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Apoorva Panidapu is shown working on a custom art request for her charity.

Creating art for charity's sake

By Apoorva Panidapu

ive-hundred and eleven, five-hundred and twelve, five-hundred and thirteen We have raise 1. dollars! That's enough for 10 goats," my fourth grade teacher ex-claimed, her eyes sparkling with joy.

I cheered and clapped along with my peers, de-lighted that my small fourth grade class was able to make a difference for underprivileged people around the world. We did it just by making and selling brace-lets, origami, and artwork at our school fair. That the goats would provide entire villages with milk, cheese, and butter day after day simply thrilled me. I couldn't stop thinking about the class project even after it ended, wanting to make more art to buy more goats!

Throughout my life, my parents have always given me unconditional love and support. I think I took the incredible opportunities they provide me with for granted before participating in my school's fundraiser. I started to truly realize how fortunate I am to be born into my family, when I thought about the lives of the people who did not have enough food to eat.

For many African children, hunger is a constant, chronic pain. Right now, children are living on the brink of famine. Millions of girls and boys need emergency food assistance to survive. Death is prominent in many areas, and a devastating 20 percent of Africa's children do not reach the age of six. I decided to continue to work with Save the Children organization so that I could do more to help families in Africa who lack such basic human necessities as food, clean water, medicine, shelter, and safety.

Because I was so saddened by the harsh situation, I wanted to take action to defend human rights. I connected with Save the

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One hundred eight!

Raul Cortez and his wife Rose Arellano, the owners of Gardens Senior Care RCFE in Willow Glen, are celebrating with one of their residents this summer. Beth Rondone, pictured above, turned 108 on May 28. Rondone was a reporter at one time, so the Willow Glen Times is proud to issue a report of our own on this happy occasion. "She is a wonderful resident that loves to give kisses," said Raul. Congratulations, Beth!

Times Local News

Art

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Children and created a charity dedicated to the Child Hunger and Famine Relief Fund. This fund aids children of Somalia, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya, by giving them sufficient food, water, and shelter. I am proud to be making a positive contribution, wanting nothing more than to make art for charity's sake.

ated my own online art gallery (www.apoorvaartgallery.com), a platform for me to connect with people who would like to buy my art or make donations in support of my cause. Since I started my charity 8 months ago, I've raised over \$2,500.

With Genius Junior airing, I've been fortunate enough to receive some media attention and I'm getting even more orders for my artwork.

As an avid artist, I'm most inspired when I'm painting and

sketching in order to help improve the lives of others. I'm honored and humbled when I can support the children of Africa, and I plan to continue making art so that I can help people all around the world.

Reprinted with permission from the National Association of Gifted Children. To view more art work or to purchase, visit apoorvaartgallery.com

Editor's note: Along with her other accomplishments, Apoorva has captivated the entire city with

her appearance recently on the Genius Junior TV program.

She is 13 years old and she has figured out how her art can help the world. But wait, there is more, the paper will cover in a future edition other achievements and aspirations she has for her future.

She has been selected by the San Jose City Council to receive a commendation by Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas on Tuesday, August 7, at 1:30 in the City Hall Council Chambers.

Ten best and worst run cities in America

The personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2018's Best- & Worst-Run Cities in America.

The report was completed before voting for all 435 seats in the House of Representatives this year and major mayoral elections coming up in cities like San Francisco and Washington.

To determine the effectiveness of local leadership, Wallet-Hub compared 150 of the largest U.S. cities based on their operating efficiency.

For each city, WalletHub constructed a "Quality of City Services" score – comprising 35 key performance indicators grouped into six service categories – that was then measured against the city's total per-capita budget.

Top 20 Best-Run Cities in America

- 1 Nampa, ID
- 2 Provo, UT
- 3 Boise, ID
- 4 Lexington, KY
- 6 Missoula, MT
- 6 Sioux Falls, SD
- 7 Durham, NC
- 8 Lewiston, ME
- 9 Nashua, NH
- 10 Oklahoma City, OK
- 11 Las Cruces, NM12 Greensboro, NC
- 3 Cedar Rapids, IA
- 14 Huntington Beach, CA
- 15 Billings, MT
- 16 Raleigh, NC
- 17 Rapid City, SD
- 18 Fort Wayne, IN
- 19 Fargo, ND
- 20 Virginia Beach, VA

Best vs. Worst

Casper, Wyoming, has the lowest long-term debt outstanding per capita, \$657, which is 33.3 times lower than in Washington, the city with the highest at \$21,862.

