

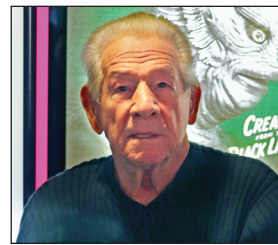
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## PARK HEROES RECOGNIZED

Three Almaden Valley residents were proclaimed “Park Heroes” at the State of the City Address held on Feb. 8. The awards were presented by District 10 – City Councilman Johnny Khamis. Pictured (left to right) are: **Khamis, Patrick Pizzo, Lee Pauser, Dave Poeschel**, and San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo**. The three park heroes were recognized for their many contributions to Martin-Fontana Parks and its Association. “When you see these guys, make sure to give them a pat on the back and say “Thank You” for all their hard work,” said Khamis.

## Almaden Women's Club offers scholarship and logo contest

Applications are now being accepted for scholarships offered by the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AVWC).

Each year the club serves the needs of the Almaden Valley community and those of greater San Jose through funds raised at their annual fundraiser – the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival.

In addition to supporting San Jose area non-profit organizations, the women's club sets aside funds for Academic & Service scholarships to graduating seniors living in Almaden Valley.

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and community service. For a link to the application as well as for more information on the scholarship please visit the Almaden Valley Women's Club website at: [almadenwomen.org/scholarships](http://almadenwomen.org/scholarships).

The deadline for submission is March 31, 2018.

### Logo contest

In addition to the scholarship, the AVWC is inviting students to

participate in the annual logo contest for the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival. The logo will be displayed on wine and beer glasses sold at the Festival as well as in local newspapers and other visual media. The top five winners receive prize money from the organization.

Any student who resides or who is enrolled in a public, pri-

vate or home school program in the 95118, 95120 and 95123 zip codes, and is between the ages of 11-18 at the time of submission, is eligible to participate. Details on the contest can be found on the Almaden Valley Women's Club website at: [almadenwomen.org/logo-contest](http://almadenwomen.org/logo-contest).

Entries are due Tuesday, March 20, 2018.



## CHAMPIONS!

Pioneer High School's Blue Varsity Roller Hockey Team has won the Division 2 championships. The triumphant team is pictured here following their win over Sobrato High School on Feb. 10 at the Silver Creek Sportsplex in San Jose.

## STATE OF THE CITY



Mayor Sam Liccardo's recent State of the City Address stressed the topics of unity, inclusivity and housing.

## MAYOR'S ADDRESS

# Working together for a better tomorrow

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Unity, inclusivity and housing were the hallmarks of Mayor Sam Liccardo's recent State of the City Address.

Among the city's accomplishments, the mayor highlighted adding 150 officers to the San Jose police force, reducing burglaries and graffiti and raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by 2019.

“We know there's a lot of work ahead,” he says. “We're focused on affordable housing, equity in our city and creating a blueprint for the most sustainable city in the country.”

### Coming together

Following the devastation of the Coyote Creek flood, Liccardo

drew hope from the residents of San Jose who rallied together to clean hundreds of homes in five neighborhoods.

“Immediately after the flood, Paul Pereira and I were out with city employees helping residents... when Paul suggested that we solicit volunteers,” says Liccardo. He did so, reaching out to Park staff and community leaders.

“As I arrived at the Roosevelt Community Center that Saturday,” he says, “I expected to roll up my sleeves with a few dozen good Samaritans. I was wrong. One thousand, six hundred and forty volunteers showed up that day!”

As the mayor helped carry a  
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# Valley Currents

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## Leland students tackle school start time issue

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

Parents, students and community members joined district and school leaders for a Town Hall Meeting at Leland High School on Feb. 5.

The Town Hall Meeting included an hour-long open forum and a public policy debate led by students from Leland's nationally-recognized speech and debate program. The debate team discussed the benefits and disadvantages of the high school start time.

The debate focused on the recent proposal from the state legislature to require all middle and high schools in California to start classes no earlier than 8:30 a.m. The start time discussions were scheduled to provide an opportunity to get the pulse of the Almaden community.

Students participating in the debate proceedings spoke for at least one minute before parents, staff, students and district leaders in the school's Media Center.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study in 2014 revealed that 93 percent of high schools and 83 percent of middle schools across the nation start before 8:30 a.m.



According to the American Academy of Sleep Medicine stated that teens are often sleepier at night while studying. Many teens need from eight to 10 hours of sleep every night. If students do not get enough sleep, they are more likely to be overweight, not as active, suffer from symptoms of depression and not perform as well in the classroom, according to recent studies.

Two student teams, coached by Leland High School's speech and debate instructor Gay Brasher, debated the pros and cons of later start times. The audience was polled for their opinion via text before and afterwards, and the student arguments against the change proved effective.

According to school officials, prior to the debate, 53 percent of guests were supportive of later start times, with 39 percent opposed and 8 percent not sure. After 30 minutes of spirited back-and-forth, only 51 percent supported later start times, with 43percent opposing and 6 percent unsure. But despite the shift, the only consensus is that there is no consensus on this complicated topic.

The San Jose Union School District's newsletter stated: "As a district, we put our students first and will support any policies that help them succeed. We believe that local districts and schools should continue to have the opportunity to establish bell

schedules that work best for their educational environment. If a change comes from the state level, we will do all that we can to make the transition as smooth as possible."

The consensus among all participants was that the debate process will make any upcoming changes less disruptive to students' schedules.

## Almaden students win awards for written essays on American history

The Los Gatos chapter of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) awarded a number of outstanding participants for their essays on American History and Christopher Columbus on Monday, February 5.

The American History award topic: World War I: Remembering the War to End All Wars.

The winners are:

Grade 5 – **Kaleb So**, (District Winner) Challenger School - Almaden

Grade 6 – **Derik Lien**, Almaden Challenger School - Almaden

Grade 7 – **Emily Luong**, Challenger School – Shawnee

Grade 8 – **Chelsea Kawamura**, Carden Academy of Almaden

Christopher Columbus topic: Advantages and Disadvantages of Working Relationships between Foreign Parties":

The winner is:

11 Grade – **Yusra Arub**, Archbishop Mitty High School Good Citizenship Awards:

1st Place – **Hiwad Haider**, Prospect High School

2nd Place – **Riley Carter**, Saratoga High School

3rd Place – **Allison Baroni**, Presentation High School

Honorable Mention:

**Emma Tucker**, Branham High School

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Pat Dando believed in the community

Dear Editor,

I taught school in Almaden Valley for 40 years. Now retired, yet still a resident, I enjoy the closeness of this beautiful valley, its history, its changing demographic, and its welcoming atmosphere. I am also keenly aware that we have few modern day role models who universally remind us of our better selves.

