilmember **Johnny Khamis**, District 10, was a featured speaker at the Leland HS Future Business Leaders of America on October 13. Khamis spoke about his business and the reasons he moved to a life in public service.

Luxury home sales in Silicon Valley rise in September

The Silicon Valley luxury home market saw a gain in total sales in September year-over-year, according to a new report by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

A total of 59 residential properties priced \$3 million and higher were sold last month, a 40 percent increase from 42 sales in September 2016. The median price for luxury properties sold in September dipped to \$3.5 million from \$3,875,000 in September of 2016, a slip of 9.7 percent.

The data is based on sales transactions recorded in Santa Clara County by the Multiple Listing Service.

"The luxury market in Silicon Valley is seeing a slight cooling in home prices," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, San Francisco Bay Area "The slight dip in sales price year-over-year contributed to an increase in total sales throughout the month. Not only did sales spike, but homes also sold at a much faster pace."

Sales in the upper end of the market remained steady. Of the luxury home sales in September, 19 were of homes priced \$4 million and higher, the same as in the prior year.



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Olaf Jorgenson, Head of Almaden Country Day School

Almaden school launches innovative program supporting students with Dyslexia, other learning disorders

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Almaden Country Day School is launching a new program for the 2018-19 school year, "The Learning Center," supporting the needs of students with dyslexia and other language-based learning disorders.

In the South Bay, no other program like Almaden Country Day School's Learning Center exists for students in grades K-8. Approximately 15-20 percent of children have dyslexia.

"Because of the unique way their brains work, students with dyslexia and related disorders are often among the brightest, most creative and most curious. And yet they struggle in school without specialized support," says Olaf Jorgenson, Head of Almaden Country Day School. "Look at Steve Jobs, Bill Gates, Agatha Christie, Whoopi Goldberg, Charles Schwab, Pablo Picasso; all dyslexic and all incredibly successful original thinkers. Our hope is to help dyslexic children unlock their potential and discover their gifts."

The Learning Center, or TLC, will use the proven Orton-Gillingham approach to help students overcome their learning difficulties and make the most of their talents. The program is highly personalized, with a student to teacher ratio of four to one.

In addition, The Learning Center will provide its students and their families with a complete social and educational experience. Students in The Learning Center mix with mainstream classmates every day, taking elective classes, playing

after-school sports, acting on stage, and participating in school-wide social and family activities.

"TLC will be a godsend for any child struggling with language-based learning issues, and for parents who want a well-rounded, mainstream school experience for their child," says Cecilia Robb, who will serve as the first director of The Learning Center.

"It's also helpful for those who have one child with a learning disorder and other children who are mainstreamed, because siblings can attend the same school during the same hours," she continued. "Parents have a single source for a great school that will serve the needs of all of their children. And because TLC students spend half their time in mainstream classes, clubs, sports, and field trips, we are able to show the children how multitalented they are and that their learning differences do not define them."

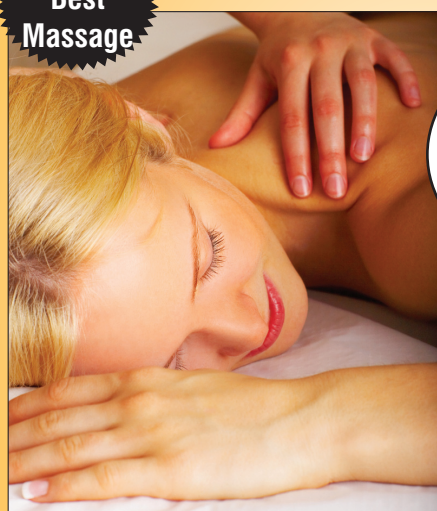
The Learning Center is a three-year program for most children who qualify for services. After three years, most students will be prepared to transition back into their home schools with the skills, attitudes, and confidence necessary to succeed, or they can choose to stay in Almaden Country Day School's mainstream program.

The Learning Center will open in Fall 2018, and Almaden Country Day School is accepting student applications now. More information about TLC can be found at almadencountrydayschool.org/thelearningcenter.

