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Local firefighters visit Cadwallader, part of S.E.A.L program

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Tuesday, September 11, 2018, was the day set aside by firefighters from San Jose Fire Department Station 11, 2840 The Villages Pkwy, Evergreen, to visit Cadwallader Elementary School in the Evergreen School District.

This visit, one of several coming to Cadwallader Elementary School, is part of the Sobrato

Early Academic Language Model which is designed as a comprehensive model of intensive, enriched language and literacy education designed for English language learners, starting in preschool and continuing through third grade. It was designed by Dr. Laurie Olsen, a national expert in English learner education. A national advisory group provided initial input, and continues to advise the project as the model evolves.

During their visit, firefighters showed the children all the equipment used in actually fighting a fire, as well as, equipment used in lifesaving situations, even donning the protective equipment used while fighting a fire. Strangely enough, as the kindergarten classes were being enlightened, the unit was called away in an actual emergency with a promise to return



The firefighters were happy to show their vehicles and demonstrate equipment to the students at Cadwallader Elementary School in the Evergreen School District.

later to show all the equipment to the 1st graders.

Lucy Hsu, Evergreen Instructional Coach at Cadwallader Elementary School reports, "We do want to emphasize that the firefighters' visit was to support

our Kinder and 1st graders' unit about "Community Workers. This is our school's 2nd year implementing the SEAL program, which is currently at the following Evergreen Schools:
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ELECTION 2018

Meet the ESD Board Candidates at October 9 Public Forum

Voters in the Evergreen community will be voting Nov. 6 for three ESD School Trustee positions. All five candidates for these positions have committed to a public forum to be held October 9th, beginning at 7 p.m. at Grace Church (2650 Aborn Rd.).

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'DAY IN THE PARK' Fall Family Festival fun!

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer
Day in the Park returns on Saturday, October 13 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Cunningham Park when Councilmember Sylvia Arenas presents the 2017 Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park.

Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park has become a signature City Council District 8 event, bringing the community together to celebrate our rich and diverse heritage through cultural entertainment, interactive children's activities, with the traditional free BBQ.

The free event, including parking, highlights an informa-



Mayor Sam Liccardo helps some children spin the fun wheel at the 2017 event.

tional resource fair where the community can gain beneficial services and learn about valuable opportunities offered by local non-profit, government, and community-based organizations.

Activities include obstacle courses, a rock-climbing wall, a zip-line, a photo booth, food trucks, and a pumpkin patch

with free pumpkins for the kids. Performers will entertain all ages and bring joy with dance, song and insights.

"It's an honor to invite you to District 8's Annual Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park. I am proud to be continuing this San Jose tradition with support from Lake Cunningham Park, other
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Omar's Dream Run Foundation: Making dreams come true

Mark your calendar for Sunday, October 14th

"You just got to get out of the house and go!" said one regular visitor to the event.

Register now for the event of a lifetime. It will touch your heart and you will be doing that little something extra to help the world around you. You will marvel when you hear the speakers who are inspirational in their quest to live life to the very fullest!

It all takes place on Sunday, Oct. 14 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Hellyer Park. It's just off Highway 101 and the event is held on the very expansive grassy area.

You can help fulfill Omar's dream and honor his life by supporting Omar's Dream Run, an annual 5k/10k run organized by Omar's Dream Foundation to raise funds.

All proceeds enable hospitalized and medically supervised children to attend school and stay connected with their teachers and classmates.

"You just got to go and bring your friends too, it is never too late to register for you can register the day of the race too!" stated a regular attendee of the event.

The event is also for those who walk the course too. So there are no excuses and you just have to go to the website and join in the event.

If you have time go to the ARCHIVE of the Evergreen
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Slinging some spirit: Above a group of runners show off their "Spidey sense" by making the sign of the web slinger before getting ready to race. Photos by Msphotoandvideo.com

Omar

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Times and read the front page article on the race (go to Evergreen Times, click ARCHIVE in lower right corner, click on the October 27, 2017 issue) and try not to shed a tear when you read about the enchanting annual event you are invited to.

Parking is \$6 per car. Please bring cash and carpool if at all possible. Or if you plan well you can park outside of the park

and walk in at no charge.

Donations

You can donate any amount you desire. All proceeds fund Omar's Dream Program. It's a great way to spend your day.

Editor's Note: For more information go to Omar's Dream Run and you can read a great deal about this dedicated 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that brings joy to others. It is just 40 dollars to register to run and you get registration items with all proceeds going to the beautiful cause. If you have any questions you can call (408) 204-2114 and go to info@omarsdream.org

Park

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city departments, local organizations and businesses, and community volunteers," said Arenas. "This year, our theme is Family and Culture and I hope to see everyone there."

There are numerous entrances throughout the park, so the walk to the activities is close by. A tremendous amount of planning has taken place by Councilwoman Arenas and her staff to carefully put it all in place and to make the day one of the best and most joyous events possible for you and your family. Arenas and her staff are earnest about hearing ideas and or concerns from the public for she lives in the Evergreen Community and reaches out to work with citizens on all issues.

Bringing the community together

The Fall Family Festival was founded to bring Evergreen Valley and surrounding neighborhoods together. It's a community team spirit day and a testament to our citizens and city leadership for it represents how we work together to make Evergreen the best it can be.

Firefighters and hot dogs go together well

It is so nice to know that the Firefighters Local 230 will be barbequing hot dogs over the coals and serving up conversation too. This is a time when a citizen can thank them for their great efforts in keeping our community safe.