Rutland, Vermont, has the fewest violent crimes (per 1,000 residents), 0.50, which is 40.9 times fewer than in Detroit, the city with the most at 20.47.

Fargo, North Dakota, has the lowest unemployment rate, 2.1 percent, which is 4.9 times lower than in Flint, Michigan, the city with the highest at 10.3 percent.

Fremont, California, has the lowest share of the population living in poverty, 5.3 percent, which is 7.9 times lower than in Flint, Michigan, the city with the highest at 41.9 percent.



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Rosie the Riveter trip planned

he Evergreen Community Center is sponsoring a Senior Trip (50+) to the Rosie the Riveter and World War II Museum.

The trip is a learning experience about the war and how it affected the rights of women and minorities within the US.

Also a "Homefront Festival" will be held which includes entertainment, food, and more.

The Evergreen Community Center has the sign-up forms, or you can register online at sjregistration.com

Editor's Note: The Evergreen Community Center is a wonderful place to meet people. There are lots of events each month and active adults 50+ enjoy Senior recreational and



A young girl celebrates Rosie Days at the Rosie the Riveter Museum.

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"The cure for blood cancer is in the hands of ordinary people," says Be the Match. "One simple action can be the difference that gives a patient hope for the future." For those fighting blood cancers like leukemia and lymphoma, blood marrow transplant is the cure. Be the Match, operated by the National Marrow Donor Program, manages the world's largest marrow registry. More donors mean more lives saved.

For more information and other donation dates and locations, please see: https://sbcdonor.org and https://bethematch.org.

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Valley Currents

cur rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

Non-profit founded by San Jose teen empowers, educates youth

Roma Kidambi of Evergreen Valley runs a nonprofit organization she founded in 2016 called Empower Educate Youth.

Empower Educate Youth makes hygiene product contributions that help reduce absenteeism and improve self-confidence in school-going girls.

According to UNESCO, 1 in 10 girls in South Africa miss school during their menstrual cycle due to a lack of sanitary products. Empower Educate Youth supports impoverished and deserving communities in South Africa and California by supplying girls and women with sanitary products.

"At Empower Educate Youth, we support women and young girls in developing nations and local communities by granting them access to menstrual hygiene products," said Roma. "Our work has allowed girls to further their education while on their period, empowering them to break down gender and social norms."

Roma partnered with St. Anne's Homes and Littlewood Primary School in Cape Town, South Africa, and sent over 1500 pads to meet the needs of women and girls. Megan Cooke, a teacher at Littlewood Primary said, "...purchasing food and electricity are seen as a necessity and anything else is overlooked;

sanitary napkins are one of these items and the lack thereof is often the cause of many of the girls not going to school while they menstruate. You have empowered 429 girls in grades 4-7 to proudly come to school and get an education even though they may come from unimaginable, poverty-stricken environments."

Appalled to learn of the lack of access to feminine hygiene products in developed nations like the United States, Roma rose to the occasion and partnered with two shelters in California, Handdelivering around 500 pads, she met the women receiving her donation at the Pajaro Valley Shelter Services in Watsonville. Shelter manager Carmen at PVSS said, "Feminine hygiene products are the one of the most needed products at our shelter, but they are not donated as often. Roma, it is the smallest of things that make a big difference to help the woman in our shelter thrive during their stay, thank you for thinking of us!"

Roma also partnered with AACI, an organization in San Jose that caters to female victims of domestic abuse. Edwin Tan, of AACI said, "Thanks to your gift of 500 women's pads, you provided survivors of domestic violence a safe place to rebuild their lives, and caring advocates who can help along the way."



Roma Kidambi (right) delivering 500 sanitary pads to **Andra Chao**, Grants and Development Associate at AACI, to help survivors of domestic violence.



 ${\bf Roma}$ (second from left) poses with the Empower Educate Youth team.

Empower Educate Youth addresses the stigma surrounding menstrual cycles and empowers youth to dissolve the taboo associated with this aspect of women's health.

Empower Educate Youth has since expanded into Chaboya Middle School where they offer informal classroom presentations on menstrual hygiene management and barriers to access in the developing world.

