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Abigail Chiavetta and ex-Shark Douglas Murray show off Abigail's design on playoff rally towels at Castillero Middle School.

A SPECIAL GIFT Castillero student designs Shark's playoff rally towels

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer T isn't every 14-year-old who has a San Jose Sharks rally held in her honor, but that's exactly what happened for

Abigail Chiavetta. When Chiavetta headed for lunch recess at Castillero Middle School, she had no idea that awaiting her was SJ Sharkie, ex-Shark Douglas Murray, the school staff decked out in Sharks attire and an ecstatic student body. The school community cheered and waved playoff rally towels as the San Jose Sharks' goal-scoring music played on: the towels featuring a design created by Chiavetta herself.

Chiavetta says she was embarrassed, excited and amazed by the event and that it was something she will always remember.

"She was so surprised," says her grandmother, Madeline Chiavetta, "and the kids were so



Abigail's design even made it onto an ice sculpture celebrating the playoffs.

excited. It was a wonderful experience."

Chiavetta's design came to the Sharks' attention after her father, Mark Chiavetta, posted it on Twitter. "People liked her picture and said it should be a rally towel," says Mark. Although the official playoff towels had already been printed, the Sharks agreed and created about 1500 featuring Chiavetta's design to present to her and the school community.

"The rally was incredible," says Mark. "We're all loyal Sharks fans, so for her to be recognized was really cool. She really enjoyed it."

It all began one lazy Saturday when Chiavetta drew a picture for her 10-year-old brother, Luca. With the NHL playoff series against the Vegas Golden Knights in mind, she created an image of a fearsome shark's head—similar to the one the Sharks skate through on game nights at the SAP Center-bursting from the water with its sharp, pointy teeth poised to crush the Golden Knights' helmet and shield. Surrounding this image are the words: Nighty Night Knights. "Created by Abigail Chiavetta" appears on See ABIGAIL, page 18

Six Almaden area students awarded scholarships by AVWC

By Beth Swartz

Special to the Times Six Almaden area students are recipients of scholarships awarded by the Almaden Valley Women's Club at its monthly meeting on May 8.

Each year the Almaden Valley Women's Club raises funds for its scholarship program through its Art & Wine Festival.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club motto is "Friendship through service." In keeping with the tradition of service to the community, scholarship awards are based not only on academic achievements but also on community service.

"Community service is why we are here and we want to recognize students for their community involvement," says Rebecca Stene, President of the Almaden Valley Women's Club. "This year the students' community service projects involved outreach to students in Cambodia, tutoring ESL students in San Francisco's Mission District, and creating a self-sustaining chemo kit for low income children facing cancer among other excellent community projects."

The following is a quick glimpse of the scholarship winners.

Thanh-Thuy Nguyen, a senior at Leland High School, gives back to her community by organizing and participating in instructional, robotic demos and workshops all over San Jose for school children and their parents to promote "Science, Technology, Engineering and Math" (STEM). Thuy led an initiative this year to provide materials for STEM outreach in Cambodia by organizing the collection of LEGO robotic kits. She reformatted an engineering activity *See SCHOLARSHIPS, page 14*



Scholarship winners (left to right): Yanet Wossenseged, Sabrina Tian, Thanh-Thuy Nguyen, Karoline Imobersteg, My Hoang and Evan Leung.

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Almaden Art & Wine Festival logo art contest winner announced

By William Bellou Publisher

C tudents from the Almaden area were recently honored for their unique logo designs by the Almaden Valley Women's Club (AWC) at their monthly meeting on May 8. Local High School and Art school students submitted their unique artwork for the annual Almaden Art & Wine festival logo design contest, which is sponsored each year in September by the Almaden Women's Club.

Sejal Kini, a sophomore at Leland High School, is the top award winner for her logo design. Her logo design will be featured on the Almaden Art & Wine Festival glasses as well as in other areas promoting the festival. Sejal said working on her art helps her relax and brightens her day. She plans to minor in art when she goes to college.

Sejal was joined by four other student finalists who were also recognized for their logo renderings by the AWC. The four finalists are: Alex Z. Chen, a freshman at Leland High School; Emily Gui, a sophomore at Leland High School; Camila Cervantes, an eighth grader at Castillero Middle School; and Shane Tarkington, a junior at Leland High School.



Pictured, right: Almaden Art & Wine Club logo design contest runner-up winners (left to right) are: Camila Cervantes, Alex Chen, Shane Tarkington, Emily Gui, and top design winner Sejal Kini (also pictured below).