Children marvel at the fun zones

Oh my goodness, a pumpkin patch, Shetland pony rides, a zipline, inflatable slide, nerf style dodgeball games, Sumo suit wrestling, inflatable haunted house and more will be there for you and your family to experience on the 50 football field size grassy area of Lake Cunningham park. There is something so wonderful about seeing a child ride a horse for the first time in their lives. This will bring a grin to grandma and grandpa. Have your camera ready!

Educational booths create understanding

The tented booths are where you can interact with people and pick up brochures. These encounters stimulate the mind and help in understanding a wide variety of interesting and useful topics in the Evergreen Valley. Crime Prevention Unit, Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program, Public Health Department, SIREN, First Five, Downtown College Prep, San Jose Behavior Child Development, Evergreen Teachers Association, MACLA, Lion Dancing Club, Asian Art Foundation, SJ Earthquakes Community Team are just a few of the many organizations that will be participating at this year's event.

Editor's Note: Volunteers are always welcome and one can phone the office of Councilwoman Arenas (408) 535-4908 or email: district8@sanjoseca.gov or fax (408) 292-6469. You can also access the latest updates at: facebook.com/councilwomanlyviaarenas

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Frightful Halloween fun even adults will love

By Diane Blum

Special to the Times

How many of you grown-ups out there miss the days of your youth when celebrating Halloween was almost as fun as Christmas? I mean, really celebrating all things ghoulish, the scarier the better.

Well, the San Jose area has a couple of spine-tingling venues that really bring back the spooks and frights of Halloween... consider taking your family (well, at least your kids over 13) to share in the fun as well.

Three venues you might want to check out this Halloween season are California's Great America Haunt, Dead Time Dreams Haunted Attractions and the Winchester Mystery House Candlelight Tour.

California's Great America Haunt begins terrifying guests on Sept 21st running through October 28th, with scares taking place most Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (check website for operating hours and closure dates). Now celebrating its 11th year, the entire theme park is decorated in fiendish horror, and hundreds of monsters await your bravery, with most thrill rides open as well. New this year, the very sinister Tooth Fairy maze... just imagine your worst dentistry nightmares playing out in front of you. Also new this year is the Ripper's Revenge scare zone, where you will be confronted by a mob of frightening villains taking over old-town London. Eight haunted mazes and three scare zones await you. Also returning are several entertainment shows that have been fan favorites over the years.

Tips if bringing the family

Attending earlier in the season will mean fewer crowds and more opportunities to interact with scare zone monsters. Sundays are far less busy and towards the end of the evening you will have all of the park's most coveted rides all to yourself. Buy tickets online for discounts (www.cagreatamerica.com/haunt), if you have a friend with a Gold or Platinum season pass hit them up for a reduced "Bring-a-friend" priced ticket as part of their benefits. There are also student discounts. No costumes are allowed. While family friendly, do not bring small children who will be easily scared...really, it isn't pretty and their terror can ruin the fun for others (as well as for mom and dad). Instead, check out the Great Pumpkin Fest at Great America, during daylight, for the little ones. The final weekend before Halloween is typically packed with long wait-times; consider purchasing a Fright Lane pass, which allows



Creepy creeps with eerie teeth and other assorted ghoulies await you at California's Great America Haunt. Photo courtesy of insidecga.com

you front of the line access for mazes. The dark, fog-heavy pathways are not stroller-friendly. Make sure you carve out some time to go on the brand new RailBlazer roller coaster. This single rail track requires the rider to straddle the rail (by themselves, there is only a single seat per row!), creating an extremely low center of gravity that provides incredible turns and rotations. If the monsters don't terrify you, RailBlazer will!

Dead Time Dreams Haunted Attractions has been in the Bay Area for 10 years and while a much smaller venue than CGA Haunt, it is a popular yearly visit for true Halloween thrill-seekers as it is intense and highly interactive. Located across from Eastridge Mall, the venue consists of the Midway of Terror and two haunted houses. This year, the haunted houses (each consisting of approx. 4000 square feet) feature themes entitled, "The Sewer" and "Death Rave". A unique aspect to Dead Time Dreams is the amazing passion of their actors; all are volunteers, and their sole goal is to terrify you. You are "in" the scene with them and we can't wait to see what loathsome creatures will be lurking in "The Sewer".

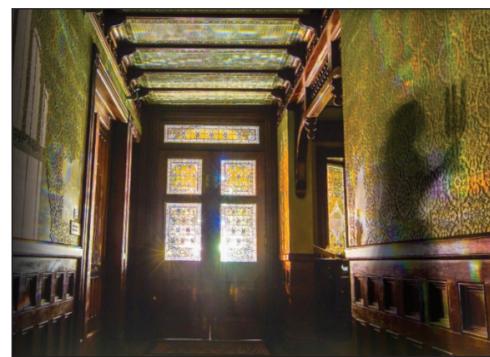
Tips if bringing the family: Dead Time Dreams is open weekends and some weeknights (see their website for specific dates) from Sept 28th thru Nov 3rd, if you want reduced crowds attend on a weeknight. Don't let the neighboring pumpkin patch fool you, children attending the haunted houses should be over 13 and accompanied by a parent. No costumes are allowed. No photography in the haunted houses, but photos with roving actors can be taken on

the Midway. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <https://www.deadtimedreams.com/>.

Winchester Mystery House Candlelight Tours are already underway for this Halloween season with a new theme ("The 13th Door") and revamped tour this year. Note that this venue is a completely different type of Halloween event, no bloody zombies or evil clowns in your face, a more subtle "ghost story" type of scare. Participants follow a creepy tour guide, guided only by the tour guide's candlelight; with some minor special effects, background noises and eerie characters sprinkled throughout the house. The vibe is all about the lingering spirits and supernatural aspects of the house. While not the typical scare venue, there are a few instances that will make many jump. See the website for tour dates and times (some dates are discounted) at <https://winchestermysteryhouse.com/candlelight-tour/>.