In the mid-seventies, I met Pat Dando at Henderson School in San Jose's Almaden Valley. I was teaching 6th grade, and her children were enrolled in the ele-

mentary school. Over the years, she became very involved with the school. From PTA President, Pat went on to more active roles in local and city politics. As a resident of Almaden Valley, she always had an open door with regard to community needs and concerns. The Library/ Community Center we enjoy today is due to her direct intervention.

Pat could certainly be identified as a modern day hero. By her quiet, yet persistent leadership, she was able to gather folks together to accomplish much for her neighbors & constituents. She believed in the potential and dignity of each person and conducted her private and political life to reflect these unifying principles.

She so believed in the power of working together, in solving the community's problems through consensus, in making sure each

person's voice was heard. What a wonderful tribute it would be to honor her by naming the Library / Community Center after her, one of the people most responsible for it!

While some feel using anyone's name is somehow diminishing the status of identifying where this center is located, I believe including both names in the title solves that problem quite nicely. Certainly, Almaden Valley has a rich historic legacy; however, it does not harm that legacy one iota by adding a modern hero to its name. Yes, Almaden Valley has created many modern heroes over the years; why don't we acknowledge this very special one by naming our library: The Pat Dando Almaden Library / Community Center?

**Denise DeLong**  
Almaden Valley

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## South Bay Philharmonic presents 'Night of the Living Composers' March 2

Foothill Community Concert Series will present "Night of the Living Composers" on Friday, March 2 at Foothill Presbyterian Church 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

The concert, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will be performed by the South Bay Philharmonic orchestra. This volunteer orchestra astounds audiences with an ever-growing repertoire of both modern and classical music.

The South Bay Philharmonic includes both professional and amateur musicians, giving young musicians a much needed entry point into the world of orchestral music, and it's a thrill to see them rise to the occasion.

Night of the Living Composers is the orchestra's first concert featuring music all by living composers.

Edward Gregson: Tuba Concerto, with John Whitecar

Nancy Bloomer Deussen: Transit of Venus  
Louis Babin: Saint-Exupery: of Heart, Sand, and Stars (US Premiere Performance)

Linda Robbins Coleman: Journeys

Admission, \$10, includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists. Tickets are available at the door, or online at [www.foothillpc.org/fccs](http://www.foothillpc.org/fccs).



Foothill Community Concert Series will present "Night of the Living Composers" on Friday, March 2 at Foothill Presbyterian Church.

## Local middle schools to participate in Department of Energy 'Science Bowl'

A team of students from local middle schools are participating in an upcoming science competition.

The winning team will represent California in the middle school National Finals of the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science's National Science Bowl® (NSB).

This year marks the 28th NSB, which the DOE Office of Science launched to interest today's youth in pursuing careers in science and math.

The winning team members from the regional competition will receive all-expenses-paid trips to Washington, D.C., to compete in DOE's National Science Bowl from April 26 to April 30.

The winner of the national competition will win prizes for the team members and their schools.

One or more teams from the following schools in San Jose are competing in the regional competition:

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Bret Harte Middle School

Challenger Berryessa  
Challenger-Strawberry Park  
Joaquin Miller Middle School  
The Harker School  
Valley Christian Junior High School  
West Valley Middle School

## Leland Chargers crush league-leader Piedmont Hills in exciting basketball game

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

The Leland High School boys basketball Chargers shocked undefeated Piedmont Hills Pirates team with an upset win of 62-47 on Feb. 1.

Leland led the Pirates 18-10 at the end of the first quarter, which set the tone for the exciting game. Both teams play in the Blossom Valley Athletic League Mt. Hamilton Division.

Leland coach Mitchell Shapero said the Chargers were well prepared for the matchup, because they knew it would be a tough battle after losing to Piedmont on Jan. 10.

Leland manufactured the big win against the Pirates after falling to Santa Teresa, 70-66, on Jan. 30.

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## Times Features

## Almaden students delivering music, art, technology to Cambodian peers

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Leland High School students are in Asia for the winter break to help their peers.

As the San Jose Unified School District was shut down for the week, on Sunday, Feb. 18, a group of 14 dedicated Leland High School students and their parents are headed to Cambodia to teach music, art and technology to those enrolled in the Doris Dillon School.

DeLong was approached by several girl scouts attending Leland High School about the idea of creating some projects to benefit students attending the Dillon School in Cambodia. Projects include teaching ukulele, sustainable farming techniques; art classes; the art of Frisbee throwing, and CPR skills.

The Doris Dillion School was created and funded with the support of Bret Harte Middle School teacher Jim DeLong in



Jim and Denise DeLong are pictured with some scholarship students attending the Doris Dillon School in Cambodia.

Photo courtesy of Doris Dillon School.

2007, when Bret Harte Middle School and Leland High School students raised funds to build a middle school in the rural Cambodian village of Sangker Doch in Kampot province. They named it The Doris Dillon School to honor a nationally acclaimed elementary teacher who taught in Almaden Valley for many years before dying of ALS in 2001.

## 16th annual Bus Trip for Education scheduled for May 15

The 16th annual Bus Trip for Education will leave San Jose for Sacramento on May 15, 2018.

The free Bus Trip for Education has increased from a handful of concerned residents to 180 in 2017, including students from area high schools and middle schools.

The Bus Trip is sponsored by my office and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. Bus Trip participants gain an in-depth knowledge of public education issues ranging from grades K-12 to community colleges and four-year universities.

Participants receive updates on current legislative proposals, a status update on school funding and other key public education efforts. There will also be guided tours of the Capitol.

All participants will gather at 6 a.m., and the buses will leave at 6:30 a.m. from the VTA Transit Center at Eastridge Mall, 2200 Eastridge Loop, San Jose, and return to the same location around 5 p.m.

A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

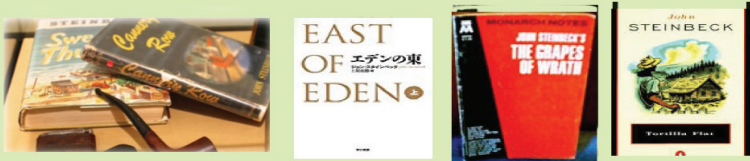
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## Membership drive 2018 – We need you!

