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Almaden Teen presented with 'Crystal Ball Award'

By William Bellou
Publisher

Almaden teen Anika Kumar, pictured above, has been recognized for the great things her non-profit, Forget Me Not, that she founded at the age of 15, is doing for the community.

In recognition of Kumar's work with seniors through Forget Me Not, she was presented with the Crystal Ball award from the Junior League on April 17 at the 49th Annual Recognition Luncheon.

The Junior League award is given to only 10 individuals in the Bay Area that demonstrate exemplary community service in making their community a better place. She is the youngest recipient of this award for this year.

The Volunteer Recognition Luncheon brings together more than 500 community members to celebrate voluntarism while recognizing individuals who generously give their time, energy, and skills to improve the lives of others.

Forget Me Not serves to partner high school students with isolated seniors who suffer from social

isolation in a social companionship phone call program. Social isolation is the absence of social relationships, which is prevalent among adults over the age of 65 who are living alone and who are unable to participate in many activities. Isolation can lead to increased risks of depression, cardiovascular diseases, and feelings of denial, guilt, and self-loathing. Tackling the problem, Kumar

designed the Forget Me Not companionship program.

How it works

Seniors sign up for the phone call program by filling out a simple registration and interests form. High school students volunteer and are carefully paired with registered adults once they complete a mandatory training program. Student volunteers are trained by Britt Bassoni of the Episcopal Senior Communities, who also supervises the call sessions. Once a week, at a predetermined time, high school volunteers make social companionship phone calls of about 20-30 minutes in length to their respective older adults.

Panelist

Kumar was recently contacted by South by Southwest organizers to serve as a panelist to discuss ways to combat loneliness which can lead to increased incidences of depression, suicide, isolation and even complications from chronic conditions such as diabetes and hypertension. Anika was featured prominently at the conference where she spoke of the effects of loneliness and isolation in the elder population and how to combat this prevalent issue.

The session was such a success that another session was added to accommodate all those that wanted to attend. Her conversation garnered many accolades and she

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Anika Kumar makes a call to a senior citizen on behalf of her organization Forget Me Not. Kumar is the recipient of the Crystal Ball and Jefferson Award.

MAKING SAN JOSE SMART



Deputy City Manager **Kip Harkness** spoke about civic innovation at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

Harkness envisions city as civic innovation leader

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Just as the world looks to Silicon Valley to provide the most creative, impactful technologies to disrupt industries and transform lifestyles, so too can San Jose become a global leader for civic innovation.

"Becoming a 'smart city' means that game-changing technologies and data-driven decision-making will drive continuous improvement in how City government serves our community, and to promote concrete benefits in safety, sustainability, economic opportunity, and quality of life for our constituents." — Mayor Sam Liccardo

Mayor Sam Liccardo envisions making San Jose America's most innovative city by 2020.

Helping to coordinate this

ambitious challenge is Deputy City Manager Kip Harkness, who spoke on this subject at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

When Liccardo came into office, Harkness told him there was good and bad news: "The good news," he said, "is we have a bright, ambitious, articulate mayor committed to making a change. The bad news is we have a bright, ambitious articulate mayor committed to making a change."

Harkness notes that while smart phones and the internet make our lives easier, local government with its outdated technology and inconsistent processes needs to catch up. Modernizing antiquated technology would result in reducing

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4-H: Much more than just agriculture and animals

America's largest youth development organization empowers youth

By Dustin Geringer
Special to the Times

4-H is America's largest youth development organization which began over 100 years ago.

The 4-H organization empowers almost six million youth across the United States with the skills to lead them through their life.

The 4-H slogan is "Learn by Doing," the 4-H motto is "Make the Best Better, the 4-H emblem is the 4 leaf clover with the letter "H" on each leaf. The "H's" in the logo stand for head, heart, hands and health.

The consensus when you talk to people about 4-H is that 4-H is focused around agriculture.

Today's 4-H clubs are about so much more than just agriculture and animals, as the clubs serve youth in rural, urban and suburban communities in every state across the nation.

4-H tackle some of the nation's top issues from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to healthy living and food safety.

4-H clubs, out-of-school programming, in-school enrichment programs and camps also offer a wide variety of projects from agriculture and animal science to STEM, arts and crafts, cooking, photography, clothing, rocketry, robotics and computer science, citizenship, leadership and public speaking (to name a few).

4-H Silicon Valley

4-H is in the heart of Silicon Valley and the members are doing some exciting things. The recent 4-Health Fair at Martial Cottle Park in San Jose focused on youth, family health and physical well-being.

Having a long history of promoting healthy living among youth and their families, 4-H has become a national leader in health related education. Santa Clara County hosted a "Color Me Green 5K/1K Run/Walk."

On May 5th from 10am to 3pm at Martial Cottle Park 4-Hers will be participating in



Local 4-H members help customers make Valentine's Day cards to give to Veterans and senior citizen homes at JoAnn's Fabric Store located on Almaden Expressway.

their Spring Celebration. We will have many activities including plant crafts, petting zoo and farm animals, games and so much more.

Santa Clara County Fair

One of the biggest 4-H events that showcases every 4-H members' projects is the Santa Clara County Fair. The fair will be open to the public from August 2 through 5. If you go to the fair, be sure to stop by each of the barns to visit the different animals (Cows, Sheep, Pigs, Goats, Pygmy Goats, Rabbits and more) and the Competitive building to see all of the projects the 4-Hers have done throughout the year. There are various activities that are for 4-H members, including leadership conferences, camps, dances, beach days, and community

service opportunities just to name a few.

Partners

4-H has recently partnered with companies like Google and JoAnn's Fabrics. JoAnn's is providing local clubs with resources and tools to run impactful programs. JoAnn's and Google are working together to deliver computer science education across the United States.

To learn more about 4-H or club near you, including program offerings and fees, visit: cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development (Note: 4-H is open to youth 5-19 years old.)

Editor's note: During the 2017 Santa Clara County Fair, Dustin Geringer was awarded Outstanding Exhibitor.

Volunteers needed to assist with landscaping tasks at Municipal Rose Garden May 5

The first Community Volunteer Day will be held on Saturday, May 5, from 8:45 AM to 12:00 noon at The Municipal Rose Garden located at Naglee and Dana Avenues, in San Jose.

Volunteers can help with basic landscaping tasks as the Rose

Garden prepares for Mother's Day—one of the busiest days of the year.

For those volunteering, recommended clothing includes closed-toe shoes, bring a filled water bottle, a hat and sunscreen are recommended, as well as long sleeves and long pants:

roses are naturally thorny!