Tips if bringing the family: For some, true enjoyment of the Winchester Mystery House tour may be in seeing the details of the unique architecture and oddities of the house; at night with limited lighting, many participants have found that challenging. If you want to fully enjoy those aspects a daytime tour might be a better option. The candlelight tour is not a fright-oriented haunted house; it provides a gentle spooky ambience to the tour guide and other actors' storytelling relating to the history of the house and Winchester family. There are no age restrictions but due to the dark nature of the tour children under the age of 10 might find it scary. Note that there are several sets of stairs and due to the historic nature of the house there is no wheelchair access or elevators. Advanced ticket purchase is highly recommended as the venue often sells out.

So go out there and enjoy a little spooky fun this Halloween season!



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Firefighters

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Dove Hill, Holly Oak, Montgomery, and Cadwallader Elementary Schools.

The Program Model

-Alignment of preschool and the K-3 systems around a shared vision of powerful language development as the foundation for academic success – with support for transitions across systems and levels (including Summer Bridge programs).

-Simultaneous academic language and literacy (including bilingual options)

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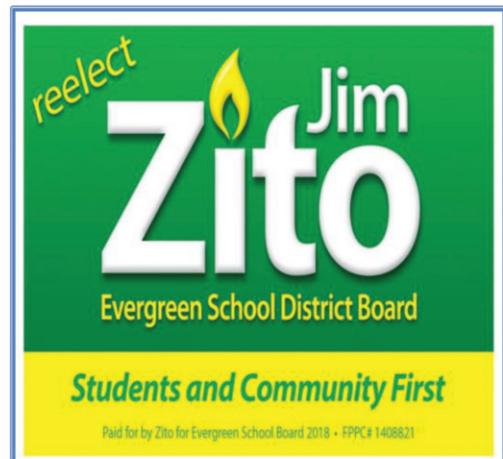
Served the last 8 years on the EESD School Board
Created the current EESD Joint Use & Land Use Subcommittees
Served on EESD School Boundary and Consolidations committees
Coached & Judged 7 yrs of EESD Odyssey of the Mind Competitions

Served 8 years on the San Jose Planning Commission

Served over 5 years on San Jose's 2040 General Plan Committee

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Mayor Liccardo and Superman take on 16 story building

2nd Annual 'Downtown Drop' charity event by Downtown Streets Team

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Spectacular!

Hundreds of thousands of dollars raised in a single day!

Saturday morning in San Jose, the Adobe Headquarters building located at 345 Park Avenue opened its doors to support a charity event. "Adobe likes to partner and is local driven by helping lots of nonprofits," said a participant.

Corporations pitch in big time

\$100,000 was pledged at the event by Adobe and \$40,000 was pledged by Coca-Cola (be sure to try the Adobe products and also try the new diet Cherry Coke with zero calories). Also, many other corporations also contributed large sums of monies to support Downtown Streets Team.

On September 8th, more than 90 brave rappellers went over the edge of the 16 story building kicking out and swinging back, over and over again to gobble up the 236 feet drop. All members of the Downtown Streets Team including those who are temporarily homeless had an opportunity to get their spot due to fervent local community fundraising efforts.

"We are here today to raise monies to help those who are un-housed get back into employment and housing through dignity," proudly stated Logan McDonnell, Director of Development of Downtown Streets Team.

Everyone a TEAM member

"Ending homelessness is a beast to tackle and I don't think that there is only one way to solve it. DST is taking unique approaches through work experiences with our team members to unlock new successes for each of those experiencing homelessness," stated exuberant Hanna who is on the TEAM. When she stated the following, it was clear something was electric in the air for the practices of this group are truly unique and groundbreaking! It's a philosophy or a teaching pedagogy that makes one think about humanity in a new way, for if a person is temporarily house-less that man or woman

can pull themselves up and grasp on to new systems of living and working with dignity by becoming part of the TEAM.

"Our team members are also those who experience homelessness and so we are all a team, all equal, stated Hanna." This meant that this nonprofit charity organization does not discriminate between those in tough temporary predicaments and instead joins up with them so all participate in running the entire Downtown Streets Team. Everyone is referred to as a "TEAM member." It was a profound statement for that makes up the cornerstone foundation of the Downtown Streets Team in that no one is on the outside looking in and no one is on the inside looking out.

Outside music was a jamming with DJ Alex O. De Leon and he said, "It's my first time DJ-ing at this event and it is great to be here because everyone is so kind!" Mayor Liccardo arrived and took position on the very top of the 16 story building and DJ Alex switched up the notes by playing spectacular motion picture theme music which set the mood.

Harnessed up and with two lines dangling to the ground and held by support staff, Liccardo and the Mayor of Sunnyvale -Glenn Hendricks- (who donned his Superman cape) started at the top in repelling position and laying parallel to the ground looking up at heaven (and maybe saying a prayer) jumped and bounced off the walls of the Adobe building between the glass windows to gradually find their way to Mother Earth.

Courage and trust

It took a lot of courage and one must place themselves in the mercy of the experts holding the lines on the pavement.

After they reached ground everyone cheered as they waved to the crowd. When they took their gear off it was seen that the experience was an exhilarating rush for the two men. A few moments after touch down they had to collect their thoughts. After a while, both spoke and gave praise to the Downtown Streets

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"You are, we are, seriously all equal"

Due to the miracle of YOUTUBE, the following is a speech Joan Baez made at the Downtown Streets event that took place at an earlier event in Santa Cruz. Through her words we learn about the heartbeat of Downtown Streets Program and how it is moving forward expanding into new communities.