The Board of Directors of the Martin Fontana Parks Association is currently holding their Annual Membership Drive. The goal is to add at least 30 memberships to the Association. To become a Member, renew a Membership, or become a Sponsor, visit: [martinfontanaparksassociation.blog/membership-3](http://martinfontanaparksassociation.blog/membership-3). Membership dues are \$20 per person or \$35 per family for a one year. Your contributions go toward making our two parks the best they can be.

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# Google donates \$250,000 to support Bay Area homeless

Google, Downtown Streets Team and Project WeHOPE are each now able to further their efforts to provide resources and support to their

clients and Team Members. The \$250,000 in funding comes at a critical time for the non-profits, as program needs are heightened especially around the holidays.

With roughly 30,000 Bay Area residents living on the streets it's paramount for non-profits to create partnerships with public, private and like-minded groups to most effectively meet the needs of unhoused men, women and families.

Project WeHOPE is receiving funding from Google to launch its third Dignity on Wheels custom truck and trailer that will provide

hygiene services and case management to homeless men, women and children.

Dignity on Wheels is a mobile hygiene solution to meet the needs of the homeless where they are. On a regularly scheduled basis, the program provides people in need with showers, washers, dryers, and, uniquely, referrals to important services, with the goal of helping them become

healthy, employed and housed. The new hygiene unit will meet the increasing demand in communities from Redwood City to Mountain View.

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## BRET HARTE'S UNDEFEATED CHAMPIONS

Bret Harte 8th Grade Basketball team have been declared League Tournament Champions. The undefeated team won their final game of the season making them league champions on Feb 8. They went on to play in the League Tournament winning against Burnett 52- 41 and Willow Glen 42-30. Pictured (left to right): Top row: Owen Lazzaro, Kevin Gui, Finley Whelton, Aidan Cain, Noor Haroon, Aidan Swenson, Jacob Kuverji, Mark Eby, Zach Chung, Dylan Schweighardt, Chase Coddington, Vibhu Krishnan, Tyler Kuhns, Coach Carlos Melara. Bottom row: Shaun Ito, Ryan Francisco, and Adithya Raghunath.





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Caribbean Hot-Pot Broth with Papaya Pica Sauce

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Prep time: 45 minutes  
Cook time: 3 hours  
Servings: 10

Caribbean Hot-Pot Broth:

- 2 pounds smoked ham hocks
- 2 cups sliced yellow onions
- 1 cup diagonally sliced carrots
- 1/2 cup diagonally sliced celery
- 8 1/4 cups water, divided
- 1 container (32 ounces) Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock
- 1 whole chile pepper, such as Scotch bonnet or habanero
- 2 McCormick Bay Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Thyme Leaves
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Turmeric
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- salt, to taste
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- 2 cans (13.66 ounces each) Thai Kitchen Coconut Milk
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Papaya Pica Sauce:

- 3 cups cubed fresh papaya
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 1/4 cup chopped, seeded Scotch bonnet (chile pepper)
- 1/4 cup chopped yellow onion
- 1/4 cup yellow mustard
- 1 teaspoon sea salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Ground Cloves
- 1 pound uncooked bay scallops
- 1 pound uncooked shrimp, peeled and deveined
- cooked rice
- toasted shredded coconut (optional)
- fresh red or green bell pepper slices (optional)

**To make broth:** Place ham hocks, onion, carrots and celery in 6-quart stockpot. Cook on medium heat 5-6 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 8 cups water, chicken stock, chile pepper, bay leaves, thyme leaves, turmeric, allspice and pepper. Add salt, to taste. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 1 hour, skimming fat occasionally.

Remove cover and simmer 30 minutes, skimming fat occasionally. Remove ham hocks and skim fat. In small bowl, whisk cornstarch and remaining water. Add to pot with coconut milk. Cook on medium heat 30 minutes. Skim fat. Stir lime juice into broth.

**To make Papaya Pica Sauce:** In food processor on high speed, process papaya, vinegar, chile pepper, onion, mustard, salt, allspice, garlic powder, ginger and cloves until smooth. Transfer to medium saucepan. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; simmer, uncovered, 10-15 minutes. Pour into medium bowl.

To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook shrimp and scallops in broth about 5 minutes, or until cooked through, stirring occasionally.

Place some rice in bowl then ladle broth and seafood over top. Stir in Papaya Pica Sauce and top with shredded coconut and pepper slices, if desired.

# Throw a Hot-Pot Dinner Party

FAMILY FEATURES

Heat up your next get-together by inviting family and friends over to try a DIY trend, the hot-pot party. It can be easy to prep and your guests can enjoy cooking and customizing their own meals.

First, prepare a rich, flavored broth and serve steaming-hot in a slow cooker or multi-cooker. Next, offer a selection of meat, seafood and veggies for dunking. Cook for a few minutes then garnish with sauces and various toppings to match individual tastes.

A traditional East Asian hot-pot broth is flavored with beef stock, soy sauce, chilies, ginger and garlic. Try a Mexican-inspired version by serving a spiced chicken broth with ancho chile pepper, cumin and oregano, or offer a taste of the Caribbean with a coconut milk broth and fresh papaya pica sauce.

Learn more about this hot-pot trend and all the latest flavor trends in McCormick's 2018 Flavor Forecast at [FlavorForecast.com](http://FlavorForecast.com).

Asian Hot-Pot Broth with Tangy Chili Sauce

Prep time: 15 minutes  
Cook time: 25 minutes  
Servings: 10

Hot-Pot Broth:

- 2 teaspoons vegetable oil
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 2 containers (32 ounces each) Kitchen Basics Original Beef Stock
- 1/4 cup Thai Kitchen Red Curry Paste
- 2 tablespoons reduced sodium soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon packed light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon McCormick Garlic Powder
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Ground Ginger
- 2 tablespoons lime juice

Tangy Chili Sauce:

- 1/2 cup Thai Kitchen Sweet Red Chili Sauce
- 3 tablespoons lime juice

- 1 pound flank steak, thinly sliced
- Simply Asia Lo Mein Noodles, cooked
- assorted mushrooms, sliced (optional)
- baby bok choy, coarsely chopped (optional)
- crunchy Chinese noodles (optional)

**To make broth:** In 6-quart stockpot over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add onion; cook and stir until tender, about 3 minutes. Stir in beef stock, curry paste, soy sauce, brown sugar, garlic powder and ginger. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 20 minutes. Stir lime juice into broth before serving.