LETTER TO THE EDITOR Almaden Senior Association enhances life for seniors by distributing funding to approved individuals and organizations

The Almaden Senior enhancing the quality of life for local seniors, individual and families with meaningful activities and entertainment, benefiting the community.

The Almaden Senior Association is accepting "Request for Funding" (RFF) from individuals and local organizations who wish to receive contributions that will benefit the community and seniors within the community.

information can be obtained by emailing asa.rff6@gmail.com

submitted on or before Oct.

You will also find the almadenseniors.org website. Applications may be submitted by email or by regular mail to Almaden Seniors-RFF, 6445 Camden Avenue, San Iose, CA, 95120. Monica Bellizzi Almaden Valley

Editor's Note: The amount of funds requested by an individual or organization can be from \$500 to over \$2,500. The time frame for using the monies can be from one year to three years or ongoing. For more information see application or go to: http://www. almadenseniors.org/operations/Request for Fundi ng_Application.pdf



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Heart of the Park VIII to be held at Fontana Park

n Saturday May 19th at 12 noon, the public is invited to the Martin-Fontana Parks Association's eighth annual "Heart of the Park Celebration". It will be held near the dog park in Jeffrey Fontana Park at the corner of Oakglen Way and Castello Drive. Bring the family, a picnic lunch; enjoy children's planting activities and informational booths on wildlife and native plants in the parks. Learn about drought resistant landscapes for your home, and see examples of native plants in our seven native gardens in Fontana Park.

The event will begin at 12:00 noon with a bird tour led by Lisa Myers, at 1:00 pm the official dedication of the new "Five Islands" project will begin, where you can meet the sponsors and the planting team. After the dedication you can

stroll through the booths, visit with SJPD K-9 teams, eat ice cream and enter to win raffle prizes. At 2:30 pm you are invited to "Strut Your Mutt" at our annual dog parade!

"SAVE OUR PARK TREES" was the rallying cry of the neighbors of TJ Martin and Jeffrey Fontana Parks in the summer of 2010 when PG&E announced the removal of 140 mature trees in the parks.



The concerned community members formed a nonprofit and stopped the mass removal of the trees. The trees were the "heart of the parks", so the victory was celebrated with a party in the park, and the Martin-Fontana Parks Association was born.

For the complete schedule of events, and a listing of the raffle business donors, please visit SaveOurParkTrees.com.



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NCL Almaden - Blossom Valley Graduating Class of 2018 at annual Mother/Daughter Tea

Almaden - Blossom Valley Chapter of the National Charity League celebrates 6 years of philanthropy

The Class of 2018 gives 2,490 hours of service to the local community

By Terry Prazak and Donna DeAvila Special to the Times

The Almaden - Blossom Valley chapter of the National Charity League recently held their Annual Mother/ Daughter Tea and Senior Recognition events at Villa Ragusa in Campbell.

The annual NCL Mother/Daughter Tea highlighted the 6-year NCL experience for the 21 graduating seniors and their mothers, and recognized the dedication of the graduating class and the contributions from the Almaden/Blossom Valley Chapter. The ceremony included a senior class receiving line, and memory boards. The senior class mothers presented their daughters with a special tea cup and a heartfelt speech.

Each year, with a dedicated focus, the

graduating seniors participate in a wide array of philanthropic experiences ranging from the environment to families in need to children and seniors to the hungry and homeless.

Membership in NCL gives mothers and daughters unique opportunities to strengthen their bond while growing together and improving their communities. It's the only national organization committed to fostering the mother-daughter relationship through philanthropy, leadership development, and cultural experiences within the community and they have a greater appreciation for the world around them.

Volunteering efforts

Volunteering at such organizations as City Team, Second Harvest Food Bank, Lincoln Glen Manor, Family Supportive Housing, Home First [EHC], Children's Discovery Museum, Sunday Friends, and Animal Assisted Happiness, the mothers See LEAGUE, page 10



Animal Assisted Happiness receives valuable service hours from NCL Almaden - Blossom Valley members. The local NCL Chapter has given a total of 2,490 service hours to the local community during the last six years.

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Times Feature

League

Continued from page 8 and daughters of the Class of 2018 have given 2,490 hours in service to the local community during their six years in NCL. As a result, they have had a positive interaction and understanding with socio-economic and cultural differences.

As one of its most special traditions, NCL encourages each chapter to host a Senior Recognition event. On the evening of March 17, at the La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, family and friends joined together for an elegant event to honor these talented and dedicated young women. The official program included a formal welcome of each motherdaughter duo followed by presentations by the daughters describing their experiences with the dif-

ferent charity organizations throughout the years.