She is an activist who is not afraid to start a movement. The beautiful lady with the voice of the songbird inspired others to join in and build the Downtown Streets Team organization. Together she and others figured out while sitting at a kitchen table how to change methods of helping people to allow them to lift themselves up with dignity. In her speech she elegantly discusses without fanfare the groundbreaking ideas that captured the hearts of many to give lift to the creation of the organization.

Says, Joan Baez, "This is not about survival it is about transcendence..."

We are living in a society right now which is really divisive...

Downtown Streets Team helps empathy to survive in these times..."

"The us is with the them"

Baez continued and spoke as the songwriter she is by using words to paint her thoughts so all could see and understand them. "The us is with the them, and you don't have the feeling that anyone is doing something for somebody else, you are part of doing it with the other person. I was there at the very beginning the inception of the whole idea of DST before it was anything except a rash of homelessness that made my friend and myself decide that we wanted to do something about it. And shortly in a din-

ner conversation with the people we were going to fundraise from, it became clear that doing something for the homeless was not going to be feeding the homeless and getting them something to wear, that it had this potential to be something much greater which is what happened. And it took, as you know lots and lots of work, lots of people afraid to get near this project maybe for the first time in years offered something, and genuinely offered in years and demanding something back and I think maybe it's the demanding something back has



made it such a success because that is where the dignity comes in and that is where the transcendence comes in that you are, we are, seriously all equal."

Editor's note; South Bay, East Bay, North Bay, Sacramento, Santa Cruz, Oakland, San Francisco, and more. One can even start their own Downtown Streets Team by going to the website. Their literature states: DST builds teams that restore dignity, inspire hope and provide a pathway to recover from homelessness. The volunteer work experience provides homeless and at risk team members an opportunity to beautify their community in exchange for case management, employment services and a basic needs stipend. This organization welcomes donations. To learn more go to; downtownstreetsteam.org

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✓ Chris Corpus

Chris is a recently retired Evergreen administrator who isn't quite ready to stop working for the students here in our district. He brings decades of experience in education. He has served as a respected principal at both the middle and elementary school levels, and held two director positions at the district level. In these various leadership positions he has cultivated meaningful relationships which will allow Chris Corpus to be a unifying force on the EESD board of trustees.



✓ Marisa Hanson

Marisa will bring knowledge and experience to the EESD board of trustees. She's sat on district bargaining committees, and is well versed in district finances. Currently a math teacher at Silver Creek HS, Marisa started her teaching career right here in the Evergreen District. Her son just started Kindergarten at one of our great Evergreen schools. Marisa Hanson is deeply vested and committed to bringing solvency and a bright future to the Evergreen School District for her child and yours.

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Symphony Silicon Valley: 2018-2019 season overview

Syphony Silicon Valley is offering seven exciting programs you won't want to miss for the 2018-2019 season. Highlights of the season include:

- Symphonic masterworks by Tchaikovsky, Sibelius, Mendelssohn, and Dvořák, culminating in June with Beethoven's supremely triumphant Ninth Symphony
- Brilliant soloists, including Jon Kimura Parker in Brahms's Second Piano Concerto and Jon Nakamatsu playing Rachmaninoff. Argentine soprano Daniela Tabernig will sing Strauss's glorious Four Last Songs. SSV Principal Clarinet Michael Corner will perform Mozart's beloved Concerto 622, while Barber's dazzling and demanding Violin Concerto will highlight Concertmaster Robin Mayforth's virtuosity.

- Several of the Symphony's favorite conductors: Maestros John Nelson (U.S.) and William Boughton (England), Tatsuya Shimono (Japan), and Carlos Vieu (Argentina); plus two exciting newcomers, Maestro Pietro Rizzo from Italy and American Maestra Joanne Falletta.

- And more, including a Romantic gem by the young Debussy, Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet, and a polka Stravinsky wrote for young elephants.

Romeo & Juliet & Sibelius

October 6-7, 2018

Conductor: Joanne Falletta

Barber: School for Scandal Overture

Prokofiev: Romeo & Juliet Suite

Sibelius: Symphony No. 5

Internationally renowned Maestra Joanne Falletta makes her first appearance on the Symphony's podium with a program that puts the orchestra on full display. Barber's sparkling overture introduces the concert, followed by Falletta's own selections from Prokofiev's passionate masterpiece. We end with Sibelius's popular Fifth Symphony, one of the greatest works of the 20th century - powerful, poignant, ardently traditional and filled with melody. The reserved composer himself stated: "God opens his door for a moment and his orchestra plays the Fifth Symphony."



Pianist **Jon Nakamatsu** will perform with Symphony Silicon Valley on May 4-5, 2019.

Debussy & Strauss

October 27-28, 2018

Conductor: Carlos Vieu

Soloist: Daniela Tabernig, soprano

Debussy: Petite Suite

Debussy: La demoiselle élue

Strauss: Four Last Songs

Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier Suite

It's often said that Strauss 'saved his best for the very end.' His final work, a soaring song cycle for lyric soprano and orchestra, is among the most profoundly moving he ever wrote, and a matchless showcase for the soprano. SSV pairs it with a bravura suite from an early Strauss opera. The evening opens with a pair of early works by Debussy, tuneful, brightly colored, and altogether delightful. A virtuoso event!