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Times **Feature**

The basics about divorce for California residents

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

This week's question:

"My sister has made the painful decision to end her fifteen-year marriage. She has two minor children with her husband and has been a career stay at home mother. What will the divorce process involve, and what can she expect to happen when all is said and done?"

Lawrence G.
Almaden Valley

Dear Lawrence:

I am sorry to hear of this sad turn in your sibling's life, and unfortunately it is all too common in not only California but in the U.S. these days. Divorce is often the most trying time in one's life and will undoubtedly take an emotional toll on the family which has to consider issues such as custody of children and division of assets.

First, a divorce does not always lead to vicious fighting or destroyed relationships. Especially when there are children of the divorcing couple, it is important to attempt to create a relationship with the ex-spouse that will minimize harm to the children. However, some divorce proceedings will be a war. Try to avoid war, but if you find yourself in one, you must fight hard in order to achieve a fair result with respect to custody of children, support determinations, and division of assets. As Shakespeare wrote, "Beware of entering a fight, but if you do enter it, make the other side beware of you."

Let us discuss the basics of the law of dissolution in California. California is a no-

fault divorce state, meaning either party can file for and obtain a divorce without cause or any reason.

First, one party must commence proceedings by filing a petition for dissolution of marriage. The court then must determine what the custody arrangement for the minor children will be (example, Mom during the week, Dad on weekends, holiday schedules, etc.), what financial child support and/or spousal support obligations one spouse may have to the other, what property is community and what is separate, and what the ultimate of division of property shall be. Depending on the length of the marriage, assets and income involved, and whether minor children are involved, the proceedings can be complicated and expensive.

Under Family Code Section 2550, the court must divide the community estate equally, except as the parties may otherwise agree. The parties may not agree and often there is a costly fight over what is community property, what is separate property, and what the value of such property is.

The main factors in determining whether property is community or separate are (a) the time of acquisition (pre or post marriage) and (b) the manner of acquisition (with community funds or separate funds).

(Giacomazzi v. Rowe (1952) 109 C.A.2d 498). Under Family Code Section 760, property acquired during marriage and before separation is presumed to be community property. For example, property, cash or otherwise, earned by a spouse through his or her occupation during the marriage is community property. On the other hand, if one party solely inherits property from family, it is the separate property of that party.

However, there are many circumstances where community and separate property may be commingled, creating the need for fact investigation and, often, a fight as to what is what. Investigators and appraisers are hired, and allegations of hidden assets and/or wasteful spending can ensue.

In the end, unless the parties agree in writing, the court will determine what is community and what is separate property, and who gets what.

Absent an agreement, the court must also determine what spousal support, if any, is appropriate. A spouse must submit an application to the court for spousal support by filing a motion and order to show cause. The court may order a party to pay spousal support to the other in any amount, and for any period of time, that the court deems just and reasonable. All courts use a guideline formula to calculate support.



Ask the Lawyer

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.
Attorney at Law

If the divorce involves children of the marriage, unless the parties agree on custody, visitation and child support arrangement, the parties may engage in lengthy discovery process involving written requests for information and documents, as well as oral questioning under oath and expert testimony, to provide the judge with as much information as possible to determine what is in the "best interest" of the child with respect to a custody arrangement and visitation rights and the like. The court will also order one parent to pay the other child support based on the parties' standard of living, each party's income, and who has primary custody of and care for the children.

Divorce is an end but it is also a beginning. Handling the process as best as you can will help you make that beginning happen sooner, with less disruption, and with an easier transition into your new life.

If you find yourself needing advice as to family law, estate planning or business matters, please feel free to contact me.