"In the future, I would like to extend these contributions to other areas of the U.S. and developing countries such as the Philippines and India. In expanding my organization in other schools, I hope to continue advocating for global development and increased access to education for women," said Roma.

Editor's Note: To learn more and to explore how to donate go to the Empower Educate Youth website, empowereducateyouth.org

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SJVRC's primary goals are to encourage and foster physical health, expand community support and networking, and most importantly raising funds to support orphanages through the One Mile 4 One Child Charity fund.

2nd annual SJVRC 5k/10k Charity race slated Sept. 30 at Almaden Lake Park

'For Charity, For Fun, We Run'

By William Bellou

Publisher

he San Jose Vietnamese Running Club (SJVRC) is inviting runners from Evergreen Valley to participate in its 2nd annual "OneMile4OneChild" 10k/5k Charity Race at Almaden Lake Park on Sunday, Sept. 30 from 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

The race welcomes everyone from casual beginning runners to active elite runners with different fitness levels and running background.

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Awards will be presented to the top three 10K and 5K male and female runners. All participants receive a timing bib, tech T-shirt and finisher's medal designed by the local artists.

Runners' route

Participants will begin running the course from Lake Almaden Park and traverse along scenic Los Alamitos Creek trail, turn around and finish at the Arroyo picnic area.

Activities at the Lake include delicious post-race treats and live music hosted by the Def Con and Singer Victoria Thuy Vi McDowell. Councilmember Johnny Khamis and State Assemblyman Ash Kalra are both expected to participate in the event.

SJVRC was founded by Luong Le in 2016 with just four members. Today, there are more than 600 members. "I founded the running club as a great way for everyone to have fun and to achieve healthy results and also contribute to charity," said Le.

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

To register for the 15K and 10K Charity Race at Almaden Lake Park, visit sjvrc.org and click on event. Due to the safety of all runners, dogs and strollers are not allowed.

Editor's note: The SJVRC Running Club meets every Sunday morning at 7 a.m. at the parking lot at 5968 Silver Creek Valley Road, San Jose, CA 95138 to begin their run along Hellyer Park Trail.





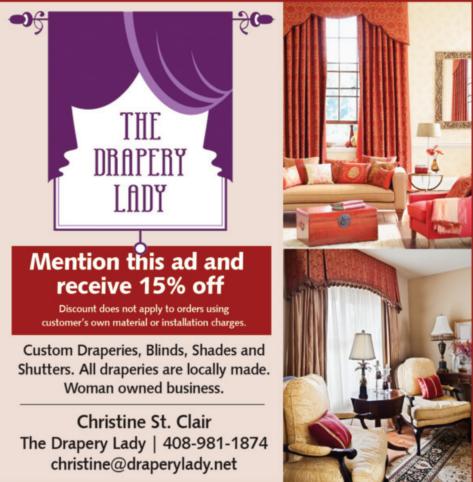
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Foxtails a summertime problem for pets

Your Pet

and You

By Dr. Raj Singh Veterinarian

By Dr. Raj Singh

Special to the Times

oxtails are one of the most common **◄** problems we see this time of year for

both dogs and cats. They can cause serious infection if not treated and can also cause other related medical problems.

Typically the pet owner will describe the symptoms as "my pet has been shaking his head" or "my pet's eyes are squinting," or most common, "my pet has been sneezing a lot."

So what are foxtails?

Foxtails show up in early spring months. Green and bushy in early spring, but resembles a fox's tail when they are dried in summer or early

fall; that's when they begin to break apart and we can see them all around us.

Foxtails become dangerous when the foxtail gets dry from the summer heat. The problem is that they break apart and have sharp points at one end so it moves only in one direction, but not the other. Foxtails can work their way into your pet's skin, ears, nose, eyes, and paws, becoming lodged there.

Warning signs of a foxtail in your pet

Here are some warning signs that your pet may have a foxtail: Severe and sudden onset of sneezing, pawing the nose, bleeding from nose, ear-tilting and shaking, pawing at the ear, crying, restless eyesquinting, swollen shut red eye, tearing,

and discharge. Other symptoms include: throat-gagging, coughing, swallowing reflex, skin and paws-small sores between the toes, on the skin, or small oozing lumps.

How to prevent foxtails?