An impressive slideshow captured special memories of their journey and a father-daughter dance kicked off an evening of celebration and dancing. The theme of this year's event was "The Best Is Yet To Come", a reference as chapter members get ready for college.

In addition, NCL provides opportunities for individual and team growth. Public speaking, leadership development, and decision making skills are fostered. There is also a requirement for each member to serve in a leadership role for at least two of the six years and to learn how to organize and run meetings. Topics such as social etiquette, the arts, cliques, social media safety, preparing for high school, positive identity, self-defense, safe road behavior, budgeting,



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Class of 2018 Senior Recognition Event (in alphabetical order): Kylie Chang, Bella DeAvila, Allison Guido, Karoline Imobersteg, Sophie Klitgaard, Kathryn LeBaron, Ava Martinson, Alexandra McCale, Abby McCarthy, Megan Milburn, Ashley Montrezza, Peyton O'Hara, Cheryl Prazak, Sydney Snyder, Lily Swenson, Tyler Tassi, Hannah Theaker. Not pictured: Katie Cooper, Nicole Ellner, Amber McGrogan, Andrea Winters. Photo courtesy of Jim Nelson Photography.

managing timelines, and preparing for college are included in the programming.

History of the NCL

The National Charity League was founded in 1925 by a small group of Southern California women who made baby layettes for the needy and delivered food to the hungry. In 1947, the league of women and their daughters, known as "Ticktockers", united to become the first national motherdaughter charity organization. NCL can now be found in 26 states across the U.S., with 226 chapters nationwide and more

than 63,000 members. The Almaden - Blossom Valley Chapter was started in 1995 and has grown from 19 original members to its current 264 active members. The "Ticktockers" attend both public and private schools, with membership residing in up to eight different San Jose zip codes. The NCL experience proves to be quite a commitment, spanning over a 6-year period, starting the summer before seventh grade and concluding upon graduation from high school.



NCL Charity members donated their service hours to complete a painted directional sign posts project at Animal Assisted Happiness.

Times Community

News **B**riefs

Ashley Koh of Almaden inducted into Psi Chi Honor Society

Wheaton College student **Ashley Koh** of Almaden Valley has been inducted into Psi Chi, the international honor society in psychology.

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academics, integration of faith and learning, and consistent ranking among the top liberal arts colleges in the country.

San Jose Fire Department receives \$500,000 donation to install free smoke alarms

Kieu Hoang presented the City of San Jose with a \$500,000 donation to fund the installation of free smoke alarms for mobile homes in San Jose on May 12.

The funds, managed by the Fire Department, will be distributed to non-



profit organizations to engage directly with the community in these efforts, and oversee installations. The donation will also be used for fire safe-

ty and prevention services for residents. Hoang is a philanthropist who previously donated \$5 million to support victims of the Coyote Creek Flood, as well as a tragic mobile home fire last year.

Gun shows to be banned at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds

n Tuesday, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved an ordinance proposed by Supervisor Ken Yeager that bans the possession and sale of firearms on County property.

The new law is intended to minimize the risk of gun-related injuries for employees and visitors. The measure also effectively ends gun shows at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

"The County's mission is the promotion of health, safety, and well-being for our residents. Gun violence and gun-related injuries and deaths are critical public health concerns," said Yeager. "This ordinance sends a clear message that the County will not allow its properties or resources to be used in the proliferation of this critical public health hazard," said Yeager, a longtime advocate of reasonable gun control.

Other jurisdictions throughout California — including the Counties of Alameda, Los Angeles, and San Mateo — have adopted similar ordinances that have been upheld by the courts.

The ordinance does not impact the rights of legitimate gun owners to lawfully possess or use firearms on private property nor does it infringe on residents' ability to legitimately purchase firearms at licensed vendors throughout the County. The ordinance carves out a few necessary exceptions, such as for peace officers, on-duty members of the military, and authorized concealed carry weapon permit holders. The County-operated Field Sports Park will remain exempted. However, those using the facility will be required to transport their unloaded firearms and ammunition in a locked container or secured by a safety device.

Final approval of the ordinance is expected at the Board's meeting on June 5 when it will have its second reading.



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. Times Feature

Construction starts on pool area remodel at Almaden Golf and Country Club

onstruction has begun on new pool buildings and a remodel of the existing pool area at the Almaden Golf and Country Club in San Jose.