**To make Tangy Chili Sauce:** In small bowl, mix red chili sauce and lime juice. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, pour broth into heated 6-quart electric slow cooker or hot pot. Cook steak in broth about 2-3 minutes, or until it reaches desired doneness.

Place lo mein noodles in bowls then ladle broth and steak over top. Stir in Tangy Chili Sauce and top with mushrooms, baby bok choy and Chinese noodles, if desired.





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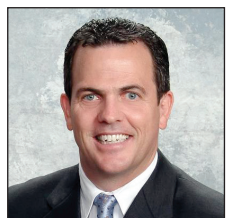
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**The Tabard Theatre Company announces  
Summer Youth Theatre Camps for 2018**

The Tabard Theatre Company is presenting its Summer Youth Theatre Camps for children ages 6 to 14.

The program begins on Monday, June 18 through Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose, CA 95110 (Parking validations are at the San Pedro Garage directly across the street)

Tabard's Youth Performing Arts Summer Camps are fun musical theatre adventures for youth of all skill levels. Each summer, Tabard Theatre conducts two 1-week sessions and one 2-week session. Session I is for children ages 6 to 10, Session II is for children 7 to 12 and session III (two week) is for children/youth ages 8 to 14.

Camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tabard Theatre. Each camp ends with a final showcase performance.

Session II is for children 7 to 12 and session III (two week) is for children/youth ages 8 to 14. Camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tabard Theatre.

Box Office: 408.679.2330 or [www.tabardtheatre.org/tickets](http://www.tabardtheatre.org/tickets)

Tuition: Sessions I and II \$275 (\$255 before April 1, 2018) Session III (two-week camp) \$515 (\$495 before April 1, 2018) Lunches available for \$60/week.

**Camp Schedule:**

Camp: \$275 (\$255 before April 1, 2018) Lunch: \$60



**Session II – June 25 – 29 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**

Ages 7 to 12 years

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Camp: \$275 (\$255 before April 1, 2018) Lunch: \$60

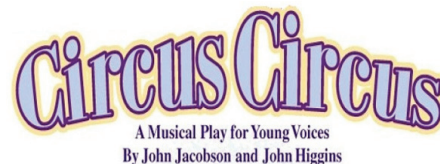


**Session III (two-week camp) – July 9 – 20 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)**

Ages 8 to 14 years

About: Who can resist this all-time favorite fairy tale, told with fun and flair? Our acting troupe takes over the stage area, playing rhyming Narrators, singing Villagers, friendly Animals, charming Royalty, energetic Messengers, the haughty Stepmother and Stepsisters, the irresistible Fairy Godmother, and lovely Cinderella. Of course, once the charming Prince discovers the proper owner of that famous sparkling slipper, everyone lives happily ever after!

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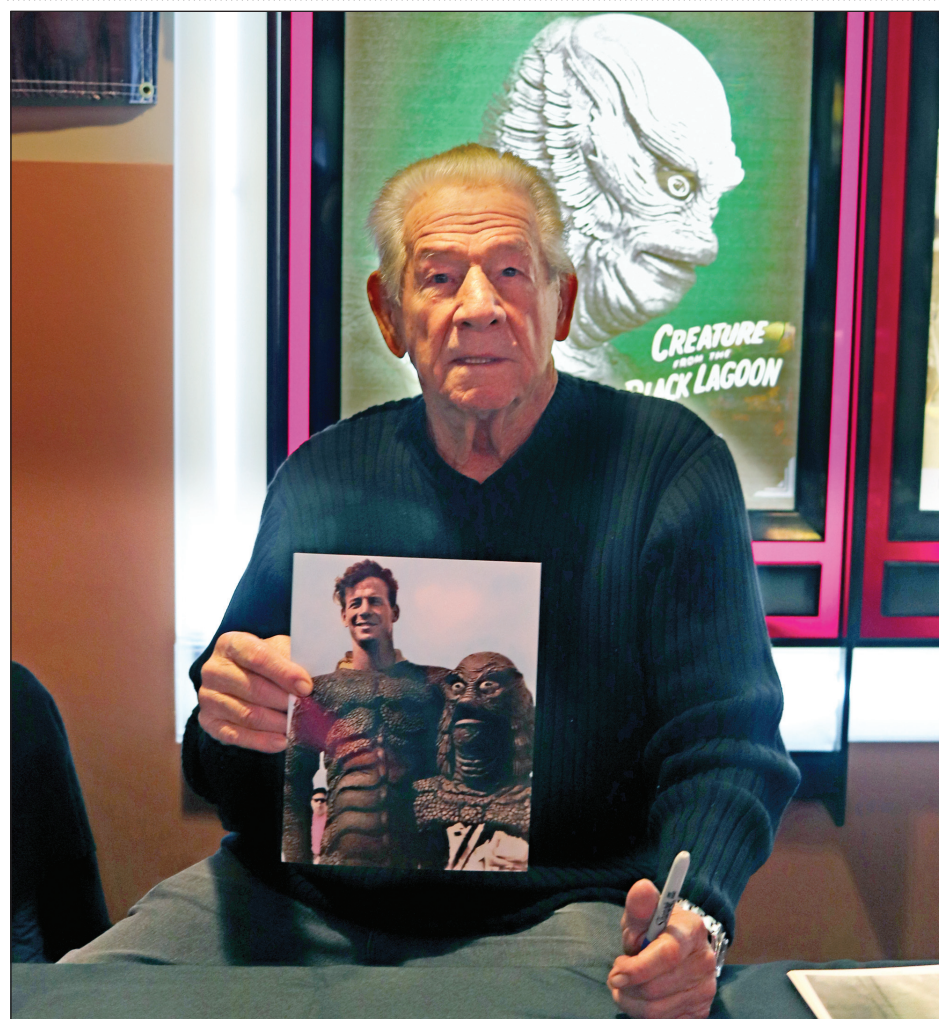
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## The 'Gill-man' walks among us

**R**icou Browning (pictured above), the man who portrayed the monster in Universal Studios' "Creature From the Black Lagoon" (1954), recently appeared in the Bay Area at the "Silver Scream Fest" held in Santa Rosa on February 16-18. Browning came to town for a late celebration of his 88th birthday with the crew from *Famous Monsters Magazine*, who were scheduled to host Browning at a San Jose Halloween convention last year, but had to cancel the event due to complications from the wine country fires.