All tools and training will be provided.

There is no pre-registration, simply show up and help out and the event goes on: rain or shine!

The Municipal Rose Garden is located at Naglee and Dana Avenues, San Jose.



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Kumar

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was the youngest person speaking at this very prominent and well attended conference. For this session, she was also fea-

tured in Forbes.

Jefferson Award

Last year, Kumar won the Jefferson Award and was featured on CBS news. The Jefferson Awards Foundation was created in 1972 by the American Institute for Public

Service. Local winners are ordinary people who do extraordinary things without expectation of recognition.

Commencement address

At her Notre Dame High School commencement address, Kumar reminded her fellow students that, "We are the next generation of thinkers, leaders, and achievers. May we never shy away from bold ideas, courageous decisions, and unflinching perseverance. May we never miss an opportunity to step up and take the plunge to change the world around us"

Kumar would like to expand Forget Me Not so it can have a positive impact with seniors living in other cities.

Kumar is currently studying molecular and cell biology, and public health at UC Berkley. "I chose Cal because of the breadth of diverse opportunities and experiences the school offers," said Kumar.

Foothill Community Concert Series presents Flauti Dolci & Amici II

Ensembles from around the Bay Area come together to share their love of music, including at least one flauto dolce (recorder), on Saturday, April 21, 3 p.m., at Foothill Presbyterian Church.

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The concert will be held Saturday, April 21st at 3:00 pm at Foothill Presbyterian Church,

Flauti Dolci & Amici II
April 21, 2018



which is located at 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

Admission: \$10 Adult, children 12 and under are admitted free. (Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.)

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The Harker School ExploraVision Regional Winners: Pictured (left to right) are: **Raji Swaminathan**, Coach; **Michael Tran**, Student; **William Zhao**, Student; **Rohan Thakur**, Student; **Rishab Parthasarathy**, Student; **Ramneek Real**, Toshiba representative. Photo courtesy of The Harker School

Winning 'ExploraVision' science competition team from Harker School honored in awards ceremony

The Harker School's team of local eighth graders have been honored and awarded as regional winners of the 26th annual Toshiba/National Science Teachers Association (NSTA) ExploraVision program, the world's largest K-12 science competition.

Since its inception in 1992, more than 400,000 students from across the United States and Canada have participated in the Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision program. These local students were one of twenty-four regional winning teams.

The ExploraVision project is to treat diabetes using specially designed nanobots.

Project Description from Harker School Team:

"Our Anti-Diabetes Nanobots (ADN) shall cure type 2 diabetes in the future. Type 2 diabetes is a condition where a person produces normal levels of insulin but is resistant to it. According to WebMD, there are currently 27 million and rising people in the U.S. who have

type 2 diabetes. ADN will help patients with type 2 diabetes. Multiple ADN will be injected into the patient's bloodstream, and it will have gears on the outside that harness the energy of the patient's blood flow in order to allow ADN to move. Its movement will be propelled by a Nano-screw that turns when ADN moves, and the capsule folds into its shape under normal heat. Then, ADN will attach to cell membranes and insert the protein in to help the cells. Lastly, a magnet will remove all of ADN and another injection will occur until the diabetes is cured."

ExploraVision is a science competition that goes beyond the typical student science competition and into what it takes to bring ideas to reality. Teachers can sponsor and lead their students working in groups of 2 - 4 to simulate real research and development. Teachers guide their students as they pick a current technology, research it, envision what it might look like in 20 years, and describe the development steps, pros and cons, and obstacles.



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MOVIE REVIEW

Ready Player One

By Steven Leonard

Special to the Times

Steven Spielberg's movie was based on Ernest Cline's 2011 bestseller.

The movie is set in 2045, and the star of the film is a virtual world called OASIS where humans can become their own avatars and do anything imaginable.

The OASIS was created by James Halliday (Mark Rylance), a Howard Hughes type inventor and big-time fan of the pop culture of the 1980s. The virtual world OASIS has made him a multi-trillionaire in the real world.

Halliday biggest fan is Wade Watts (Tye Sheridan), whose avatar is Parzival, named for the mythical seeker of the Holy Grail. Wade has memorized every detail of Halliday's life and his obsession with 1980s pop culture. This obsession is what helps Wade in his efforts to attempt to solve the mystery of the great OASIS Easter egg hunt.

The avatar name is appropriate because Wade/Parzival is primed to win a contest designed by the late Halliday, who decreed that his entire fortune and total control of the OASIS would go to whoever solves a three-part treasure hunt. Win and you own not only the virtual world, but his real-world business as well.

The virtual world in 2045 "Ready Player One" has become more real than reality.

Most people in the real world live in slummy trailer parks, with the trailers stacked vertically atop one another. They retreat at every opportunity into the OASIS, where they are surrounded with virtual friends who only know them through their avatars. Wade's best friend is Aech (Lena Waithe), who looks like a cross between a rhinoceros and the Iron Giant (a replica of which Aech proudly displays in his mechanic's workshop).

Wade's romantic rival in the treasure hunt is Samantha, also known as Art3mis (Olivia Cooke). She is the beautiful heroine named after the Greek goddess of the hunt who zooms around on her Kaneda



When the creator of a virtual reality world called the OASIS dies, he releases a video in which he challenges all OASIS users to find his Easter egg, which will give the finder his fortune.

Director: Steven Spielberg

Writers: Zak Penn, Ernest Cline

Stars: Tye Sheridan, Olivia Cooke, Ben Mendelsohn

bike from the movie "Akira." By contrast, Wade/Parzival drives a DeLorean in tribute to "Back to the Future." It's inevitable that these two will fall for each other, not as avatars but, when the reveal is finally made, as the real-life people behind those avatars. Samantha is insecure about her birth mark on her face and believes that Wade will not find her attractive in the real world. Not even her birth mark can hide her sex appeal in the real world. Unlike most of the movie's other virtual players, these two match-up closely in appearance to their fantasy selves. For all the film's techno sophistication, which mixes motion capture, live action, and computer animation, "Ready Player One" at its heart is a coming-of-age love story.

Spielberg does a much better job here at virtual reality (VR) than reality. Whenever the movie yanks us back into the real world, there's a real-world letdown. After staging a fantastic virtual OASIS chase scene set in New York, replete with King Kong and T. rexes slashing into our audio and visual cortex, who wants to be dropped back into reality.

Wade and Samantha join forces to combat the villains IOI (Innovative Online Industries) and its main head of operations, Nolan Sorrento (Ben Mendelsohn). Nolan joins forces with another bad-guy villain and comedic sidekick I-ROK (T.J. Miller). Weasel (T.J. Miller) and helped provide the same kind of comic relief in the movie "Deadpool". You can't have a good movie and entertainment without great villains.