The project, designed by Pillars Architecture, consists of replacing existing pool buildings with new locker rooms with showers and a pool equipment room, resurfacing the existing pool including new coping, tile and plaster, installation of new pool equipment, expansion of the pool deck, and modifying the existing landscaping.

The project will also include modifications to the existing parking lot for improved access and necessary upgrades. The project is expected to be complete in October, 2018.

"The main clubhouse was recently remodeled leaving the existing pool house and outdoor uses in need of upgrades to not only match the new clubhouse but also to meet the needs of our membership that use the Club for more than just golf," said Matt Hurley, President of the Almaden Golf and Country Club. "The new buildings and upgrades will enable us to attract and serve more members who enjoy spending time with family outdoors in the great Almaden Valley."

"Our families are excited to relax and socialize at the new pool facility," said Adrienne Simpson, Director of Membership Relations for the Almaden Golf and Country Club. "The pool is home to the Almaden Gators, a championship swim team, who can't wait to get in and practice once the project is complete. We're also excited to expand our fitness programs to include adults aquatics featuring water exercise and masters swimming."

"The renovation brings more modern conveniences to the pool area while utilizing a more contemporary architectural style complementary to the outdoor use," said Alex Ross, Principal with Pillars Architecture. "The design blends new forms and



"We are excited to work with the Almaden Golf and Country Club on this new project," said Iill Hagaman, CEO and President of Built with Principle. "We look forward to delivering a quality building on time and on budget that will add further value to the Club

and surrounding neighborhood." About Almaden Golf & Country Club

Almaden Golf and Country Club is a prestigious newly renovated private member owned club located in the beautiful Almaden Valley of San Jose and nestled in the foothills of the Santa Cruz Mountains. The Club boasts an 18-Hole championship golf course, clubhouse, tennis courts, swimming pavilion, fit-

ness center and pro shop. The Club includes an active membership who uses the Club for socializing, meeting new friends, entertaining clients and family. Diverse business, ethnic backgrounds and age groups represent our membership. The Club is dedicated to providing an outstanding experience for members and their guests.

More information can be found at almadengcc.org.

Senior fraud prevention is a county priority

By Supervisor Mike Wasserman Special to the Times

lease join me for a free Senior Fraud Prevention Seminar on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 from 11:00

a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Ave.

Come learn about how to protect vourself and loved ones from Elder Fraud, and Auto & Workers' Comp Insurance Fraud. All members of the public are invited to attend this free, informative event led by Santa Clara County Deputy District Attorneys.

The United States Census Bureau projected in 2000 that California's elderly population will have doubled by 2025 to 6.4 million - a larger growth rate than any other state. A 2015 national report estimated that older Americans lose \$36.5 billion each year to financial scams and abuse. One in nine people living in Santa Clara County is 65 or older; many others are Dependent Adults. The Santa Clara County Dis-trict Attorney's Of-fice is committed to prosecuting crimes committed against



Countv Update

The District At-torney's Office has a specialized unit which works with our police agencies to pursue these types of crimes. Furthermore, the office participates in the Santa Clara County

seniors and depen-dent adults.

Finan-cial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST). FAST is a multiagency task force dedicated to addressing elder and dependent adult financial abuse. It meets monthly to review and take

action on reported cases of such abuse. In addition to the District Attor-ney's Office, FAST is comprised of representatives from Adult Protective Services, the County Counsel's Office, the Sheriff's ment, and the Public Guardian / Administrator.

The District Attorney's Office also has a Consumer

Mediation and Enforcement Division to assist elders and others with consumerrelated issues. An Elder is defined as anyone over the age of

A Dependent Adult is defined as anyone who has impaired physical or mental abilities, or has inpatient status at a hospital or care facility. Anyone who commits Larceny, Theft by False Pretense, Embezzlement, Forgerv. Fraud. or Identity Theft against an Elder or Dependent Adult may be charged with an enhanced crime.

Scholarships

book into the Khmer language and created a simplified version of the LEGO Robotics user's manual to make it user friendly for the teachers and students. Thuy is deciding between UC Berkeley and UC Davis for her college education.

Sabrina Tian, a senior at Presentation High School, helped to coordinate her school's efforts to raise \$60,000 for Sacred Heart Community Services and has also helped to raise \$15,000 for students in Nicaragua and Guate-mala. As part of a five person leadership team, Sabrina coordinated the social media and marketing for the Teen Tech SF Spring Conference at Google and the SF Civic Hackathon, translating the event videos into Chinese. Sabrina also tutors ESL students in the Mission District and volunteers to teach art to children from low-income families. Sabrina will attend the University of Pennsyl-vania in the fall.