Mozart & Mendelssohn

December 8-9, 2018

Conductor: William Boughton

Soloists: Michael Corner, clarinet

Mendelssohn: A Midsummer Night's Dream Overture

Mozart: Clarinet Concerto No. 622

Mendelssohn: Scottish Symphony

Following Mendelssohn's enchanting Overture written during his teens, we hear two great works from late in their composers' lives. The Scottish Symphony, Mendelssohn's last, is filled with echoes of Scotland's stormy, embattled history, punctuated by both a Scottish reel and perhaps the most beautiful Adagio he ever wrote. Mozart's Clarinet Concerto, one of his final works, is a touchstone of the clarinet repertory. With its rich, mellow voice, the solo clarinet seems to engage the orchestra in a loving conversation between friends.

Brahms & Dvořák

January 19-20, 2019

Conductor: Pietro Rizzo

Soloist: Jon Kimura Parker, piano

Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 2

Dvořák: Symphony No. 8

Pianist Jon Kimura Parker is famed for his 'infectious elan and gargantuan technique.' His outsized technique will be on special demand for our first work, a concerto build on a heroic symphonic scale that requires sheer stamina as well as supreme artistry. A masterpiece of musical contrasts, it is also filled with lyrical interludes, including an extended cello solo. Dvořák's symphony follows, inventive but gentler, almost idyllic, and irresistibly tuneful. While he wrote it, Dvořák himself marveled "Melodies simply pour out of me."

Tchaikovsky 5th Symphony

March 2-3, 2019

Conductor: John Nelson

Soloists: Robin Mayforth, violin

Bartok: Roumanian Folk Dances

Barber: Violin Concerto

Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5

Our opener is a musical tour through the folk traditions Bartok studied, full of life and complex rhythm. Barber's virtuosic concerto follows, combining lush Romantic lyricism and angular 'modern'

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energy, with a brilliant ending that is a notorious test of the violinist's skill. In the second half, we hear Tchaikovsky's magnificent symphony, with its unparalleled mastery of all the orchestra's voices - famously played through without a pause in WWII Leningrad during a ferocious bombing attack.

Petrushka & Rach 2**May 4-5, 2019****Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono**

Soloists: Jon Nakamatsu, piano
Stravinsky: Circus Polka: Composed for a Young Elephant
Stravinsky: Petrushka

Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2

Ringling Bros. wanted something for 50 elephants and 50 ballerinas - Stravinsky obliged. A much earlier commission resulted in a piece about a puppet's love and heartbreak. Petrushka is one of Stravinsky's most popular works filled with Russian folk tunes and brilliant orchestrations. Astonishingly, pianist Jon Nakamatsu, famed for his Rachmaninoff performances, has never before played the Second Concerto for South Bay audiences. From its first chords, the concerto casts its spell. The composer believed that music's mission is to express emotion, and this vibrant concerto succeeds so well that its themes have been adopted for innumerable popular songs.

Beethoven's Ninth**June 1-2, 2019****Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono****Soloist: 4 vocalists TBA, Symphony**

American Maestra **Joanne Falletta** will conduct Romeo & Juliet & Sibelius on October 6-7.

Silicon Valley Chorale**Dvořák: Te Deum****Beethoven: Symphony No. 9**

Beethoven's Ninth is the unquestioned champion of the concert hall, a work that sums up the Classical age, looks forward to what would follow, and has come to represent courage, hope, and triumph around the world. Every December, innumerable Ninths are performed throughout Maestro Shimono's homeland to mark the turn of the year. SSV last played it to packed houses for the Symphony's 10th anniversary. This June it will be introduced by one of Dvořák's most joyful short works, festive and deeply felt.

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Olympic champion Jennings invites community to attend p1440 Beach Volleyball Tournament

Health & Wellness + Live Music Event to be held Sept. 28-29

Beach Volleyball superstar Kerri Walsh Jennings is inviting the community to the first ever p1440 Beach Volleyball Tournament at Avaya Stadium the weekend of Sept. 28 – 30.

Jennings, the most decorated beach volleyball player of all time, winning three Olympic Gold Medals and one Olympic Bronze Medal, said the San Jose venue at

Avaya will kick-off the p1440 Inaugural 2018 – 2019 season.

The three-day event features a professional beach volleyball tournament showcasing the best volleyball players from around the globe including Anouk Verge-Depre (Switzerland), Carolina Solberg (Brazil), Anders Mol (Norway), Christian Sorum (Norway) and more; live music from Foster the People, Grouplove, Daya, Marian Hill and Magic Giant; a development village with high-intensity interval

training and bootcamps; and a health & wellness village featuring yoga and meditation sessions, healthy cooking demos and more. p1440 San Jose caters to all ages with additional event experiences like a wine & beer garden; Zanotto's Family Markets selling healthy snacks and produce; a "Kid's Court" packed with kid-friendly activities; PongStarz ping pong activation featuring table tennis Olympians; food trucks and an interactive boardwalk experience.

The Avaya Stadium grounds

Its adjacent parking lots and roadways will transform into a live experience unlike any other, with 2,700 tons of sand being shipped to the stadium to build its custom beach volleyball courts for the professional beach volleyball tournament.

Attendees will be able to connect with their mind, body and spirit in the Health & Wellness Village. They can experience a guided meditation, multiple daily yoga sessions throughout the weekend focusing on love and gratitude, inspirational talks from p1440 experts like Impact Theory's Tom Bilyeu and more. Through its Development Village, p1440 will show attendees how to workout and recover just like the pro athletes—even with Walsh Jennings' trainers and favorite resources. There will be a Movement Shop, a portable fitness studio, for p1440 expert trainers Tommy Knox to lead Fast-twitch Strength Training Primer; Kerry Wachtfogel to direct mindful full-body

workouts; Brain Mackenzie to teach Art of Breath workshops and Cody Butler to run HEAT Bootcamps. Guests will also be able to fine tune their volleyball hitting and footwork skills at the AcuSpike individuals trainer or join in on volleyball clinics designed for adult and junior players.