Browning spent the weekend greeting fans and signing autographs for \$25 a pop. Monster aficionados brought toys, magazines, posters and more to the event to have the signature of the original "Gill-man"

added to their mementos.

Browning attended Florida State University and majored in physical education, then performed as a swimmer in water productions before being cast in the underwater role of the Creature. (The "land" Creature was performed by Ben Chapman). Browning also starred in two sequels, "Revenge of the Creature" and "The Creature Walks Among Us," then went on to co-write and co-produce the movie and classic TV show, "Flipper." Ricou Browning is the only surviving actor to perform as a Universal Studios monster. — Jeff Baham

For more information about Silver Scream Fest or other upcoming events from the *Famous Monsters* folks, visit [www.famousmonsters.com](http://www.famousmonsters.com).

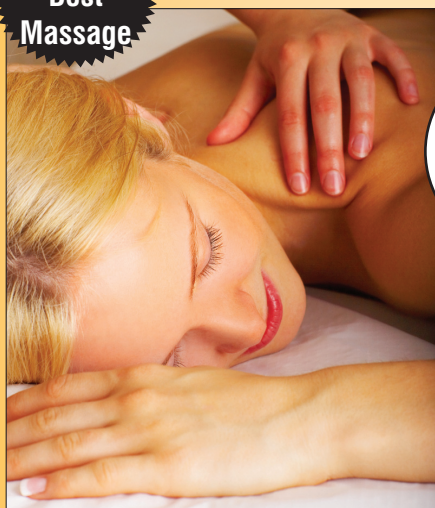


Ricou Browning appeared as the underwater performer for the "Creature From the Black Lagoon."

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water-logged sofa out of an apartment he noticed dozens of volunteers hauling furniture, clearing debris and consoling flood victims.

"At that moment, for what seemed like the first time in days, I exhaled," he says. "I silently offered a prayer of gratitude for our wonderful community of San Jose."

The mayor also commended San Jose firefighters who worked multiple shifts and rescued 300 flood-trapped residents, donors who contributed \$7 million in support, city employees who worked multiple shifts to help the recovery and non-profits who housed those displaced by the flood.

The mayor said that the city is working with the Water District and the County to ensure it is better prepared for the next natural disaster by implementing superior response protocols, mass warning technologies and risk detection.

"We're fixing what's broken," says Liccardo, "but our response to the floods speaks to something much greater. It reveals a collective resilience, one that enables us to overcome adversity when we work together, to accomplish great results."

**Opportunity**

Working with San Jose Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD), the mayor launched San Jose Promise in March 2017, ensuring that local students can attend two years of community college for free.

"Our work together is enabling hundreds of low-income [first generation, historically underrepresented] students to attend college this year without paying for books, fees or tuition," says Liccardo, "and we hope thousands more in the future."

"We are all about removing barriers for our students," says SJECCD Chancellor Dr. Deborah Budd. "We believe by creating students who can succeed by completing Associate Degrees and transferring to a four-year university, and providing internship opportunities, our students will be prepared for success as they complete their education and enter higher wage jobs. Educational attainment is one of the prime indicators for future wage potential equity. Helping them...break the barriers of generational poverty, we could become the equity entity to diversity the workforce in Silicon Valley."

Iriana Luna Lozada, San Jose City College's student body president, urged the city to defend the aspirations of Dreamers. "San Jose City College has provided me with a powerful combination of personal, professional and academic experiences," she says, "and advocated for change to help find solutions to social injustice."

"That's why we challenged the administration's revocation of DACA last year," says Liccardo, "and why, along with Supervisor Joe Simitian and our colleagues at the County, we will fight for Iriana and for...our 20,000 Dreamers, all the way to the Supreme Court!"

**Mayor's Introduction**

The mayor was introduced by his wife, Jessica Garcia-Kohl. "With Sam, what you see is what you get," she says. "He leads

with integrity. In politics, where disagreement and difference of opinion dominates, Sam listens intently to multiple sides. He seeks to understand the issues...and works collaboratively towards sustainable solutions. Within conflict he sees a calling to create something greater...whether it's standing up for Dreamers...or working towards density in downtown, striving to be the most sustainable city in the nation or fighting to close the digital divide."

**Protestors**

Liccardo was interrupted several times during his speech by protestors shouting, "Not my mayor." In response, someone in the back of the auditorium shouted, "You're my mayor," to an outburst of applause. Heckling broke out several more times during the address with shouts of "Serve the people, not your pockets," as well as opposition to a proposed Google site downtown near Diridon Station, which Liccardo supports.

Liccardo took it in stride. "I get more around the dinner table during Thanksgiving," he says. "That's democracy in a big city."

He also says that he understands their concerns about the lack of affordability in our city. "Thousands of families are being left behind," he says. "We have to do more and pull together to do it."

**Housing**

Liccardo singled out Silicon Valley's affordable housing crisis as both the region's most dire need and one of his top priorities. "The state of our city is strong and getting stronger," he says, "yet the great paradox of our prosperity lies in our thousands of neighbors who struggle weekly to pay rent in an economy that increasingly marginalizes many."

His goal is to build 25,000 homes, including 10,000 affordable units in the next five years. To accomplish this, he is reducing zoning and regulatory barriers to building high-density housing downtown and near transit, creating urban villages and challenging wealthier suburbs to do more to house those who work there.

There are currently 8,400 new housing units in the pipeline, including more than a dozen affordable housing projects.

The trick is in balancing housing with retail, which pays more in taxes. "We have to expand job opportunities while housing the population," he says. "We need to build housing differently. It's not going to look like the suburban sprawl of the past; it's going to be focused downtown and near transit where we're going to be building high-density and where residents won't be depending on automobiles. How we build is critical. We're a big city and we're not going to suddenly stop growing."

However, Liccardo says that Coyote Valley won't be affected by the housing boom. "As long as I'm here," he says, "I'm going to oppose any efforts to build housing in Coyote Valley."