My rating for this pure childlike amusement park ride at the movies is 3.5 out of 5.



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Times **Cover Story**

Harkness

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costs, improving efficiency and improving services. To this end, the City is engaging in a digital strategy in every aspect of how it does business.

“We desire to be as innovative as the valley we serve,” he says, “or at the very least, we need to be a government that doesn’t suck. We need to get beyond bureaucratic and really deliver good services that are easy, responsive, digital and mobile.”

Of note is the willingness of the City to pilot initiatives and take calculated risks. It is open to new ideas which will leverage technology and data to improve services, make San Jose safer, more inclusive, user-friendly and sustainable.

Customer service is viewed as a core value, as is protecting residents’ privacy with secure IT platforms. “We will champion the customer in City Hall and build services and processes to meet their needs,” says Harkness. For example, the “My San Jose” app lets people report abandoned vehicles, graffiti, illegal dumping, potholes, streetlight outages and more. Photos, locations and descriptions of problems can be submitted by cell phone. This information is sent directly to the crews, says Harkness, so work can be done quickly.

Making San Jose user-friendly would improve the City’s transparency, empower residents to engage in the governance of their city and make City Hall more responsive. Digital neighborhood dashboards would alert residents to development projects, construction, businesses, events and issues they could tackle together. It would also let residents

access information and submit city forms, permit applications and pay city fees online. Participatory budgeting would allow taxpayers to influence City policy and spending decisions.

Small businesses have long been frustrated by San Jose’s permitting procedures. New technology is being utilized to help navigate their course. Now, after answering about seven questions relating to the type of business and whether it serves food, applicants will be informed what permits they’ll require and guided through the application process.

“It becomes a three-minute process you can do on your phone,” says Harkness. “Government services can make dramatic improvements using technology and treating business owners as customers.”

Residents’ personal information will be much more secure in the future. “The security of our network systems was archaic,” says Harkness. “We didn’t have a general technology privacy policy. Now we’re doing that.”

Harkness hired the City’s first Information Security Officer to focus on cyber security and make sure all new technologies are secure by design. “You give us a lot of trust,” he says, “and making sure your information is private is extremely important to us. Going forward, we’re working with both security and privacy, investing in them simultaneously.”

Another technological improvement is that city employees can track their progress on projects and hold themselves accountable. “A key behavioral difference,” says Harkness, “is that we can catch problems early and fix them. Technology and innovation is empowering my people.”

The Broadband Strategy

The City is working to level the playing field by making access to technology more inclusive. One of Liccardo’s goals is to “ensure all residents, businesses and organizations can participate in and benefit from the prosperity and culture of innovation in Silicon Valley.”

Initiatives include enabling free or low cost, high-speed broadband service in low-income communities and providing tablets and laptops for low-income students. Through investing in Opportunity Youth and professional training programs, the City is creating a high-tech career path. It is also utilizing libraries as digital skills training centers including coding, entrepreneurship training and online learning.

Harkness contends that ironically, in the heart of Silicon Valley, residents have some of the worst phone service and home connectivity. “We have fiber concentrated in some areas but not most,” he says, “and about 100,000 San Jose residents are disconnected from the internet completely—that’s not just about watching your favorite show on Netflix, but an infrastructure you need to be connected to if you want to be part of the economy of life. If you’re doing homework in middle school or applying for work, you need connectivity.”

With residents streaming and accessing the internet more than ever before from their phones and computers, faster data is needed. To meet this demand and bring San Jose bet-

ter cell coverage for all at a lower cost, the City has committed to a \$2 million investment with AT&T and Verizon during the next several years. The City will also install up to 8,000 small cells on street or traffic lights. The small cells have much smaller ranges than macro towers but allow for higher speeds and better data.

“As we move to 5G, light poles become very important,” says Harkness. “They are the platform for the next level of connectivity.”

“The telecom companies wanted to put their stuff up on our poles,” says Harkness. “We got into a bit of a knife fight with them, but realized we had a lot in common. They wanted customers and we’d like all San Jose to be connected.”

Technology to the rescue

Data analytics will be used more effectively to make San Jose a safer city by targeting code enforcement and ensuring homes identified with high fire risk have smoke alarm checks. It will use geo-tagged data on graffiti complaints and incidents to inform “hot spot” crime prediction and prevention. Data and predictive modeling of crime and policing will increase transparency, including tracking of complaints, gang crimes, auto theft, blight and property crimes.

By identifying high-accident intersections and targeting prevention efforts, the City hopes to reduce traffic accidents and fatalities. In addition, as there isn’t a police car for each officer, in the past a dedicated staff member had to let officers know where their cars were. Today, through Verizon, GPS can locate the nearest available cars quickly for each shift, allowing officers to respond to calls that much faster. “It’s just one example of innovation in action,” says Harkness.

“Smart infrastructure” and digital platforms will also be utilized in emergency and disaster response. This will aid in improving preparedness and response in addition to integrating crowdsourcing to engage residents in recovery efforts.

City officials learned that new technology is needed during the Los Angeles fires and Coyote Creek flood. In Los Angeles, firefighters battling the blaze had evacuated communities. Unfortunately, the navigation app, Waze, seeing a low-traffic area, routed commuters through the middle of a fire zone. San Jose is working with Waze, Google and Apple maps to properly identify evacuation routes in the case of emergencies like an earthquake or fire. This combined with Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) sent through mobile carriers would help people make safe choices quickly.

After the Coyote Creek flood, the City has been working closely with the Santa Clara Valley Water District to improve their processes and has put a work hotline in place so that any employee has direct access to the emergency operation center. In addition, the water district is keeping Anderson Dam’s water levels at no more than 28 percent to limit the flood zone. However, Harkness urges residents to have an earthquake kit in their homes and to be prepared to immediately jump in their cars and go in the case of an emergency.

“The City is fine-tuning its notification system so that warnings come before a flood,” he says. “If they believe a breach is likely at Anderson Dam, they will immediately issue an evacuation notice. If we’re wrong you can be angry with me, but I’d rather err on the side of safety.”