In addition to the Health & Wellness and Development Villages and live music, p1440 will have additional entertainment and immersive experiences for families and all ages. The "Kid's Court" will have have inflatable slides, a rock climb wall, bubble artists, Super Hooper Connect 4 Game + Jenga and p1440's brand partner, Brand X Method's short kid-friendly work-outs and challenges, as well as educational discussions on training youth.

A variety of pop-up entertainment will take place at the Boardwalk—attendees will discover street dancers, magicians, balloon artists, face painters, caricaturists and more! The street dancers and magicians will also put on set shows at the amphitheater at Avaya Stadium grounds. There will also be an opportunity to engage with and create art throughout the venue all weekend. From a chalk art wall and post-yoga canvas painting to expressing themselves through an interactive ball wall.

Kerri created the p1440 movement in an effort to elevate the sport of beach volleyball, provide a credible platform for aspiring and professional athletes, grow the volleyball audience, and become the leading



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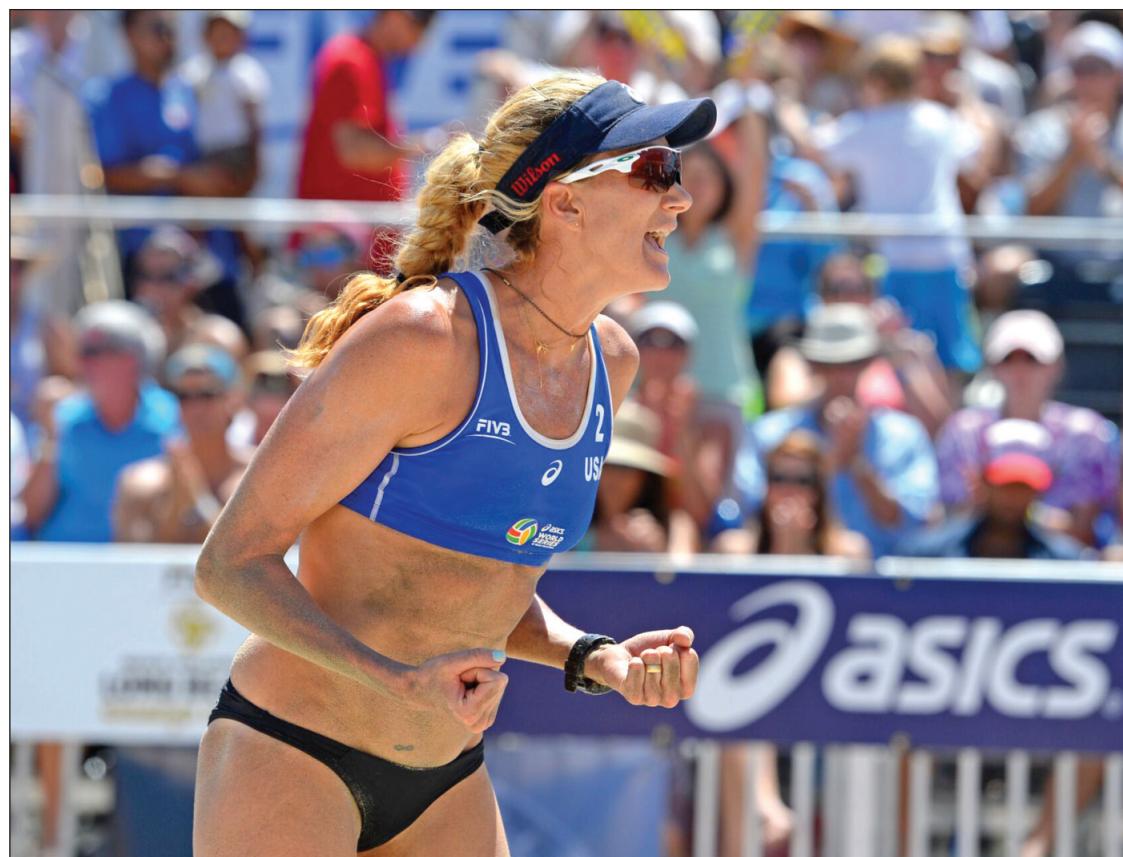
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resource for individuals to live a full life of intention.

"I am beyond privileged to have this amazing opportunity to create the movement that is p1440, alongside my husband and our amazing team. p1440 was established to unite, elevate, serve and give back to the sport that has given me so much! I can't wait for people to experience the p1440 lifestyle in full effect at Avaya Stadium grounds for the first time ever," said Walsh Jennings, co-founder of p1440. "So much heart, soul, love and inspired effort has gone into this movement; our focus is on innovation and on creating an evergreen platform that will highlight the best our amazing sport has to offer—credible athletes, unbeatable lifestyle and a focus on the universal truth that living in the moment is the most powerful way to live. The fact that our inaugural event is happening in Northern California, where I fell in love with the sport, makes this an absolute dream come true. We look forward to hosting you at the most inspired and immersive sport, wellness, lifestyle event you've ever experienced."

"The Earthquakes are excited to host such an inspiring event as p1440 on the grounds of Avaya Stadium," said Earthquakes President Tom Fox. "We're really looking forward to welcoming back local hero Kerri Walsh Jennings, her husband Casey and their family, and joining the movement to help promote their positive message of living every minute."

p1440 San Jose tickets are on-



sale. Costs vary depending on the type of ticket purchased. Kids three years old and younger are complimentary. To stay up-to-date with p1440 San Jose and to purchase tickets, visit: p1440.com/events/san-jose.