The Housing First imperative provided the framework for All the Way Home, a campaign working to end veteran homelessness. Working with community partners, the city has housed more than 900

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## San Jose Unified School District issues notice of Governing Board Vacancy

The San Jose Unified School District Board of Education (Board), pursuant to its bylaws, will make a provisional appointment to fill a vacancy from Board Trustee Area 4, which became vacant on Feb. 12 with the resignation of Paymon Zarghami.

The provisional appointee will serve until the term of office expires in December 2018.

The Board said it is inviting any eligible person who would like to be considered as a candidate for appointment to submit an application no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018.

Applicants must be: 18 years of age or older; a citizen of California; a current resident of Trustee Area 4; a registered voter; and not legally disqualified from holding civil office. The candidate selected cannot be employed by San Jose Unified while serving on the Board. Applicants can verify their residency by visiting the Registrar of Voters website at [sccvote.org](http://sccvote.org) and selecting "Look Up Your Districts" from the home page.

The Board provides leadership and oversight of San Jose Unified schools and works with the Superintendent to set a direction for the district, establish policies, and ensure accountability.

Board meetings are generally held on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at the San José Unified District Office, 855 Lenzen Ave., San José, CA 95126. Regular meetings begin at 6:00 p.m., except as noted or when a closed session is scheduled.

Individuals seeking the provisional appointment to represent Trustee Area 4 must submit:

1. A cover letter describing their inter-

ests and qualifications for the position;

2. A résumé or d.f.c.v. including their current home address and contact information; and

3. Up to five (5) letters of recommendation.

Materials may be submitted via email to the Public Information Office at [pio@sjusd.org](mailto:pio@sjusd.org) or delivered to: Public Information Office, Re: Trustee Area 4, 855 Lenzen Ave., San Jose, CA 95126. All materials must be received no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, March 9, 2018.

Candidates will be interviewed at a public meeting of the Board. Potential candidates should note the following timeline and key dates. All events will be held at the District Office and open to the general public:

- Thursday, March 1, 2018, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - A special meeting of the Board of Education for prospective candidates to engage with current board members regarding the role and responsibilities of the position.

- Friday, March 9, 2018, 4:30 p.m. - Application Materials Due

- Tuesday, March 13, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - Candidate Interviews & Appointment Vote

- Thursday, March 15, 2018, 6:00 p.m. - Board of Education Meeting & Oath of Office

Please note that current board members will not meet nor communicate with prospective or confirmed candidates in any capacity outside of the above listed public meetings. Candidates must be available to interview on the evening of March 13, 2018, to be considered.

*Editor's note: For additional information about the appointment process, please visit [go.sjusd.org/vacancy](http://go.sjusd.org/vacancy).*

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homeless veterans since 2015. "We won't stop until we bring every veteran 'All the Way Home,'" says Liccardo.

Liccardo called for converting motels to apartments, building tiny home villages, using prefabrication building methods and partnering with congregations in the Winter Faith Collaborative.

"Many residents understandably have strong concerns about housing the homeless near their neighborhoods," he says. "But... our homeless neighbors... have been here for years. They're in our parks, living in our creeks, in our streets and behind our commercial stores. So, the question isn't whether we're going to put homeless in our neighborhoods; the question is whether we're going to house them. Let's make San Jose a national model for inclusion."

### Sustainable City

The mayor outlined plans for a sustainable future for San Jose. "While the current occupant of the White House may have withdrawn from his global environmental responsibilities," he says, "here in San Jose, we'll embrace the imperative to show global leadership." As part of a Climate Smart Plan, with a

goal of reducing emissions to Paris Accord levels, the mayor celebrated the planned launch of San Jose Clean Energy. Through this program, residents and businesses will have the option to purchase cleaner, more renewable sources of energy at prices competitive with private utilities.

The mayor is also committed to mass transit projects, including the electrification of Caltrain, expanding hybrid VTA buses and BART service to San Jose.

### Inclusivity

"Together, we can forge the most successful multicultural community on the planet," says Liccardo. "Together, we are San Jose."

Rabbi Dana Magat shared the mayor's sentiment in his invocation. "With pride in our hearts and hard work," he says, "we can create an even more inclusive San Jose where everyone has a place to live and all basic needs are taken care of. We are here to be a voice for the voiceless. To stand up for what is right and good for all."

"If you want to go fast, go alone," says Liccardo, quoting an African proverb. "If you want to go far, go together. By embracing the same collaborative ethos that animated our response to the flood, we will go much farther, together."



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## OP ED

# Arrivederci Chris

You're no longer welcome to stand on public property.

On Jan. 30, as all contentious battles seem play out, the San Jose City Council meeting pushed item 3.11 late into the night, to be heard last.

Speaker cards were turned in so that public comment would determine if the statue of Christopher Columbus would be removed from City Hall.

A store owner who was Greek once whispered to me that history got it all wrong and Columbus was actually Greek. This successful business man honored Columbus for his abilities of being a brave explorer and visionary navigator who overcame obstacles to change history. He admired his adventurism, intelligence and determination. Secretly he thought he was Greek but went along with those who wished to think of him as being Italian.

Most believe Columbus to be Italian. History books state that he was known as Commander Cristoforo Colombo by those in his home town of Genoa, Italy. He was very tall and could not stand upright in the cabin of the Santa Maria. In an ocean of unknown many believed monsters were waiting.

In his writings on Christian history, author Thomas Giles states, "Unlike many sailors then and now, Christopher Columbus never used profanity. Columbus estimated the size of the Atlantic Ocean partially from reading his Bible. During Columbus's voyages, the ships' crews observed religious rites. Every time they turned the half-hour glass (their primary means of keeping time), they cried: "Blessed be the hour of our Savior's birth / blessed be the Virgin Mary who bore him -- and blessed be John who baptized him." They finished each day by singing vespers together (although reportedly they sang out of tune)."

As with all cultures who injected themselves to others there is bloodshed and killing, slavery and suffering. Those who are in charge of the gold get to write the history books any way they wish.

In today's times there is a movement to destroy and remove all statues in the U.S.A. that have any negative history to slavery and other blasphemous actions taken by the carefully chiseled icons of marble.

Columbus took slaves/hostages meaning he stole people to take back to Spain to learn the language and conquer others in the future. This hostage taking as well as the barbarous treatment of native indigenous people, crushing their ways of life and culture is not written for children in school books. Innocence changes in our bodies as we pass the years. Some of us dive into reading about history and form our own views.