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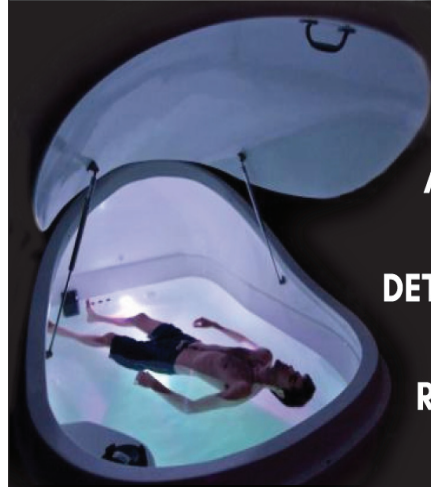
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Times **Cover Story****Fong***Continued from page 1*

that kid's life. He probably thought he was responsible by misbehaving. Every day we have these moments."

Fong lent some perspective on today's police force, noting that San Jose boasted more than 1,200 officers five years ago, but after a political movement, about 400 officers resigned, retired or went to another police department. "Imagine 30 percent of your organization," he says, "the best and the brightest...young, motivated bucks...the next leadership group of sergeants and lieutenants are no longer there. We were in a bad place."

Although they tried to recruit new officers, half of the academy would go elsewhere due to the pay and benefit cuts. Over time, the Academy class sizes dwindled down to 7 to 15 candidates while surrounding cities had 30 to 50.

"We saw what happened during the last couple of years when there was a lack of police officers," says Fong. "Thanks to the current political administration, they came up with a new ballot to rebuild SJPd. Now we have 50 in an Academy and I'm jumping for joy."

Fong says that things are improving with the SJPd and many of the officers who went elsewhere are coming back. "They left for economic reasons," he says, "but in their heart, they love this place and they're coming home." However, he cautions that the police department isn't totally rebuilt yet. "It takes time. We do have some challenges," he says. "We have to do more mentoring than ever before to assist the new police officers. We explain to them what it means to serve, why I'm so passionate about working for the City of San

**SJPd Captain Johnson Fong**

Jose and the honor of wearing this uniform. It's a calling and a career."

The SJPd has made some recent headway in curtailing burglaries and property crimes. Police officers are constantly rotated to stay sharp and learn new skills. When a training officer was moved to the financial crime unit, says Fong, he brought a new approach to solving burglaries. He believed that one burglar was responsible for 10 burglaries and two working together made 40. He put together a crack team of officers and targeted burglars, matching finger prints and modus operandi. He picked up a print in a car and started checking videos and determined that a 15-year-old female (driving a white jeep) and her crew was responsible for various burglaries and other crimes. In three days alone, she carjacked someone stole a gun, committed four burglaries and two auto thefts, committing 11 different crimes. The police tracked her to a hotel in San Jose and arrested seven people. "That's a sample of old-school police work, diligence and the commitment of SJPd," says Fong. In April, May, June 2017, compared with that time period a year ago, burglaries went

down 52 percent, he says.

Police officers work closely together on cases; sometimes night and day until they're solved. Fong says that a third of the department worked on overdrive to catch the person who kidnapped a Vietnamese woman. "It was an emotional high when we did," he says, "and you can fall in love with this job. But sometimes, you can fall in love with it too much. You fall out of love with your wife or your son." Fong warns the new recruits to watch out for this and to make sure that at the end of the day, they're not only a great cop, but a good husband, wife, father, brother, sister, son, and friend. "We have a lot of great cops who are living by themselves because they worked a little too hard," he says. "I learned that from someone who pulled me aside and said I was taking the job a little more seriously than I should."

Emergency prep

As the police liaison, Fong worked with the Office of Emergency Services following the Coyote Creek flood and realized the scope of assistance residents required following a disaster. "More than 500 people were displaced," he says. "They had no place to live and only the clothes on their backs." Fong says that the immediate rescuing and responding part was difficult, but just the tip of the iceberg as for the next 20 to 40 days people were truly in the wilderness. "They didn't have a home to go to, they didn't know what food they were going to eat or what their future was going to be like," he says. "The Office of Emergency Services worked non-stop, coordinating with the Red Cross and communicating with the Department of Transportation Code Enforcement." They housed and fed residents, provided them with showers, found temporary homes for their pets and transported kids to school until it was

safe for them to return home. "It was a tremendous deal," says Fong. "I was very impressed with the City. The City Manager worked the midnight shift and 14 hours a day until the crisis was over. I'm happy the city council invested time and resources into emergency services."