My Hoang, a senior at Leland High School, completed more than 300 hours of community service, volunteering much of her time at El Camino Hospital in Los Gatos and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center in San Jose. My also personally solicited donations, organized materials and raised funds to create and distribute chemo care kits to low-income pediatric chemotherapy patients. My then inspired her Leland High School National Honor Society classmates to support her efforts and donated more items and money for the creation of many more chemo care kits making the program self-sustaining. My will attend San Diego State University in the fall.

Karoline Imobersteg, a senior at Pioneer High School, has worked on a number of projects through the National Charity League. Some of those projects include sorting fruit at Second Harvest Food Bank, helping seniors at the Lincoln Glen Manor, creating art projects with autistic children at Children's Discovery Museum and serving meals for the homeless at House of Grace. Karoline also wrote a pamphlet (in Spanish) that advocates for Mexican farm workers who face inhumane working conditions, and volunteers her time choreographing and coaching the students of the Castillero Dance Team. Karoline plans to attend Penn State in the fall.

Evan Leung, a senior at Leland High School, has a passion to make sure that all students have the opportunity to experience a robotics program. Evan is the founder and creator of the San Jose City Library Robotics Workshop, a LEGO robotics curriculum that reaches more than 150 participants each year. He is also the founder of Univision Bay Area Robotics (and currently working to create a nationwide program) which is a workshop that brings "Science, Technology, Engineering and Math" (STEM) to underrepresented Hispanic students in the Bay Area. Evan also leads workshops at SIUSD Family University introducing students and their parents to K-12 school robotics programs and competitions. Evan will attend Johns Hopkins University in the fall.

Yanet Wossenseged, a senior at Leland High School, volunteers her time with Kaiser Permanente Hospital in San Jose. She works tirelessly, giving more than 300 hours of her time discharging patients and training new Kaiser Hospital volunteers. In addition, Yanet helps coordinate a health conference for the Ethiopian Nurse Association in San Jose and assists with blood pressure tests. She created educational pamphlets for her Ethiopian community on stroke prevention, lowering blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and living a healthy lifestyle. Last summer Yanet interned with the Comprehensive Cancer Center at Stanford where she co-authored a medical textbook chapter on modern approaches to glioblastoma treatment. Yanet also provides after school tutoring to Leland students in AP Biology and Calculus. Yanet will attend the University of Pennsylvania in the fall.

The Almaden Valley Women's Club is excited to award these scholarships to students in our community. The annual Art & Wine Festival will be held on Sept. 16, 2018 at Almaden Lake Park.

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SPRUCE UP YOUR OUTDOOR SPACES

FAMILY FEATURES

ver time, the appearance and function of any outdoor space can dull due to combinations of heat, precipitation and use. With some careful attention, you can quickly spruce up your outdoor living areas and get them back in great working order for patio season.

Take Care of Textiles

Outdoor textiles often take a beating from the elements. Freshen up often-overlooked things like outdoor rugs, lawn furniture cushions, pillows and umbrellas. A thorough vacuuming may be adequate to remove leaves, bugs or dirt. However, if stubborn spots persist and a deeper cleaning is needed, review the manufacturer's guidelines. Washing covered furniture from time to time helps ensure it's ready for use no matter the season.

Declare Dust Off-Limits

Dingy light fixtures and fans lend an air of disrepair in any space. Outdoors, they'll undoubtedly collect dust and dirt quickly, but a deep clean can help make them easier to maintain. Dust and scrub as needed, and if necessary, grab a scrub brush and some soapy water to brighten up other items like decorative pieces and flower pots.

Freshen Up Finishes

From furniture to hard surfaces, the finishes can take a beating. Take time to bring these items back to their former glory by rinsing, scrubbing and brushing dirt away from your wrought iron, metal, aluminum or wicker furniture. If needed, apply a fresh coat of sealant or add a rust-preventive layer of new paint. The same applies for other surfaces with finishes that may be chipped and dull.