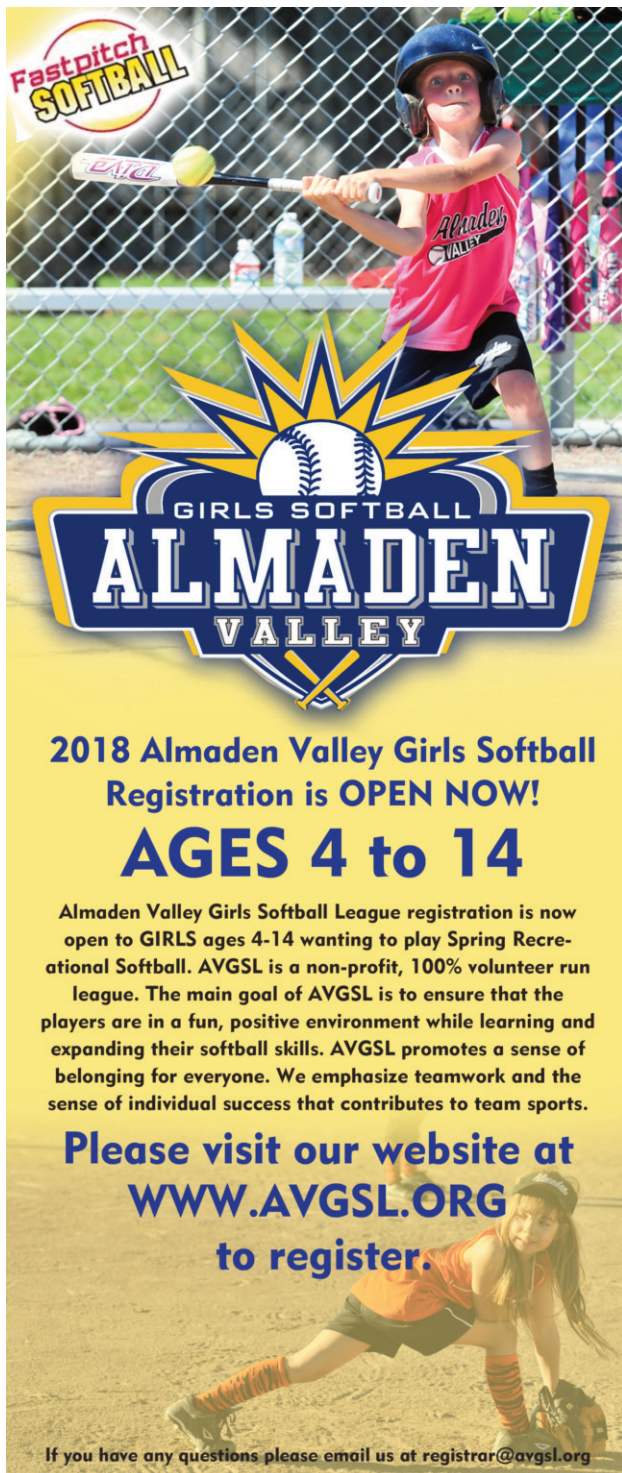
Demonstration City

Liccardo imagines San Jose as a platform for the most impactful and transformative technologies that will shape how we live and work in the future.

He plans to develop the city’s transportation innovation zone to test new products and services, such as autonomous vehicles to mitigate traffic congestion. He also wants to use smart sensor technologies to improve safety and mobility in the transit system.

Additional forward thinking includes having Silicon Valley start-ups and innovators pilot new smart products and services with the City, host demo days and sponsor public competitions to encourage crowdsourcing of innovative solutions to civic challenges.

“We need to empower our workforce to unleash their creativity, recruit top talent from the technology sector, provide the right incentives and oversight to ensure progress, and partner with the private sector, foundations, local civic entrepreneurs, and universities to accelerate impact,” says Liccardo. “We also need to take appropriate risks and provide room for experimentation and failure as we adopt new ways of working.”



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Times **Feature**

Largest 'world class' bike and skate park opens in San Jose

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

Thousands flocked to the grand opening of the new Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park on a super blue sunny sky morning on Saturday, April 14.

A blue satin ribbon was cut to open the park and invite the whole city to begin using the largest bike and skate park in the U.S.A.

One spectator said, "This is pure joy to watch!"

The sound system and bike demo was like that of watching professional skiers in Squaw Valley going over moguls and it accentuated the excitement of the grand opening.

Peter Brandt of Robert Castillo's BMX Freestyle Bike Team began the show with a breathless announcer voice delivery describing the stunts of spectacular BMX riders, putting on a world class show.

One person said, "I feel exhausted just watching that," after the end of the quick practices and demos. It's true; the audience becomes one with the rider because each onlooker pulls for an incredible execution of each jump and stunt. Castillo's group has performed in more than 6,000 shows, including Las Vegas.

The show stopping BMX riders ran down the dirt track and went up and over many undulated hills performing stunts and tricks in the air. They would spin their handlebars and entire bikes in the air, and as graceful as a bobcat, each rider would regain their proper positions just prior to landing after executing numerous stunts as the crowd cheered.

Announcer, Brandt would draw the crowd into the participation pushing for involvement with applause by impassionedly saying over the sounds of jagged music, "let's put it together for ..." or "a little voice from the audience..." It was like a Rock and Roll sermon of sorts.

Brandt wound up the crowd and drew everyone in with his expert tone and enunciation of words contained in savvy statements such as, "this guy demands the best out of himself each and every time," (during the run).

Then there was a crash, but quick as he fell and dragged across the dirt, the rider got right back up and the announcer with measured composure and a low kick back voice droned, "Wow, goin' for it, not afraid to take a crash especially for entertainment, try again and never give up!," to which indeed the rider got right back up and for another run.

History in the making

The announcer then asked the crowd over the entrancing sounds of invigorating song selections, "Do you guys want to see some back flips," to which the crowd began to cheer. The riders had it all planned out and each of them ran in order, one right after another as each did a different variation of a flip or personal trick innovation move. The announcer said, "No way, throwing in a variation and that's what it's all about, feeling the love at Cunningham Park and it's an honor to be here." This marked the first time the words "Cunningham Bike Park" were officially broadcast during an event. It was history in the making! The audience just knew that in the years that lie ahead many professional races and ecstatic competitions will be put on at this Cunningham Park for it's a new generation of bike parks for other cities to duplicate and revere throughout the world. Once again, San Jose has become a leader and innovator in building such a



The grand opening of the Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park on April 14 featured the BMX freestyle of top local riders with oversight by the Robert Castillo group.

world class park.

Nova

Nova traveled more than 50 miles to get to the event and was a spectator at the opening of the park, sitting on her bike and awaiting the start of the event. She said, "I was heavy when I first started to ride dirt bikes at different tracks. Through riding I met my best friends; it gives me so much joy in my life to ride. It gives me a real sense of freedom and I don't know how to properly say it, but mountain bike and trail riding keeps my stress down at home and work. I think this Cunningham Bike Park is awesome!" When asked how she felt she said, "I feel like I am not even in San Jose." This was a true statement when one sees all these people on pedal powered bikes, it makes one think that they are in the outback of Yosemite. It's a kind of dirt, sky and tree thing.