**Columbus sailed the ocean blue in 1492, ahh, git him outta here!**

Things have changed and this nursery rhyme is now not being sung or said in schools. Too much pain is felt by those who know that Columbus caused upheaval in the roots of the lineage of entire populations.

This move to explore was pushed with Christianity. The church walked hand in hand with Columbus.

The City Council discussed his removal from the first floor of the City Hall. He stood just near the elevators.

**Statue owned by the city soon to be hidden away**

Donated to San Jose in 1958 by an Italian American Civic club it stood in the original City Hall on First Street and then was moved

to the new City Hall location just beside the elevators. Most people walk by and don't even see him.

In 2001 he got a knock on the head with a sledge hammer by and angry citizen and the marble was severely damaged but repaired well. In 2017 red and black paint was smeared over him by a protester.

Three months ago a bunch of protesters disrupted business in city hall protesting his presence there.

## Speakers clash at City Council meeting

City Council meeting opens floor to hear what the public says.

"He is no longer a symbol of courage and contribution of many Italian Americans who did so much for our city."

"He epitomizes genocide of the American pathology. He brought the Spanish Inquisition to the Americas. He didn't discover the place, other people were here."

"I'm here on behalf of the Italian American community. I find it disgusting they want to remove the Columbus statue. Sorry guys the Italian Americans not only built this country, they built this city!"

"Columbus also brought Spanish culture and Spanish language and I feel a lot of people are all of a sudden against someone who brought it to them."

"I ask you to display the statue in a prominent location."

"I'm here for 20 people who had to leave because they were here since 2:00 p.m. But it is what it is. I'm speaking of support of a compromise to move the statue to the airport."

"The statue is about the glorification of a man who raped indigenous peoples."

"The man's history is a legacy of rape, torture, slavery and genocide."

"What's next; demolish the Spanish Missions for bringing measles and chicken pox to the new world?"

"Put a plaque on him and tell the kind of rest of the story that he raped people as young as 9 or 10 and he chopped off the hands of indigenous people if they didn't in three months give him gold."

"Native people who resisted the Spaniards were set upon by flesh eating dogs, victims of mass hanging, roasted them on pits, burned at the stake, trampled on by horses. Woman suffered rape by the hands of these barbarians. Columbus set the tone for the greatest Holocaust in the history of the world."

"Let's topple it like a Confederate statue and replace with a day and claim October 12 as indigenous people's day."

"In 2015 we donated \$100,000 to charity. None of you have probably ever heard of us and know what the Italian organizations in this community are doing for this community now. We are trying to improve life for everyone in this community. We live in the present, not 500 years ago. We should be talking about

what we can do for everybody with a nation as diverse as it is right now. Columbus statue is a statue. I agree with my other Italian organizations. I would like to see it go to the airport, terminal A Gate 9. I would also like to see, I am making a suggestion, I understand they want to do away with Columbus Day. I am in favor of calling it Italian American Support Day. OK."

"The Italian Americans here in our valley over the past 100 years have developed this valley to the Valley of Hearts Delight. Columbus represents history that we want to preserve. I don't really agree with all the negative remarks about colonization and genocide. I believe Columbus represents the history of America, history of the new world that he founded. He was a very brave man, a smart navigator and he was out to prove that the world was not flat."

"Christopher Columbus did not find anything, there were people here."

"Start listening to the voices that have been oppressed for so long. I urge you to remove him from public land."

"If we want to put a famous Italian in the city let's put Robert De Nero."

"Put it in storage"

"This statue is our confederate flag. All of these are symbols of oppression but also argued to be part of history. We call on the council to support the Vice Mayor's memo to

relocate the statue to History Park until completion of the Italian American Museum."

"To many tribal people the arrival of Columbus symbolizes the start of oppression period in our history that has traumatized many generations of that area's original inhabitants."

"I served the military. I feel so hurt that the younger generation doesn't respect the history of the history of the people."

"New York decided to keep the monument of Columbus and named the Columbus Circle in Manhattan."

"On Columbus Day we are not necessarily celebrating Columbus we are celebrating the many contributions Italians have made."

"We kind of look at it as history being taken down..."

"We as Italian Americans seek to help those around us and the Christopher Columbus statue symbolizes that help."

"Preserve the statue either here or in the airport in the Navigational display, there we would see Columbus as the navigator that he was."

"I ask you allow everyone a little healing. Those that want him out of city hall win and those that still want a place in history for the Italian American struggles at the airport."

"If our government representatives continue to prioritize European communities trying to avoid discomfort over indigenous communities trying to avoid a glorification of their people, there is a term for that, it is white supremacy."

"With the airport as one of the statue's new proposed locations are you agreeing this city's identity should take after a rapist and murderer."

"The statue represents one thing and one

thing only, the discovery of America!"

"Every time anyone gets up to speak we risk offending someone. You're always going to offend someone. Thus we have the first amendment so we can speak our minds and exchange ideas. The only thing I want to say is I think the council should exercise tolerance for both sides and put the statue in the airport where it can be viewed for the Italians to see it as a positive symbol which it has been in this community for so long."

"The statue only represents Columbus' discovery of America. It doesn't represent the horrible things that took place after."

"And as for Columbus' atrocities, well Chicanos, look at your own ancestors, they would rape neighbors, take captives and sacrifice them to Gods. They would cut their hearts out and heads off and feed them to sacred jaguars, so don't talk about Columbus being a murderer when your own ancestors were even worse by far."

"This is not about Italians, it's about what's right, and he should definitely be removed from City Hall."

"I think it wiser not to keep open the sores of war."

"Relocating it to the airport is even worse...welcome to San Jose home of Christopher Columbus, please put it in storage."

"The statue is and should be history."

"Columbus celebrates a legacy of brutality."

"He took young women, young men, and indigenous back to Europe and said, look at these."

"He didn't discover anything, he was lost."

"The only place where it is appropriate to put a statue is a museum."

"Columbus has to go."

"They say he was looking for a new trade route through the Indies but they never brought with them any items to trade."

"They say Columbus found out the Earth was rounder, I mean this is common sense, look at the moon and see the shape of the planet."

"Basically he lived at a time where things were way different 500 years ago. You have to keep things in perspective; most of the world was pretty barbaric."

"Many priests were killed and martyred."

"I hope we can all learn both sides."

"You're clinging to Columbus like a life preserver on the Titanic."