Blast Away Grime

A careful sweeping with a sturdy broom is a good starting point, but to get your outdoor space truly clean you may need a little more power. When used at the appropriate settings, a pressure washer can clean a wide range of surfaces from patios, decks and sidewalks to siding, windows, screens and tables. When cleaning these surfaces, it's important to

When cleaning these surfaces, it's important to find a power washer that can cut through the grime and rinse it away. In addition to gas-powered options, Briggs & Stratton offers a full line of electric pressure washers to help you tackle light-duty outdoor cleaning projects around the house. Some models, like the S1800, feature a turbo nozzle to give you the ability to blast away grime up to 40 percent faster than with a standard spray tip. When that power is combined with an onboard detergent tank, you can eliminate outdoor grime quickly and efficiently, so you can get back to enioving your outdoor living space.

enjoying your outdoor living space. Getting started is simple. Just turn on the washer and begin with a rinse setting to loosen dirt and debris. Next, use the soap nozzle to apply the detergent in the tank. You may want to let the detergent sit for especially grimy areas, depending on the detergent's directions for use. Rinse thoroughly and repeat the process if needed. Eight more alegoing solutions and a limited

Find more cleaning solutions and a limitedavailability discount code for a S1800 electric power washer at Briggsandstratton.com/OutdoorCleaning.

The Powers of a Pressure Washer

A pressure washer can provide up to 75 times more cleaning power than a standard hose for deep cleaning. They are ideal tools to clean the following areas:

Siding

- Driveways and sidewalks
- DecksPatio furniture
- Windows
- Brick or stone steps
- Trash cans
- Vehicles or boats
- Grills
- Fire pits
- Garage doors

7 SAFETY TIPS FOR OPERATING A PRESSURE WASHER

As with any power equipment, it's important to know how to operate a pressure washer safely and correctly. Even if you've had your unit for a while, it's a good idea to refresh yourself on how to use it properly before you get started on your outdoor to-do list.

 Dress for the task. Wear indirect-vented (chemical splash) goggles for eye protection and a pair of closed-toe shoes such as sneakers or boots.
 Before getting started, be sure to remove all electronics, cords and wires, and place

3. Perform routine maintenance. Prior to each use, check the oil level and top off if

low. Check the water screens to ensure they can freely move water. Inspect hoses and couplings; if they are cracked or brittle, replace them.

4. Know your equipment and where it can or can't be used. Never operate your gas pressure washer indoors or in enclosed structures. When operating a gas pressure washer, use it outdoors away from occupied spaces to prevent a potentially deadly buildup of carbon monoxide.

When operating a gas pressure washer, know the signs of potential carbon monoxide poisoning (dizziness, fatigue, headache, nausea or irregular breathing), and if you experience these symptoms get to fresh air right away and seek medical attention.
 Always point the nozzle in a safe direction. Never operate a pressure washer near small children or pets.

 Before storing, relieve the pressure in the system. Also run a cycle of water through the machine to eliminate any detergent residue and give the unit time to cool down before storing.





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'Keeping CA Safe' bi-partisan ballot initiative update

By Johnny Khamis

San Jose City Councilman, District 10 The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act is a bi-partisan ballot initiative drafted in response to the repercussions of Propositions 47 and 57. It is sponsored by various law enforcement concerns along with Albertsons, and petitions are now being circulated to get the initiative on the ballot.

Over the past several years, Props 47 and 57 have resulted in reducing certain felonies from violent to non-violent and reclassified several felonies as misdemeanors. The changes have also made convicted criminals eligible for early release.

The intent of these propositions was to increase the opportunities for rehabilitation of offenders and to minimize "mass incarceration" in California. With these good intentions came unintended consequences that have had big, negative effects on the safety of our neighborhoods. These errors must be corrected to keep San Jose safe. The legislature has had the opportunity to fix the problems with Propositions 47 and 57 but they have failed to do so.

Their lack of action creates the need for this ballot initiative.

Initiative reclassifies crimes

This initiative will reclassify crimes that, under Prop 57, qualify as "non-violent" and allow inmates convicted of these crimes to be eligible for early release. The crimes that are now considered "non-violent" include: rape of an unconscious person, sex trafficking of a child, domestic violence, assaults on a police officer or firefighter, and driveby shootings. The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018, if it qualifies for the ballot and is approved by the voters, will change the classification for these crimes and others from "non-violent" to "violent" so that those convicted of these crimes will not be eligible for early release.

Property crime, burglaries, and car thefts have risen dramatically in the wake of these propositions, and the initiative will make serial theft a felony. Prior to Prop 47, the dollar threshold for theft to be considered a felony was \$450.00. The threshold was raised to \$950.00 and this caused certain drug possession felonies to be reduced to misdemeanors. The new threshold also requires that thefts of \$950.00 or less and forging or writing bad checks of \$950.00 or less be classified as misdemeanors. Currently, there is no limit to how many times someone may steal property of \$950.00 or less in value without facing increasing consequences. If the value of each theft is less than \$950.00, suspects are given a citation (appearance ticket) and released on their own recognizance. They can come back, repeatedly committing thefts, and only receive citations. The Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 would make serial theft a felony after the third offense, thus reducing the incentive to commit burglaries.