Invited speakers take to the podium

After the exhibition was concluded, speakers came to the podium. "I grew up in south San Jose," said Ash Kalra, California State Assembly member. "We lived in a small cul-de-sac and I remember back when my older brother and some of his friends set up a kind of ramp for bikes to jump out on the street and I thought, gee, that doesn't look too safe." Kalra went on to say that sure enough someone got hurt; so it's wonderful that today in San Jose, instead of kids building ramps at home in the streets, they now can come to a safe place to ride and jump

their bikes. "This is what the city is able to do when the community comes together," said Kalra. "Creative and forward thinking ideas were used to plan such a place and there are no other places like this in California. We need places like this that are accessible to everyone!"

Dave Cortese

"I want everyone to know that I am the first person to show up at this BMX Park with a suit on, I hold the record now," said a jovial Dave Cortese as he spoke to the crowd (always dedicated and devoted to the county, he also was on his way that day to another very important event honoring Veterans).

Cortese said: "It took many years but now it is a reality! People of all ages are to play in this city. In 2008, I cut the ribbon for the opening of the skate board part of Cunningham Park and former Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and San Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas have carried the torch to keep it all going. It is important to let your representatives know what you want. Your investment is to let your representatives know and it may take years but eventually it can be done! This new bike park as an actual example he inspired the crowd to know that citizens work hand in hand with those in city government to make things happen in ways the general public want and need."

Cindy Chavez

"Wear your helmet, especially the little

ones," said County Supervisor Chavez. She said that the City of San Jose shows such respect "complete respect for all of us which live, work and play in our community," in building and opening up a new large bike and skate park of this size. Chavez said that the park shows that the city loves and appreciates all and that "we value children in our community." She concluded by saying: "To the city of San Jose, well done!"

Lars Thomsen

Thomsen who is a leader in the bike movement in San Jose and owner of Trail Head Cyclery in San Jose said, "Holy Smokes, you guys ready for the park to open!" Thomsen said that the park involved lots of planning over the past eight years. He and others were pleased that City leaders listened to the things they wished to include in the bike park to make it the best it could possibly be. He said, "What you want is almost as important as what you don't want." Then he exuberantly said, "Dirt jump line, pretty sweet!, slalom run great, dual slalom run even better, and I am so pumped that we have a dual slalom track." He was pleased that the bike park was completed and those in Parks and Rec really listened to what he came to them with as he heard from the biking community that surrounds him and gave him input on the construction. Thomsen reflected that when people use bikes they create family time and health and fitness. Bikes he said reduce congestion and there is no better way to see a new place than on a bike. "Sylvia Arenas took the reins from Rose Herrera and kept it all going. Justin Beck (bike park manager) was the glue that kept the project all going forward over many years, massive props to them, I'm done talking, let's go ride bikes!"

Mayor Liccardo

The Mayor said, "Well Good Morning on this momentous occasion! I want to thank everyone at this history marking day as we celebrate the evolution of Lake Cunningham into a 10-acre Action Sports Park as California's greatest bike park meets California's largest skate park." He shared a memory of his early childhood when he recalled hearing his mother say when he took his bike out for rides, "don't do wheelies Sam!" Then Liccardo thanked the entire Parks and Recreation Team saying, "it takes a lot of people pushing together to get these projects done." He gave praise to all and said every kid whether big or small can enjoy this park."

Sylvia Arenas

Due to unforeseen events, Councilwoman Arenas was not able to make the event however her Chief of Staff Patrick McGarrity spoke to the crowd and kept them informed and her staff was present to help and answer questions with a fully loaded informational table as is kindly done at all events.

Arenas delivered this quote to the community at press time, "Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park combines the existing largest skate park in California with a brand new bike park that has the most riding features of any bike park in America. Teenagers are sometimes the residents most in need of our support, and at the same time, the hardest to reach. This park creates an amazing place for teens to congregate, learn from mentors, and develop perseverance."

Angel Rios Jr.

"I know we are all ready to put our See PARK, page 15



As Mayor **Sam Liccardo** (second from right) walked over to get on his bike to run the course peddling through the ribbon he said, "Where's my horsey?," which got a laugh from the crowd.

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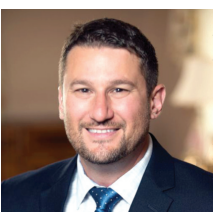
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SILICON VALLEY COMIC CON

Huge San Jose gathering attracts geeks celebrating facts, fiction, and everything in between

By Jeff Baham

Special to the Times

It's not every gathering that can pay homage to both real-life NASA technicians working on building space stations and fictional Imperial technicians working on building a Death Star, but that's exactly what happened downtown on April 6, 7 and 8 at the third annual Silicon Valley Comic Con, a convention that neatly celebrated almost every aspect of popular culture as well as the latest in science and tech by simply asking one question, the slogan for the weekend: "What does it mean to be human?"

The convention, which hosted hours-long lines Saturday morning, the busiest day of the 3-day event, was held at the San Jose Convention Center, where it hosted a huge showroom, an "Artists' Alley," a large event stage and several smaller panel rooms, a video gaming area, hidden spaces for photographs with celebrities, and large communal gathering spaces where fans, often dressed up as their favorite characters from pop culture, would share stories, enjoy a "Psycho" donut, or admire each other's cosplay.

NASA Astronaut Dr. Mae Jemison hosted one of the event's keynote addresses, speaking about her experiences as the first woman of color to travel to outer space. After her talk (which was introduced by Nichelle "Uhura" Nichols, the first *fictional* woman of color to travel to space), she was one of a few celebrities whom the convention hosted for a free autograph session, attracting huge lines of fans and parents with their young girls, many with dreams of their own future space adventures.

Signatures and photo ops

The free autograph sessions were popular, drawing hundreds of attendees to the back of the showroom floor. New York Times best-selling author Andy Weir was another celebrity hosted by the convention, who popped up a few minutes late amidst the swirling mobs of convention-goers. "How did you find me?" Weir asked one convention goer who had handed him a copy of his novel "The Martian" for a signature. "I'm still not even sure where I'm supposed to be!"

While the crowds on Saturday were immense, they were also manageable and reasonably well maintained. Convention staffers were polite and helpful, if often unable to answer anything more than the most general questions. But as seasoned convention-goers are aware, the best way to ensure a good time is to go with the flow, and flow the crowds did.