Technology in action

More than ever before, technology is playing a role in policing and home security. Utilizing statistics and demographics, police departments can do predictive policing to determine where and when a traffic accident or a robbery might occur and deploy resources to those areas in advance.

Fong recommends residents set up security cameras inside and outside homes and alarms that make a lot of noise. There are even cameras that operate when someone rings a doorbell. "Technology's fantastic for security and safety and it's not that expensive," he says. "You want to deter crime and have sufficient evidence to capture a criminal if a crime occurs." Regarding package theft, he recommends sending an expensive item to a business, signing for it or making sure you're home at the time of delivery.

The homeless

"Homelessness is not a crime. Mental illness is not a crime," says Fong. "These people have the same due process and first amendment rights as anyone else. But just because you're homeless or mentally ill, you cannot commit a crime." Fong believes that the amount of homeless on our streets is a reflection of our society today and notes that if a mentally ill person is talking to himself, the police have no authority to address it. "However, if a homeless person steals your property or breaks into your house or a mentally ill person attacks you," he says, "you have the same due process and the police will help

and will protect you."

A homeless person lived in a car across from Fong's house for three months. During the third month, he called a police officer. As the vehicle had not been moved for the last 72 hours, they had legal authority to ask him to leave. "If you contact the police, we can have a liaison provide care for a homeless person," says Fong. "They do their best to help them." Regarding the homeless, you can call 3-1-1 or 9-1-1 depending on the severity of the situation for a welfare check if you have concerns for their well-being. Residents can also contact: www.homelessconcernsca.gov regarding homeless issues.

"We do need to do more to solve the housing issue," says Khamis. Although he voted against Bridge Housing, the motion passed. Khamis has recommended sites like the Innovation Center's parking lot as locations to house the homeless in tiny homes. A final decision on Bridge Housing locations has not been reached by the City Council yet but the Almaden Expressway at Coleman site is still under consideration. "I'll fight against that for environmental and parking reasons," says Khamis, "but I can't win without people showing up for the City Council meetings."

Police officers take Crisis Intervention training in mental illness to assist with the homeless. Police will check on a mentally ill person to make sure he doesn't want to hurt himself or anyone else. If he says he's fine and appears to be healthy, the police will let him be. However, if someone is greatly disabled or says they want to hurt someone, the police will intervene, transporting them for an evaluation and counseling.

Captain Johnson Fong can be contacted by email at: 2710@san-joseca.gov.

Car Show featuring Chevrolet to benefit toy and food drive

San Jose Classic Chevy Club's 29 Annual Car Show, Toy and Food Drive, will be held on the campus of the Cathedral of Faith this Saturday, November 4th at 10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Admission is free.

The San Jose Classic Chevy Club is a non-profit, San Jose-based club for owners and aficionados of Classic Chevrolet vehicles. The club has partnered with the Cathedral of Faith and other various Santa Clara County charities for charitable fundraising. All car entries and visitors are encouraged to donate an unwrapped toy and non-perishable food items that will be distributed to families in need for the holidays.

Last year, more than 500 cars were a part of the event. Organizers collected over 1,400 new toys and more than 8,000 pounds of non-perishable food items. Through the Cathedral's holiday gift program, children from hundreds of families received new wrapped toys for Christmas. Through the Church's Reaching Out Program, more than 4,000 people were given turkeys and grocery carts full of food for the holidays.

The car show will include other family-oriented activities, like a pancake breakfast, raffles, grand prizes, music

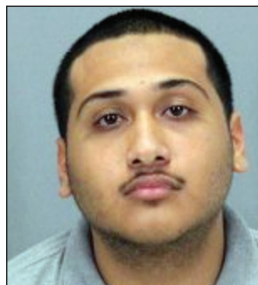
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For more information, visit www.cathedraloffaith.org or call 408-267-4691.

Police seek homicide suspect

San Jose: On Wednesday, October, 18, 2017, at 12:20 AM, San Jose Police officers responded to the 300 block of Branham Lane East on a report of a person stabbed. Arriving Officers located the victim suffering from at least one stab wound. The victim was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced deceased a short time later.