Another reform contained in the Act is to rules of DNA collection. DNA was first used in a criminal conviction in a 1987 Florida rape case. Since then it has transformed criminal investigations because each person's genetic DNA makeup is unique and can be found in hair, skin cells, blood, and other bodily substances left at the scene of a crime. Just recently, the East Area Rapist, also commonly referred to as the Golden State Killer, who terrorized residents in the 70's and 80's, was arrested when DNA evidence was entered into a genealogy website that created a family tree for the individual. Prop 47, by reducing the classification of crimes such as forgeries, thefts, and drug possession to misdemeanors, eliminated a requirement that these individuals submit their DNA to the state database. Studies have shown that DNA from these "lesser" crimes leads to an increased solve rate for rapes and murders for both open cases and cold cases. DNA evidence has also been responsible for the exoneration of many prison inmates that were wrongfully convicted of crimes they did not commit.

There has been fear that this initiative will negatively affect lower-level offenders, and only escalate prison over-crowding in California. This initiative will have absolutely no effect on sentences for lowerlevel offenders because Prop 47 converted these felonies to misdemeanors, and the initiative will not overrule Prop 47. In California, DNA collection is only mandatory for people accused of felonies. The crimes that this initiative would convert to violent felonies in order to strengthen parole, expand DNA collection, and restrict early release are: human trafficking of a child, abducting a minor for prostitution, rape by intoxication, rape of an unconscious person, felony sexual penetration, sodomy, or oral copulation when drugs are used or the victim is unconscious, drive by shooting, assault with a firearm, felony domestic violence, felony assault with a deadly weapon, serial arson, solicitation to commit murder, assault with caustic chemicals, assault by a caregiver on a child under 8 that could result in death or coma, felony assault using force likely to produce great bodily injury, false imprisonment/taking a hostage when avoiding arrest or to use as a shield, assaulting a police officer with or without a firearm, exploding a bomb to injure people, felony hate crime, any felony where a deadly weapon is used, felony use of force or threats against a witness or victim of a crime, felony elder or dependent adult abuse, conspiracy to commit any of the above offenses. These are serious offenses that should be treated as such.

I asked the Rules Committee to send a resolution of support for the Act to the full City Council. Staff informed the Rules Committee that they typically take a position only after a measure has qualified for the ballot and they will be bringing my memo back to the committee when it qualifies. Until then, I encourage you to do your research and consider signing a petition to get the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act of 2018 so that voters have an opportunity to fix Props 47 & 57, end the revolving door for serial theft, and improve safety throughout our City and state.

Times Your Community

The Hoffman Via Monte Neighborhood: a neighborhood in transition

By Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times District 10 is a diverse district with so many great neighborhoods.

When I took office in 2013, I was determined to make a difference in areas where improvements were needed most. Hoffman Via Monte was a neighborhood in need of

such attention. When we had the Redevelopment Agency, the City poured funding into improving the neighborhood, but there is little to show for all that investment. Today, the SJPD continues to designate this neighborhood as a

gang hotspot. In 2015, I hired Jose Salcido out of former Mayor

Reed's office and together we have been working on organizing the property owners and the renters to take responsibility for improving Hoffman Via Monte.

In the last three years, we have implemented the following initiatives to improve quality of life issues for the neighborhood:

• Re established the Hoffman Via Monte Property Owners Council

· José started attending the Almaden Recreation Club HOA meetings to assist their efforts in holding members accountable.

• Improved lighting in Chris Hotts Park and throughout the neighborhood.

• Brought the Viva Parks initiative from PRNS into the neighborhood.

• Worked with Almaden Hills United Methodist Church and Menlo Church to support their volunteer efforts in cleaning up the neighborhood.

• Championed and implemented SJPD's Safe Communities pilot program which significantly improved the relationship between police officers and the residents.

• Encouraged families to enroll their

teenagers in Mayor Liccardo's San Jose Works initiative. Eight young people from the neighborhood received their first jobs this past summer.

• Last, but not least, we implemented a

Restricted Permit Parking Program to alleviate the lack of available parking during nighttime hours. The Department of Transportation (DOT) conducted a parking study last year and determined that parking was non-existent after 10:00 PM. Their findings were presented to the City Council where the RPP Program was approved. DOT then implemented the program.