"The option to move him to the airport is a sensible balance."

"He wasn't a great navigator; a man who got lost at sea and landed here and said that he found a place already cultivated by a great culture."

"By the end of the night the council will have to make a decision one way or another."

"Please find a compromise."

"I want it to go in the History Park."

"I think he belongs in our history books but not in a place of the physicality of our city."

"The point to me here is that it is better to learn from history than to try to erase it."

"I've never been fond of it."

"This statue was done by a student who never did another sculpture in his life."

"I just know it has to be behind us."

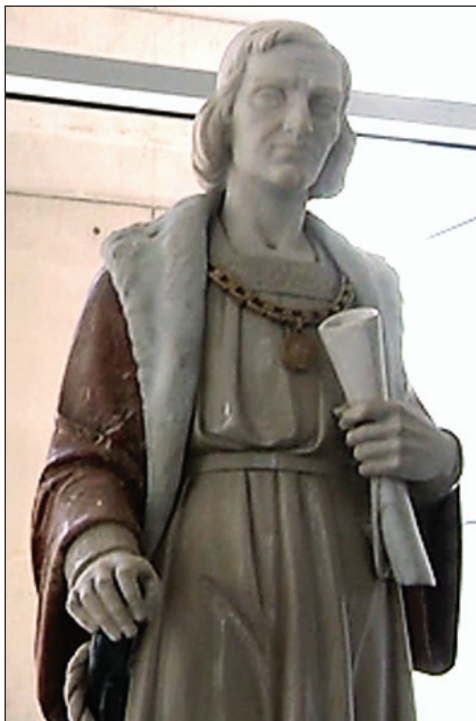
"Instead of talking about tearing down statues we should talk about who we want to honor."

"History is complicated because people are complicated."

"I understand on the visceral level how you feel when you see the Columbus statue."

"We can look at George Washington who owned slaves and Thomas Jefferson who owned slaves and raped slaves. You can't have a master/slave relationship. When we look at all these people that we have as heroes or founders of our country or past presidents,

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### Statue

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if you look at the context of history, they are all flawed individuals.”

#### Inclusion lost

I say the City Council members and the Mayor made a big mistake

I’m for inclusion. I want things to be included in our City Hall that are controversial. I want to honor the Italian immigrants who did a lot to mold the city of San Jose in its infancy. Yes, it is true other races and nationalities also pulled together to create San Jose so let us pay for more statues.

For those who are sick of looking at Columbus I say let them write their true history and place the plaque in front of the statue for all to read and be educated.

Why not keep the Columbus statue and put with it other statues of people and things that represent other views. This is inclusion.

For example, I don’t really like this giant Quetzalcoatl art piece in downtown San Jose on public land. It represents Aztec views. I have stopped and walked up to it and touched it and I welcome it, just as I welcome Chris.

#### Roadside America states a different \$500,000 statue the city paid for

How come the City Councilmembers bought this statue and display it on public property?

The following is stated on the Roadside America.com website which explains attractions as one drives through cities in reference to the commissioned statue located at Cesar Chavez park (downtown San Jose).

“Worshipped in ancient Mesoamerica, Quetzalcoatl takes on many animal forms, but the coiled serpent with feathers is a favorite with artists. In the case of this 1994 public sculpture, observers unfamiliar with the mythology instead see an epic bowel movement.”

The fascinating fact is that the city of San Jose paid the artist (husband of actress Angelica Huston) perhaps \$400-500 thousand dollars for the statue whereas Chris was donated to the city for free.

So, we got the Quetzalcoatl statue and we must try to figure out why it is on public property when it depicts a religious God when good ol Christopher Columbus was voted harmful in rekindling bad things in history. Didn’t the movie Apocalypto depict the time of the Aztecs honoring this deity by taking slaves and doing human sacrifice. I don’t cover my eyes when I drive by that statue (Quetzalcoatl) and think of heads rolling down steps. Instead, I look upon it as having sacred meaning to another culture. I have tolerance.

#### City leaders make mistake in not using tolerance as a form of understanding

In my opinion all the City Council members of San Jose including Mayor Liccardo got it all wrong in removing Christopher Columbus from the San Jose City Hall. It showed a lack of tolerance to honoring all cultures. Also, all historical people have skeletons in their closets. None were perfect. History is violent.

If we keep tearing down statues of people who did bad things to others in our nation’s past and centuries past, then what will we have left? Will we remove all statues of Thomas Jefferson for he owned



A Quetzalcoatl art piece is on display in downtown San Jose on public land.

slaves, Washington too, right? There goes the one dollar bill. Maybe we can get Susan B. Anthony off the coin and onto paper.

What about the Catholic Church, should we remove all crosses because they remind people of bad things the church did. Should we box up all historical objects and things and put them in storage?

Should every object stolen and all land taken by a different culture be immediately returned to those related to the ancestors who owned it all? Should the Louvre Museum be robbed by us to give back all priceless art objects that were pillaged from long ago ancient cultures?

One speaker at the City Council meeting said, “I think the City Council has a historic decision to try to deal with some sort of compromise because our society is becoming very polarized if it’s not polarized enough.”

The motion to move him to the airport failed with the ten city council members voting 4-6 (four in favor, six against). Some believed to move it to the airport would just boomerang the issue over and over back to the City Council so best to get rid of the issue once and for all.

The following motion passed as stated in the actual transcript of the city council session; “The city is directed to work with the Italian American Community as defined Josh div—debbie cam nini and sal to have the statue moved—and if no suitable location is found the city manager is authorized to move it to storage to heritage park does that sound right.” Six weeks were given as a time line for all to occur.

In the end, just before the vote was taken which passed unanimously with all City Council members voting yes to remove the statue, Mayor Liccardo said (according to the transcript), “For those who think democracy does not work, this has been an example. And I appreciate my colleagues jumping in the fray. And I think this has been a respectful conversation. And we heard that on both sides. Even in disagreement and I appreciate the compromise that we have been able to come here with and we will be supporting this.”

So in a few weeks if a home is not found for Mr. Columbus by giving him away to some private organization, he will be boxed up and moved to storage at San Jose History Park, never to set foot on public land in America.

I say, let him stay on public grounds to cultivate the discussion on tolerance and stimulate the careful exploration of history.

For now,  
Arrivederci Chris.

**Kevin Larsen**  
*Resident of San Jose*




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