Follow up investigation by Homicide detectives lead to a warrant being issued for suspect Devon Bargas for the murder of Victim Lucas Gutierrez. Suspect Bargas whereabouts are unknown and it is possible he has fled to Mexico.

**Devon Bargas**

This is the city's 28 homicide of 2017.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Bert Miliken or Detective Raul Corral of the San Jose Police Department's Homicide Unit at 408-277-5283.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a CASH REWARD from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

2017 Veterans Day Parade slated for Saturday, Nov. 11

The United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County presents the annual Veterans Day Parade in the City of San Jose each year.

This year's parade is on Saturday, November 11, celebrating the selfless dedication of U.S. veterans.

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Times Feature

How I voted

By Councilmember
Johnny Khamis
Special to the Times

Have you ever wondered how I voted on a particular issue or why I voted a certain way?

At mid-year my District 10 team and I took a look back at goals that we set out to accomplish for you and with you.

These goals are initiatives that I brought to City Council or to City staff and that we have accomplished with the help of the community and in partnership with City departments, non-profits, other elected officials, outside agencies, as well as with Mayor Liccardo and helpful colleagues on the City Council.

While we've had several hot items of current interest to report on in the past few editions of the D10 Newsletter, I didn't want to neglect to give you an update on all that's been accomplished in the first half of 2017!

A permit parking program was instituted in the Hoffman-Via Monte neighborhood, to complement the Safe Communities program there.

The City of Milpitas was encouraged to direct their garbage to Kirby Canyon landfill instead of Guadalupe landfill. This was a win-win as it prevented costly lawsuits between cities while minimizing impacts on residents of both San Jose and Milpitas.

We achieved the realignment of the Office of Emergency Services. The position of Director was elevated to a direct report under the City Manager and the office was renamed the Office of Emergency Management.

Purchased software to help streamline and improve the permitting and planning processes. The implementation of the new software is currently in progress.

Reduced permitting costs of small additions and remodeling projects. For a second time, this time this was done as part of the 2017-2018 budget process. In addition, the square footage of projects covered by the reduced small-project rates was increased from 500 to 750!

Implemented Hot-Spot code enforcement. The Code Enforcement division also applied a new algorithm for predictive enforcement.

We changed the policy pro-

hibiting intrusions of structures into the airspace above the public right-of-way so that it is more consistent with those in other big cities. This allows builders to more fully optimize a building site and provide for more interesting designs on high-rise buildings in the downtown, such as the signature Museum Place project.

Developed brochure to promote joint recruitment for public safety-related positions to capture those who are interested in safety-related jobs but who may not qualify for service as a police officer. The brochure exposes potential applicants to many opportunities to serve in a public safety capacity, whether as an SJPD officer, a Crime Prevention Specialist, a Community Service Officers, a Dispatcher, a Park Ranger, or a Parking Enforcement officer.

Construction began on the Coleman Road Undercrossing. This will complete the recreational trail loop around Almaden Lake Park and connect the park directly to the trail so that pedestrians and cyclists won't need to cross at the busy Coleman – Almaden Expressway intersection.

Preservation of the Santa Teresa Foothills took a step forward as the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority purchased the 52-acre Pfeiffer parcel. This is in addition to the prior purchase of the 27-acre San Filippo property.

Phase 2 of the Coleman Road paving project was completed.

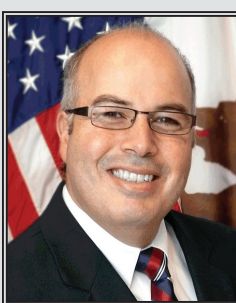
We presented another successful Westfield Oakridge Winter Walk as well as the popular July 4th Family Fun Festival and Fireworks Show at Almaden Lake.

We sponsored flag raisings to celebrate the Assyrian, Scottish-hand, Greek-American communities in San Jose and a festival to celebrate the Persian New Year, Nowruz.

Promoted Senior Exemptions available on certain taxes passed in November of 2016. This was a follow-up to our Tax and Bond Transparency effort ahead of last year's elections.