Many celebrities appeared at the convention just to sell their signatures (for anywhere from \$30 to \$100 and up a pop), or to take personal photos with their fans in special pre-paid "photo op" sessions. Star Wars was well-represented, with Ian McDiarmid, the Emperor himself, in attendance, as well as Mads Mikkelsen, who played Galen Erso – the architect of the original Death Star – from "Star Wars: Rogue One." Movie stars (such as Christina Ricci of "The Addams Family") and television stars (such as Krysten Ritter of "Jessica Jones") were happy to greet fans, and sign a photo – for a fee.

Stan's still the man

Stan Lee (co-creator of "Spider Man", the "Avengers", the "X-Men", and many others), a legend at any comic book convention, made an appearance all three days of the event, offering photo ops and autographs. Lee, at 95 years old, was just recovering from a recent



Cosplay ruled the day: A dynamic duo dressed up as Rey and Poe Dameron from "The Last Jedi." At right: **Tony Dow and Jerry Mathers** from "Leave it to Beaver" answer fans' questions.

Photos by Jeff Baham

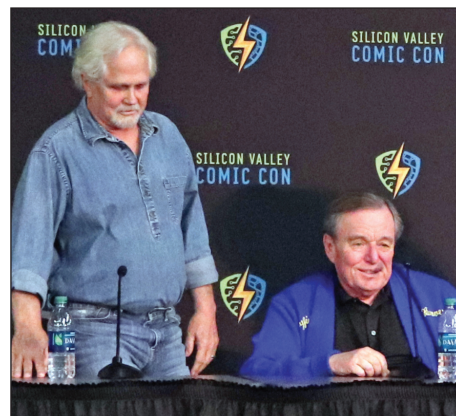
bout of pneumonia and was not his usual smiling, jovial self. Rather, Lee was usually wrapped in a shawl and nodded off on occasion – causing many fans to question whether Lee should have been allowed to attend the gathering at all.

"Some people felt that they should have sold less tickets to make it easier on Stan," said Raul Vera, an attendee who paid to have his family take a photo with Lee. "He just didn't seem like the Stan Lee we typically know. He didn't smile much like he usually does and... you could tell this is a 95 year old man just coming off of an illness, trying his best to please a huge amount of people. I don't feel excited to share the photo we took with just about anybody. I personally feel sad when I see it. Guilty even."

Tinker Bell talks

However, other celebrities were lesser known in general, but not to their devoted fans. Margaret Kerry, a spritely 89-year-old woman who has had a long career in Hollywood, hosted her own booth from opening to close each day of the convention. "I'm tired, but it's been good," Kerry said Sunday afternoon as the convention was winding down. "Meeting so many fans and wonderful people is just a joy. It's pure joy."

Kerry, most famous for being the actress and reference model who acted out Tinker Bell's scenes from Walt Disney's "Peter Pan" for the animators, was one of the most popular guests on "autograph row," with a regu-



lar line of people wanting to buy an autograph or her autobiography, or to just give the real-life Tinker Bell a hug.

"Some people think that was Marilyn Monroe up there, in cartoon form," Kerry said, who was a model herself for a bit, winning a "best legs" contest in the '50s. "But it's not. That's all me. In fact, my husband watched the movie once and said 'Margaret, I'd recognize those thighs anywhere.'"

Nostalgia in full bloom

Television nostalgia was evident throughout the weekend, with celebrities from '50s and '60s television series hosting panels and selling autographs. In one altogether "ooky" panel discussion, Lisa "Wednesday Addams" Loring and Pat "Marilyn Munster" Priest sat on a stage and reminisced about working in television in the 1960s on their respective monster-themed shows – "The Addams Family" and "The Munsters." "I loved everyone on the show," said Loring, speaking of her stint on "The Addams Family." "My costars were really like family.

In fact, Carolyn ("Morticia") Jones was the only one I would let pull my first loose tooth. She got some Anbesol, tied a string around it, tied it to a doorknob, and slam. Wouldn't let my mom, wouldn't let my grandmother – wouldn't let anyone touch it but Carolyn. I spent a lot of time with her and I really, really loved her."

"Our shows were really about acceptance," Priest explained, talking about the fact that both of the monster series dealt with families composed of social outsiders. "When you know someone, you don't see race, you don't see anything, you just share whatever you have in common. Those were the moments to remember." The panel moderator concurred, noting that over the years since the early '60s when both shows aired, many psychiatrists have pointed to both the Addams and Munster families as examples of well balanced, loving families.

Take it or 'Leave it'

Tony Dow and Jerry Mathers from "Leave it to Beaver" also took part in a panel, talking about their time performing as Wally and "the Beav" in the popular family sitcom that ran for 234 episodes from 1957 through 1963. Tony Dow spoke of the authenticity of the show being one of the primary reasons for its success.

"Joe (Connelly) and Bob (Mosher), the creators of the series, would regularly have writers try to sell scripts to them for the show," Dow said. "So when they'd have these people come in and pitch stories to them, they'd sit there and say 'eh - we don't care about all that stuff. Tell us the worst thing that ever happened to you when you were a kid.' That's what they were looking for. Real stories about kids getting in trouble."

Jerry Mathers talked about how getting in trouble was likely the reason he was cast as Beaver. "They had try outs with 8,000 kids for Wally and the Beaver," Mathers said. "I'd try out, walk out, and the next week get a call back and go back, over and over." "Then for his last interview, he came in in his Cub Scout outfit, looking a little tense," Dow interjected. "The producers asked him what was wrong, and he said, 'I don't wanna be here - I want to go to my Cub Scout meeting.'"

"That got me into a lot of trouble," Mathers continued. "My parents had been taking me to these interviews for weeks, going back and forth. I walked right in and then right out of that interview, and my mom asked what happened. I said 'Well, they asked me if I wanted to be there and I said no – I'd rather be at my Cub Scout meeting.' "I think getting into trouble was what finally got him the role," Dow concluded. "They wanted a kid that was real."

Geeks in a good way

From the most wholesome family entertainment of the 1950s through the hyper-realistic gritty television of today, the third annual Silicon Valley Comic Con had a celebration of popular culture for every preference. From dealers selling the popular "Pop!" vinyl toys to independent cartoon artists to, yes, even a good array of comic book collectors and vendors, SVCC offered a party platter filled with entertainment and fun to everyone who came. We can only presume that geeks – which is not a pejorative term to this crowd – from all over the west coast are already planning their costumes for next year's big event.