Foxtails can be prevented in many ways. Be careful especially if your pet has long hair. Foxtails first get embedded in hair coat and then travel further into skin and body. Keep your pet's coat trimmed during summer months to lessen the risk of foxtail problems. Be aware of your surroundings and your yard by keeping all the weeds in control, which of course helps eliminate foxtail problems.

If you take your dog out for a walk in the park or on a hike, pay attention to what's surrounding you. Foxtails are found in dense, dry, bushy areas. When you bring back your pet home then check your pet's feet and underbelly. Brush your pet to make sure there's no foxtails hiding in the hair coat.

If you see any symptoms or signs listed above please take your pet to your family vet right away.

Timely intervention can save your pet from pain and also save you money.

Editor's note: questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh: forpetvet@ yahoo.com; 408.270.4600; Aborn Pet Clinic, 3286 S White Rd, San Jose, CA 95148.

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The solicitation comes from a misleadingly named company, "Local Property Office", and offers to provide a copy of a property owner's deed and assessment information for \$89. Assessment information is free for homeowners at www.sccassessor.org and deeds are available online for as little as \$6 from the County Recorder's Office.

"It's simply outrageous," said Assessor Larry Stone, "No homeowner should pay \$89 for assessment information that is available for FREE on the Assessor's website." The Assessor noted that property owners were mailed their official Annual Notification Letter on June 29. This notice was mailed to 490,146 property owners and provides each property's 2018-2019 assessed value. The notice serves as the basis for the property tax bill mailed in the fall. "Don't be confused. Letters from the Assessor's Office have the County Seal and never demand payment," said Stone.

Property owners who question the assessed value printed on their notice are encouraged to take advantage of the Assessor's FREE "online tool," available

24/7, enabling property owners to review the sale of comparable properties the Assessor uses to determine their assessment. An interactive service modeled after online banking, the Opt-In Tool, allows taxpayers to securely receive assessment notices, in addition to interacting with the Assessor's Office electronically rather than by mail, telephone, or in person. To access the data, a property owner must have a user name and password, or the PIN listed in the annual assessment notice.

In addition, copies of the Official Deed are available for \$6 online from the County Recorder. The County Recorder offers a variety of services and information online, by mail, or at their office. "Property owners should never pay an outrageous fee to a third party when the information is readily available for free or for a nominal charge from the County," said Stone.

"Throughout California and the nation, these hucksters have preyed on trusting homeowners and have been the subject of consumer alerts. My bottom line to homeowners, never pay a third party for a service the government makes available for free or for a nominal fee," said Stone.

If homeowners have questions, they are encouraged to contact the Assessor's Public Service Desk through our website athttps://www.sccassessor.org/index.php/about-us/about-our-accessor/email-the-assessor-s-office, by email at assessor@asr.sccgov.org, or by phone at 408-299-5500.

Akoma Arts group to perform at Foothill Presbyterian July 14

Their message is positive, informative and promotes healing and unity.

Akoma Arts is a multi-ethnic group of musicians, singers, dancers and visual artists whose mission is to help bring together various South Bay communities through performance.

The group takes their audiences through several stages of the African and African American experience by utilizing African American and Praise songs and African American Folk Songs and Spirituals.

Founded in May of 2011 by Keith Hames, Akoma Arts is a collective of fifteen Musicians, Singers, Dancers and Spoken Word Artist, whose mission it is to enhance community and personal healing as well as promoting community unification through interactive performance. Our audiences are taken through several stages of the African and African American experience by utilizing African Drum, Dance and Praise songs, African American Folk Songs and Spirituals, Storytelling and Spoken Word. Our message is positive, informative and affirming.

Tickets are available at the door, or online at www.foothillpc.org/fccs. Tickets at the advance sale price are available up to 48 hours prior to concert start. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the door.

Saturday, July 14th, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. at Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose. Admission: \$15.00 advance / \$17.50 door. Children 12 and under are admitted free. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.

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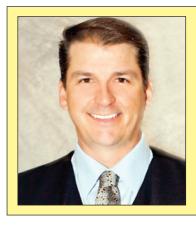
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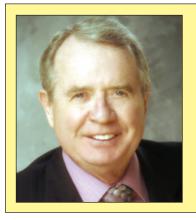
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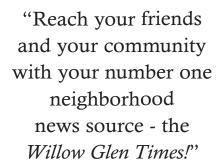
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