A new searchable map was developed for all of the District 10 Nextdoor Neighborhoods that utilizes Google Maps and is posted to the www.sjd10.com website.

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District 10 Report
Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

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Extra \$500 for CA Wildfire Victims*

*Customers must present a copy of their insurance claim form indicating damage to their car, truck or SUV as a result of the California wildfires, which occurred in October, 2017.

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MSRP	\$15,990
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$3,382
SALE PRICE	\$12,608
FIAT CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$1,000
FIAT CA NON-PRIME BONUS CASH**	-\$750
FIAT 2017 CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE CASH***	-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$9,888

33 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

5 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE!

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY **FOR FICO SCORES BELOW 620, MUST FINANCE THROUGH CHRYSLER CAPITAL, SUBJECT TO CREDIT APPROVAL. ***MUST LEASE A 2008 OR NEWER NON-FCA LLC VEHICLE, TURN-IN OR TRADE-IN NOT REQUIRED, CURRENT REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

2017 JEEP RENEGADE AUTOMATIC & AIR

MSRP	\$21,915
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$4,027
SALE PRICE	\$17,888
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,500
JEEP CA RETAIL NON-PRIME BONUS CASH**	-\$500
JEEP CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$500
JEEP CA 2017 BONUS CASH***	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$13,888

27 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

#1 RENEGADE DEALER IN THE NATION! PER FCA SALES REPORT SEPT. 2017

5 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE!

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2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SUMMIT 4X4

DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP	-\$7,388
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,250
JEEP CPOV BONUS CASH COUPON	-\$500
JEEP CA 2017 BONUS CASH**	-\$250
JEEP CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$500

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$10,888

94 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS VIN 755028

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA

MSRP	\$30,090
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$5,202
SALE PRICE	\$24,888
CHRYSLER CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH***	-\$600
CHRYSLER CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$600
CHRYSLER TRADE-IN RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$19,888

48 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

5 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE VIN 840357, 840365, 840369, 840372, 840374

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2018 JEEP CHEROKEE LATITUDE AUTOMATIC, AIR, P/W, PL & MORE!

MSRP	\$25,490
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$4,602
SALE PRICE	\$20,888
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$3,000
JEEP CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH***	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$15,888

127 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

#1 CHEROKEE DEALER IN NOR-CAL* #2 CHEROKEE DEALER IN CABO* #3 CHEROKEE DEALER IN THE NATION! PER FCA SALES REPORT SEPT. 2017

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2018 DODGE CHALLENGER 3.6L V6, AUTOMATIC & MORE!

MSRP	\$28,090
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$4,452
SALE PRICE	\$23,638
DODGE CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
DODGE CA 2018 BONUS CASH**	-\$500
DODGE CA 2018 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,250

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$20,888

70 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

3 AT THIS NET PRICE #161463, 153279, 161465

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

2018 DODGE CHARGER 3.6L V6, AUTOMATIC & MORE!

MSRP	\$29,590
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$3,952
SALE PRICE	\$25,638
DODGE CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**	-\$500
DODGE CA 2018 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,250

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$22,888

40 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

#1 CHARGER DEALER IN THE CABO* #2 CHARGER DEALER IN THE NATION! PER FCA SALES REPORT SEPT. 2017

*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

RAM TRUCK CENTER

2017 RAM PROMASTER CITY CARGO VAN AUTOMATIC & A/C

MSRP	\$26,185
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$3,207
SALE PRICE	\$22,978
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,500
RAM 2017 ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPTIGRAPHICS**	-\$500
RAM PROMASTER CONQUEST BONUS CASH***	-\$1,500
RAM CA COMMERCIAL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$16,888

20 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #F87426, F42891

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2017 RAM 1500 AUTOMATIC & AIR

MSRP	\$28,470
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$4,832
SALE PRICE	\$23,638
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,750
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH***	-\$500
RAM CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000
RAM CONQUEST LEASE TO RETAIL/LEASE CASH***	-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$16,888

889 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

5 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE

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2017 RAM 1500 CREW CAB AUTOMATIC, NAV, LEATHER, PARKING SENSORS & MORE!

DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP	-\$10,388
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$2,750
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH***	-\$500
RAM CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000
RAM CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000
RAM LD V6 RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$18,088

88 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

20 TO CHOOSE FROM AT THIS NET SAVINGS

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Dont miss the 2017 Veterans Day Parade

By Dave Cortese
County Supervisor

Saturday, November 11, 2017, marks the 99th anniversary of Armistice Day, or the end of World War I.

Now known as Veterans Day, we honor the men and women who have served in the military and those who are serving now.

Please join me and the United Veterans of Santa Clara County at the annual Veterans Day Parade in San Jose. A ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. on Market Street near the San Jose Tech Museum, and will be followed by a parade at 11 a.m., from the Highway 87 overpass at Santa Clara Street and along Santa Clara Street to San Carlos Street.

The parade's Grand Marshall is retired Rear Admiral William W. Copeland Jr., United States Navy, and president of Topgun Consulting. He has flown over 300 combat missions with more than 1,300 carrier arrested landings, and more than 5,000 flight hours in 30 different types of aircraft.

After the parade, historic military vehicles will be on display and veteran organization booths will provide information from 2 to 6 p.m. at Honor on The Row in Santana Row on Stevens Creek Boulevard in San Jose. Opera San



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

Jose's Veterans Chorus will perform at 3:30 p.m.

If you have any questions, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

New payment program allows for property tax installments

By Mike Wasserman
County Supervisor

The County of Santa Clara now accepts partial payments of property taxes.

This new program, managed by the Department of Tax and Collections includes other new features including e-mail notifications and announcements related to tax bills.

Moving forward, only the unpaid amount on the first and second installment bills will be treated as delinquent tax on December 10th and April 10th of each year, in the same manner as any other delinquent or defaulted tax. Remember that paying your property taxes to the County is how you pay for your neighborhood schools, libraries and local services. Only 18 percent actually comes back to the County.

For more information, visit the Department of Tax and Collections website at sccgov.org/sites/dtac/Pages/default.aspx or call the Property Tax Information telephone line at (408) 808-7900.



County Report

Mike Wasserman,
County Supervisor

YMCA transforming lives in Silicon Valley for 150 years

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Since its early beginnings in San Jose in 1867, with 12 initial members, the Y has been a force for good, improving the quality of life in Silicon Valley.

Today, YMCA of Silicon Valley serves nearly 250,000 people, with a focus on nurturing the potential of every child and teen, improving the health and well-being of all community members, and providing opportunities to give back.

The Y has a long history of innovations, most notable the invention of basketball and group swim lessons. In 1910, the Y created Father's Day, and in 1939 helped found the United Service Organization (USO) to provide morale and recreation to overseas troops. Locally, the Y initiated the first overnight camping programs in the Santa Cruz Mountains. During World War II, San Jose YMCA housed 500 military men nightly. When women began joining the workforce, the Y helped support families by providing quality child care.

From its early focus, the Y rapidly expanded to become an all-inclusive organization, welcoming people of all ages, capabilities, backgrounds, incomes, beliefs and orientations. As a leading community organization, the Y is committed to bringing about lasting personal and social change. Guided by volunteer governance, and through generous donations, the Y provides over \$5 million in financial assistance and program subsidies to enable those in need to benefit from much-needed Y programs and services.

The term "body building" was coined in 1881 by Y staffer, Robert Roberts who developed

exercise programs that anticipated today's fitness workouts. Now, in addition to a wide-range of exercise options, the Y provides life-changing resources and support through healthy living programs like Diabetes Prevention, Enhanced Fitness for seniors, Living Strong Living Well for cancer survivors, Health Transitions for cardiac patients, and Parkinson's Program to improve mobility and function.