Times **Local News****Park***Continued from page 11*

helmets on and ride. This park was created for everyone. The Parks and recreation mantra is, "We Build Community Through Fun!" said Rios Jr. who is Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood services. "We manage public spaces that allow people to connect to people and places. We are in the business of providing such parks. It takes a team. We believe that the quality of parks lead to quality time, quality play, all improving our quality of life," said Rios Jr.

Aaron Jones

"It's good that the skate and bike park is there for the inner city kids for something to do," said Jones who is owner of San Jose Bikes and the Skate Virus skateboarder shop. "More activities within the city for people to do and experience is really a good thing. If you are going to ride the dirt park consider getting a special bike for that style of riding. Our shop sells some BMX bikes and dirt jumpers that are more specific for riding in this kind of park. We welcome all ages to look at bikes and to enjoy this awesome new park. You can always come visit us and we'll show you and let you try out specific top notch models for dirt riding."

Parker and Spencer

Two riders "Parker" and "Spencer" said the new bike park was great because the tracks are already in place (meaning that often dirt bikers have to take lots of time to make and prepare slalom tracks to run). They also gave approval to the main jump line (this is a carefully designed run of hills and ramps).

Scooters and bikers can squabble on cement

In our world often one group of people can steer away from hanging out with another for within the Venn Diagram of friendship exclusivity of groups in the outer circles can be separated by exclusive rides of choice. At the event an old school skateboarder with young daughter earnestly said that they wanted the bikes and trikes to stay clear of the bowls in the classic skateboard cement zone areas. They suggested, "if anyone is under 18 years old it might be good to have a parent near to watch over what they are doing," (meaning sometimes a young person might not recognize the swift danger if skating down into a bowl that has a fast rider entering behind them). It was thought that large kids might run down some of the smaller tikes unless everyone is careful. These are some of the rough edges that will be figured out over time in the combination world's largest skateboard and bike park in the U.S.A. Some riders push it to the max and that means the park is never boring for feats of courage are always taking place.

Liccardo rides the trails

As the Mayor walked over to get on his bike to run the course he said, "Where's my horsey?," which got a laugh from the crowd. A little while later, Steve Bennette, a 40-plus year resident of San Jose said face to face to the mayor, "thank you for being the face of San Jose, I think you're the best Mayor we have ever had."

Good job San Jose!

A girl named Abby was rolling her bike with her dad and said, "I've been watching the jumps and they look really cool. I want to come back and try it all. Good Job San Jose!" It is a healthy place for teenagers to go and get away from it all to unplug and visit a safe place with a vibe they like; a kind of 21st century hangout.



One mom said, "I am so happy they built this park, because I come here and watch my son ride." She said that the workers at the Skate Park are so nice that she regards them as "family" and her son is absolutely thrilled about this new bike park opening up and joining with the skate park.

Never a dull moment

The bike park has many features which manufacture lots of excitement for the biker, skater and onlooker. The 8.5 acre bike park is designed well, with trails that zig zag to gradually take people up to the top where there are comfortable benches to rest and view both the jump bike runs and the 68,000 square foot skateboard park. As you walk the trail you get exercise and inspiration in watching particular ramps which are used in unique ways of expertise by riders one right after another. There is never a dull moment by the onlookers who place themselves in strategic points of interest and on looking along the trail.

Free to watch

The only fees are for riders, so if one wishes to come and watch all is free. All San Jose parks can be entered into by walking, jogging, skateboarding or bike riding. A great place for a family destination; just to watch top flight bike riders and skaters is invigorating. Watching others to get in shape at such destinations is contagious, builds community, and makes us realize we are all part of the same family of man and womankind (a new inclusive term coined where else but Silicon Valley).

At the conclusion of the event hundreds of riders lined up on trails to take the plunge with many moms, dads, girlfriends and boyfriends waiting at a point on the trail to cheer their loved one on. Bike enthusiast Thompson's words rang true when he said to all, "Sam Liccardo and Sylvia Arenas are the finest folks and Parks and Rec has gone above and beyond to build the greatest bike park in California. Ride on San Jose!" Editor's note: Could this be a new catch phrase that will sweep the country instead of the old one that goes "right on." You read it first in the Almaden Times!

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Helpful ways new college grads can achieve the right career fit

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

As college seniors put the finishing touches on their academic careers, they're looking forward to finally entering the workforce with those hard-earned degrees in hand.

But for many of them, the first weeks and months at a new job could prove stressful and at times frustrating as they struggle to fit into their new company's culture.

"It's exciting to be fresh out of college and launching the career you dreamed about for four years," says Kerry Alison Wekelo, author of *Culture Infusion: 9 Principles to Create and Maintain a Thriving Organizational*.

"Unfortunately, class work, internships and work studies may not have completely prepared these students for the pressures and expectations of fulltime employment. If they fail to adapt to the company culture, you can end up with low morale on the part of the employee, and disappointment from the employer that the new hire they were so excited about didn't work out."

Luckily, both the employee and employer can take steps to improve the odds that this first job out of college is a shining success, said Wekelo. Those steps include:

- Make sure this is the right fit. The path to a smooth transition for an employee fresh out of college begins with the hiring process. Both the employer and the prospective employee need to feel that this will be a good fit. Otherwise, one or both parties may soon experience regret. "Taking the time to find the exact match is well worth the time and energy," she says. "If you have any doubt, the answer is no."
- Understand the importance of benefits. A new college graduate might be tempted to grab the first opportunity and not pay much attention to the benefits the

company offers. But to avoid a form of new-employee buyer's remorse, they need to determine what benefits they consider a must and what's not a priority for them. At the same time, a business can more successfully attract and keep the best people by offering a generous benefits package. Beyond retirement benefits, health benefits and paid time off, she says, other benefits could include educational opportunities and rewards programs.

- Put a priority on wellness. It's important that employees know that their company doesn't only care about their work, but also cares about their health and happiness, Wekelo says. Meanwhile, those young employees accustomed to all-night parties and ramen-noodle diets need to understand that maintaining good mental and physical health translates into a more satisfying life at work. "If they take care of themselves – getting proper sleep, eating right, participating in hobbies that make them happy – they will perform better," said Wekelo. Employers can do their part by promoting wellness, perhaps by offering nutritional snacks instead of donuts during meetings, and encouraging exercise.

"The great thing from an employer's standpoint is that these steps will not only help with any recent college students," Wekelo says, "but also with all employees no matter how experienced they are."