In the upcoming months, the p1440 event series will also be supported 24/7 by a powerful digital online community that will provide constant inspiration and an abundance of resources to support living an optimal life. Together, the event series and digital experience will revolutionize and revitalize the sport of beach volleyball, provide a credible platform for

aspiring and professional athletes, grow the volleyball audience and become the leading resource for individuals to live playfully.

Walsh Jennings graduated from Stanford University and San Jose-Archbishop Mitty High School, and is a five-time Olympian.

About p1440

p1440 was created from the vision of three-time Olympic gold medalist and one-time Olympic bronze medalist, Kerri Walsh Jennings, and husband Casey Jennings' way of life: to live every minute of the day with purpose—all 1,440 of

them. p1440 is an event series encompassing a professional beach volleyball tournament, personal development experiences, a music festival and a health & wellness village, mirrored by a powerful digital community that will provide inspiration and resources to live life fully. It is a movement that goes beyond the lines in the sand, encouraging all to live the p1440 lifestyle regardless of age, gender, profession or geographic location. p1440 was founded upon four pillars: Competition, Development, Health & Wellness and Entertainment.

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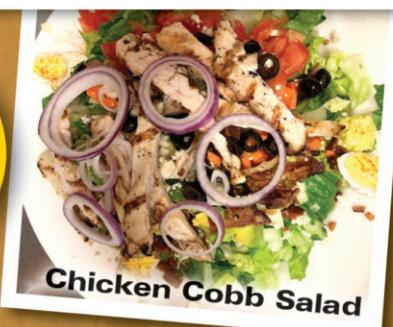
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Adopting vs. buying a pet

By Dr. Raj Singh
Special to the Times

I still remember my excitement and joy when I took that furry bundle of joy home with me.

Ten years later, I still think that opening my heart to rescues is the best decision I ever made. October is "National Adopt a Shelter Dog Month", so I have decided to share my experience with pet adoptions and why you should adopt a dog?

There are so many benefits to adopting a dog over buying your furry companion:

Adoption saves lives

Did you know that over a half a million dogs are euthanized in shelters across United States every year just because they didn't get their second chance for someone to take them home. When you decide on adopting a dog you're not only getting a new best friend but also giving an unfortunate animal a new chance at life and a loving family to call their own.

Adoption costs less

Adopting from pet shelters is much cheaper than buying a pet from a breeder and sometimes it can be free too! Also rescue pets are already spayed/neutered, microchipped, dewormed and vaccinated and all that is covered by a small adoption fee. Sometimes people can also find a purebred breed of their dreams in a shelter.

Adoption is humane

Apart from saving lives by taking a homeless dog, you will also help control overpopulation. All the shelter pets are

sterilized which prevents them from breeding and bringing more animals into the world. There are already too many dogs and not nearly enough available homes. When you decide to adopt, you'll be reducing the number of shelter dogs (even if it's just one dog) and you'll be sure you didn't contribute to the problem.

Where to adopt your dog

Shelters: Shelters are a great option for pet adoptions. They also have a surprising number of purebreds and mix breed pets. These facilities house animals for many different reasons and are dedicated to animal welfare like a humane society or by municipal or government run facility. They usually have a wide variety of pets in need of loving homes and some are already house trained and have other skills.

Rescue organizations: Like shelters, rescue groups are dedicated to animal welfare but may not have a dedicated facility to house and care for their adoptable pets. Rescues care for a much smaller number of animals through a network of foster homes rather than from a shelter. Volunteers or staff members foster one or more animals to provide temporary, in-home care. As foster parents they learn a lot about the pet's personality and behavior. You can contact the rescue group and request to visit adoptable pets in foster homes.

All dogs in the world are loyal and loving regardless of whether they are from shelter or a breeder. If you decide to adopt a pet you will be saving a life. Rescue pets simply know that their master is the one who gave them a second chance and they never forget it.

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



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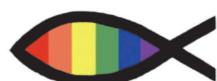
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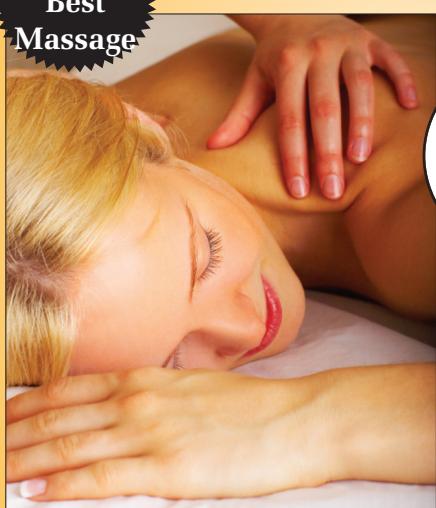


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Tentative teacher contract agreement reached in Evergreen School District

A tentative teacher contract agreement has been reached between the bargaining teams for Evergreen School District and the Evergreen Teachers Association.

To take effect, the tentative agreement would need to be approved by the ESD Board of Trustees and ratified by the ETA membership.

Since last year the teachers have been on a "work to rule" policy which caused all after school programs to be put on hold so the teachers could leave the schools at 3p.m.

A notable feature of the tentative agreement involves the term of agreement, which will be three years (until June 30, 2020) instead of the single-year agreements we have seen in recent years. "We are optimistic that this will allow for a period of stability in contrast to a year-over-year cycle that can feel unending to many," said Kathy Gomez, ESD Superintendent.

The agreement preserves art prep and would see an adjusted contribution to the Health Trust that would mean savings to the District. It would also see salary increases over three years, .5%, 1.5% and 2.5%, and class sizes status quo, pending election results on Measure EE. With the balance of savings and compromises, the tentative agreement would result in a minimal pressure on the District general budget.