"Since I started the Diabetes Prevention Program I have been able to reach and maintain my weight goal and have increased my weekly physical activities and endurance," shares Jeanette. "I ran the Bay-To-Breakers race to prove I was healthy enough to compete. I can truly say that I am much healthier now because I learned to live a better lifestyle—all South Valley Family YMCA serves more than 7,500 people in the San Jose community. With its local presence, this Y combines the experience and expertise of the broader movement and is uniquely positioned to make a positive difference by focusing on critical community needs.

For 150 years, the Y has been responding to the communities' most crucial social needs in Silicon Valley. Whether developing skills and emotional well-being through education and training, welcoming and connecting diverse demographic populations through community services, or building healthier communities through collaborations with community leaders, the Y ensures opportunities for all ages.

Editor's Note: YMCA locations offer a free day visitor pass so that you can learn more about each location. Here is the website for the South Valley YMCA <http://www.ymcasv.org/southvalley/>

Homecoming dresses distributed for low-income families in need

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Homecoming dresses are being distributed to deserving girls around the country by the Believe in Yourself Project.

Each homecoming dance season there is a lot of pressure on young girls to stay in style. The reality is that many girls from low-income families cannot afford the high cost of the latest fashions.

Believe in Yourself is a foundation launched in January 2017 that provides brand-new, never-worn dresses to low-income girls around the country, while at the same time works to promote positive body image, to reduce cyber bullying, and to inspire girls to believe in themselves and their dreams.

Dress donations are tied to the girls' progress in achieving goals. Each girl who wants to receive a dress is entered into a system where they are then tracked to



Sam Sisakhti, founder of Believe in Yourself Project is pictured with recipients of new homecoming dresses.

see their progress, whether towards improving their academics or pursuing an extracurricular interest such as music, dance, or sports, and Believe in Yourself provides the girls dresses for any upcoming events they have during the school year.

Believe in Yourself is part of a broader initiative. The charity

brings in mentors and speakers to motivate the girls to believe in themselves. These mentors also provide tips if the girls are experiencing a negative body image or bullying of any kind, and they counsel the girls to help them achieve their dreams and goals.

For more information, visit www.believeinyourself.org.

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Reduced barriers in City land use policies that prevented faith communities from helping to provide solutions for the unhoused and needy not just in the cold winter months, but the high-heat months, as well.

Implemented improved signage in the permit center and extended permit center service hours through lunch time. The new signage was done in multiple languages to accommodate small business owners and residents for whom English is not their first language and the extended hours provides for less waiting time and better service

for customers.

We can't accomplish all that we do without your help, your advocacy, and, in the case of special events, your generosity. We also rely on the hard work of all of the City staff for many of the accomplishments on the list. They take the plans and policies the City Council approves and turns them into action. We have many action items that are in process and many more that we've added to the list. In 2018, be sure to check the newsletters for an update on what's happened in the second half of 2017.

For questions, comments, or concerns you may reach my office at 408.535.4910 or district10@sanjoseca.gov.



CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC

6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120. Pastor, Rev. Marty Williams, 408 268 0243.

www.ccavucc.org.

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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.

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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 NEW 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

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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 Terrace 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.church-stanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.



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SAN JOSE GURDWARA

3636 Gurdwara Ave. San Jose, CA 95148 The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room on site and walk the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website; <http://www.SanJoseGurdwara.org>

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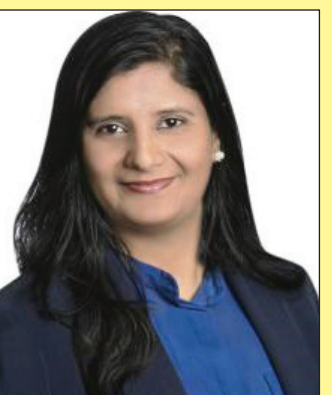
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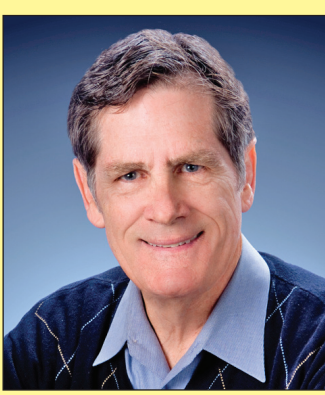
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