About Kerry Alison Wekelo

Kerry Alison Wekelo (www.kerryalison.com) is managing director of human resources and operations for Actualize Consulting. She also is author of *Culture Infusion: 9 Principles to Create and Maintain a Thriving Organizational Culture*. Among her other accomplishments, Wekelo is a yoga teacher, life coach, award-winning author of children's books, and the founder of Zendoway, a company that encourages holistic wellness.

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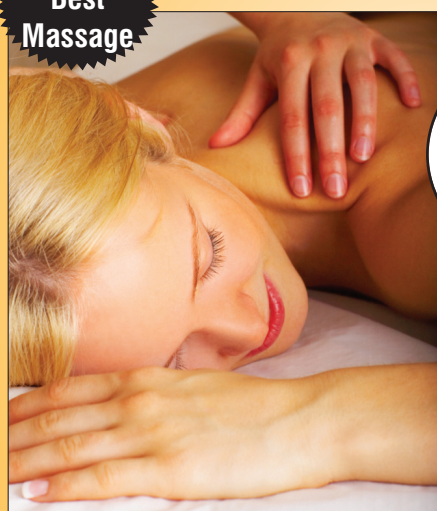


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Times **Your Community****COUNTY REPORT****Join our bus trip to Sacramento: 'Speak Up for Education' in Santa Clara County**

By Supervisor Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

In 2013, the California Legislature approved the biggest changes to education funding in 40 years by establishing the Local Control Funding Formula that gave counties and school districts more control over how they spend state funds.

During our 2014 Sacramento Bus Trip for Education, participants learned a lot about how the formula would work and its goal for distributing funds according to the level of student need, with more spending flexibility at the local level.

Four years later, you have the opportunity to tell the State Legislators who represent Santa Clara County if you think the new formula is working, how it could be changed and if you think students and your communities are better off.

Our 16th Bus Trip for Education, which is free to participants, will be on Tuesday, May 15, with the goal of connecting educators, students, parents and residents with legislators and state officials who can hear your concerns and suggestions and answer your questions. The issues have changed over the 15 years of bus trips, and our participation has grown to include more students. But our goals to bring you closer to the decisions-makers and provide you with information have remained the same.

The proposed state budget for 2018-19 includes \$3 billion in funding for the Local Control Funding Formula, which means it would be fully implemented two years ahead of schedule. The budget also proposes requiring school districts to create a link between their local accountability plans and their budgets to show how this increased funding is being spent.

You will be able to receive an update on what's next for this revolutionary change. Other issues of interest have been support for students who want to attend college and the California Common Core Standards of education adopted by the State Board of Education in 2010. Attendees are welcome to bring up other issues, as well.

The Bus Trip for Education is sponsored by my office and the Silicon Valley Education Foundation. Participants receive updates on current legislative proposals, a status update on school funding and other key public education efforts. Our Legislators also tell us about other non-education bills they are working on. There will also be guided tours of the Capitol.

To register, visit www.sccgov.org/sites/d3, and click on the Events menu at the top of the page. Click on Sacramento Bus Trip and you will be directed to the registration page.

We'll 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.

For more information and questions, contact my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

**County Report**

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

U2 coming back to San Jose

Rock legends Bono, The Edge, Adam Clayton, and Larry Mullen, Jr. come to SAP Center in Downtown San Jose for U2s Songs of Experience Tour. Songs of Experience complements and serves as a sequel to their previous tour, Songs of Innocence. Due to Brexit and global politics, the group revisited the tone of the tour and the new album, rewriting lyrics, rearranging and remixing songs. U2 is one of the world's best-selling music artists in history, selling more than 175 million records worldwide, and winning 22 Grammy Awards. Throughout their career, as a band and as individuals, they have campaigned for human rights and philanthropic causes.

U2 will be appearing at SAP Center on May 7 - 8, 2018. Tickets are \$41-\$325+. Call 800-745-3000 or visit <http://sapcenter.com/events/detail/u2>.

THE WISDOM TOOTH
How to clean a retainer properly

By Susan R. Di Bene, DDS
Special to the Times

Q: I have a retainer and I can't seem to get it as clean as I would like it to be, do you have any suggestions on how to clean it?

A: Yes! This is a common question

that I receive from my patients about their retainers, NightGuards, and dentures. The best practice is to brush it after each use. Most retainers may have a difficult area to clean and in that case it can be soaked in white vinegar for an hour and then brushed. Surprisingly, it can look like new! Be sure to use WHITE vinegar only, otherwise the retainer could stain purple.

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- 56% of American households have functional e-products that they will no longer use.
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Times **Feature****Show your community spirit and join your neighbors in beautifying District 10!**

By Johnny Khamis
Special to the Times

In honor of Earth Day 2018, the City of San Jose is having a city-wide CLEAN UP COMPETITION between the Council Districts throughout the month of April.

The winning Council District will be determined by the district with the most participating volunteers. If District 10 wins, Councilmember Khamis will host a Volunteer Appreciation Pancake Breakfast (date TBD) and present the community with the winners' trophy.

Win money for your high school

Mayor Liccardo has issued a High School Challenge, so the high school with the most student volunteers will be awarded \$\$\$ towards the school – 1st: \$1,000, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$250 – plus, students may garner community service hours by participating.

How can you join the competition?

Show up to one of the volunteer opportunities below and your volunteering will count toward the competition. If you are a high school student, you can identify, on

the sign-in sheet, which school you are a part of, so that your school gets its competition credit!

'Take a Taste of the Valley of Hearts Delight' presented at Martial Cottle Park: May 5

"Spring Celebration, Take a Taste of the Valley of Hearts Delight" is the theme of this year's annual event at Martial Cottle Park on Saturday, May 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Santa Clara Valley's agricultural past and present will be presented. Eventgoers will learn how the Cottle family farmed for more than 150 years at the park location. The event is free; parking \$6.

Attractions include local arts and crafts, farm animals up-close, urban forest demonstration, antique autos and vintage farm equipment, gardening demonstrations, spring planting activities, kids activities, fresh organic produce, garden workshops, Jacobs Farm tours, live music and more!

Cottle Martial Cottle Park is located at: 5283 Snell Ave, San Jose.

Visit the County Parks website for additional information: www.parkhere.org

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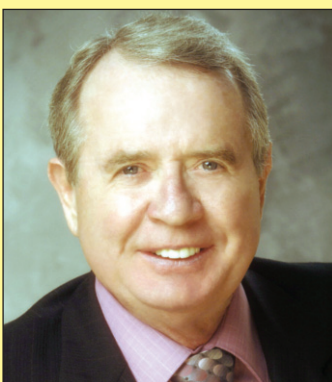
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