Residents may purchase two permits for \$35 each for a two-year period. The permits are in force from 10:00 PM to 6:00

My office has received numerous thank you notes and comments from residents for providing them with parking near their units. After long work days, many just want to park their cars and get home to their families without having to carry groceries in the dark for long distances because they cannot find parking in their own neighborhood. This program now allows them to do so without this unnecessary struggle and improves the safety of the neighborhood.

is This article sub-titled "A Neighborhood in Transition" because our work in this neighborhood is not complete. Our City is responsible for ensuring that neighborhoods are safe for its residents, including those struggling to live in rent-controlled apartments in a neighborhood with gang activity and higher crime rates.

I remain committed to the residents of Hoffman Via Monte and acknowledge the dedicated service and leadership Jose Salcido has provided to the residents living there.

THE WISDOM TOOTH **Dental injections** and epinephrine

By Susan R. Di Bene DDS

Q: My cardiologist told me to avoid shots at the dentist that contain epinephrine, but was not clear as to why. Could you explain the rationale? Mike in Willow Glen.

A: Sometimes certain patients will have a raise in their heart rate when given local anesthetics containing epinephrine, or "Epi". Although sometimes scary, the epinephrine containing

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drugs are much more effective in getting the teeth numb and keeping them numb. Epi should be avoided in patients who have had a heart attack, bypass or stroke within the last 6 months, have daily or unstable angina, have blood pressure over 200 systolic, 115 diastolic or take beta blockers such as Propranolol and Inderal.

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(I to r): **Abigail, Mark** and **Luca Chiavetta**. The Chiavetta family bonds over attending Sharks games together. *Photo courtesy of Mark Chiavetta.*

Abigail

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every towel, acknowledging the artist and filling Chiavetta with pride, but her personal towel is extra special, as it's signed by Murray.

A tomboy at heart, Chiavetta enjoys sports, fishing, hiking, biking and playing street hockey with her father and brother. She's also extremely creative and likes to do craft projects. However, above all, they are a family of die-hard Sharks fans and have been San Jose Sharks season ticket holders since 1991, when the games were held at the Cow Palace. Through the years, the family has gotten to know several players on a personal basis, inviting them to go fishing on Mark's sports fishing boat or to family barbeques. Luca, who knows just about everything there is to know about every Sharks player, boasts not only a bedroom decorated with Sharks collectables, but also the players' autographs on his walls.

"It's a great bonding experience for us all going to the games," says Mark. "We look forward to the season every year. *Continued, next page*

"Abigail's obviously a very talented artist," says Castillero Middle School Principal Darbi O'Connell. "I'm glad she and the other students can see the benefit of working hard, not only on academics but also on talents that can take you far in life."



The Sharks wives waved Abby's rally towel while watching game 5 at the Thornton house. *Photo courtesy of Tabea Thornton*

Times Feature





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Attending 41 home games with the kids creates a lot of memories." They also attend Sharks away games as well as games of ex-Sharks playing for other teams, including seeing Tommy Wingels play for the Boston Bruins and a trip to Calgary. "Hockey's become a good thing for us," says Mark, "and something we really enjoy doing."

"Seeing professional teams play is a really fun experience," says Chiavetta. However, that pales in comparison to having a rally in her honor as well as an ice sculpture of the image she created featured in the club lounge at the SAP Center.

As for Castillero Middle School Principal Darbi O'Connell, she was amazed to receive the phone call from San Jose Sharks Community Relations Coordinator, Stephanie Dubin, asking if they could do a rally at the school. "As a Sharks fan," says O'Connell, "I was super excited and couldn't pass up this opportunity for my students." She brought her own Sharks flag to the event and outfitted her staff with Sharks gear.

"Abigail's obviously a very talented artist," says O'Connell. "It was a very cool design combining the Sharks and the Golden Knights. I'm glad she and the other students can see the benefit of working hard, not only on academics but also on talents that can take you far in life. Professional athletes work hard every day and for the students to see their peer being recognized for putting in time and effort is a huge lesson in the value of hard work and how it can pay off. Every time we see talent in our students, we want to encourage them to continue working on it inside and outside of school."

Mark agrees. "Seeing how hard the players work and how much devotion and time they put into it shows them a good work ethic," he says. "If they want to be great, they have to strive to succeed, because things don't come easily. There are no handouts in life."

Madeline believes that sports teach children lessons in teamwork, having a competitive edge and good sportsmanship, but also believes that creativity is an important skill. "I believe kids need to be well-rounded," she says. She is equally delighted by her grandchildren's sports and artistic abilities and proudly displays their artwork in her kitchen window.

"I'm so proud of my granddaughter and her talent," says Madeline. "She's an incredible girl."

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