Essential to elements of this agreement is the passing of the Parcel Tax Renewal (Measure EE) on November 6. For example, if the Parcel Tax renewal is unsuccessful there would be necessary upward adjustments to class size in year three and corresponding planning time for grade TK-3 teachers. With a successful renewal, class sizes would remain the same.

"This is an acceptable deal and one our members should get behind," says Brian Wheatley, President of the Evergreen Teachers Association. "We worked hard to get to this point and we're ready to get back to doing what we do best, educating students. Let's get the parcel tax renewal passed and work on building a real future here for our kids."

"We want to again thank our community for their patience through this process," adds Gomez. "We know it hasn't always been easy and we are excited to all get back to our shared priority - the critical work of providing a world-class education for our students."

St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen sponsors blood drive

The next Evergreen Blood Drive, sponsored by St. Francis of Assisi of Evergreen and the Stanford Blood Center, will be held on Saturday, October 13th from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm at the St. Francis Community Center on 5111 San Felipe Rd, Evergreen, San Jose, CA 95135.

The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and become a blood donor. Donors will receive a coupon for Baskin Robbins Ice Cream in the Stanford Blood Center's "Pint for a pint" promotion.

Donors may stop by on the day of the event, but there may be a wait, so we encourage sign-ups. Register on the hsbcdonor.org website, or call me at 408-476-6104.

Health of San Jose's Real Estate Market revealed

With home values rising by an average of more than \$16,000 in the first quarter of 2018 but affordability dropping as mortgage rates get higher, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2018's Best Real-Estate Markets to determine the most attractive real-estate markets in the U.S., WalletHub compared 300 cities across 22 key metrics. The data set ranges from median home-price appreciation to home sales turnover rate to job growth.

Health of San Jose's Real-Estate Market (1=Best; 150=Avg.):

- 5th – % of Homes with Negative Equity
- 3rd – Avg. Days Until Sale
- 34th – Median Home-Price Appreciation
- 82nd – Job Growth Rate
- 44th – Foreclosure Rate
- 40th – % of Delinquent Mortgage Holders
- 70th – Number of Unsold Homes Owned by Banks (REOs)
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Times Feature

O.B. Whaley really picking up STEAM

By Charles Crosby
Special to the Times

Redefining what it means to be a student at O.B. Whaley, the school has honed in on their strengths and recognized what they do best – guide students toward critical thinking and problem solving in a way that will best prepare them for the ever-evolving, ever-challenging work world. O.B. Whaley has embraced their place in the Evergreen community as our STEAM School.

STEAM is an extension of the concept of a STEM school, which refers to science, technology, engineering and math. Students in STEM programs may have more experiential, hands-on learning opportunities as a way to build these skills in a practical way.

But many have suggested STEM is missing a critical component, especially as we train students to be prepared to play a role in the broader economy. Concepts like creation, creativity, ingenuity, innovation and imagination are critical components for a well-rounded student wanting to take their place as a key player in the work world. Thus the addition of the 'A': or, the arts. STEAM takes STEM to the next level

just as O.B. Whaley is taking their commitment to teach their students these critical skills to the next level.

In 2016, principals and their staff were charged by Superintendent Kathy Gomez to determine what their schools would be known for, develop an action plan, and bring the new direction to fruition by the 2018-2019 academic term. The O.B. Whaley staff responded by rolling up their sleeves, getting down to work and developing the school into a STEAM school.

"Becoming a STEAM school was the obvious pathway toward fulfilling O.B. Whaley's mission statement which is to provide a challenging educational environment that allows all students to develop their ability to communicate effectively, think critically, analyze, problem solve, and apply what is learned in a technical and global world," says Principal Tonya Trim.

The Whaley STEAM Team Lead Teachers are Michelle Ghione and Diana Nakano. They have worked with Principal Trim on the journey toward STEAM since the beginning, but there were others central to this new direction including Michelle Balistreri who has moved on to

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Students and parents alike love the STEAM programming and content.

Bulldog Tech, Kameelah Green, who initially brought multicultural dance to the school and who is now principal at Laurelwood, and countless teachers and coaches who have built the new STEAM reality at the school.

Bringing the arts component to the STEAM equation has been critical to its early success. "In 2017-2018, we amplified the Arts in STEAM by bringing the first ever Multicultural Dance instruction for all students to the district in the form of a two week Dance Academy," notes Trim. "Our students, parents and teachers loved it so much... especially the parents that they were clamoring for us to bring it back in the Spring of 2018. We did! Students were able to strut their stuff in a second dance showcase."

Other key elements in the STEAM programing have included professional development, a commitment from all teachers and staff to support and fully understand the shared goal, and plan for students to be engaged in deeper learning work, engaging activities and hands-on experiences.

STEAM Team leaders have been engaged in extensive training and workshops as well as visiting successful STEAM labs and schools to ensure they bring the STEAM ethos back to the community. They are also working increasing devices to reach 1:1 status throughout the school. Additional activities have included a robotics class for students and parents offered through Parent University with plans for this year to include:

- Moving from a two week Multicultural Dance Academy to a Multicultural Dance Institute (nine weeks the first half of the year and nine weeks the second half of the year; culminating in a dance showcase at the conclusion of both sessions)

- Implementing a Music for Minors program grades K-4 (1x/week for 24 weeks)

with 5th & 6th graders having the option to choose the district's band program.

- Implementing Arts Attack lessons/instruction grades K-6
- Introducing students to 3-D printing and coding
- Camp Invention (a one week STEAM Camp) - the first of its kind in the district.

"Our goal is to see every school in the District define itself as something unique, something that speaks to the community they serve," says Superintendent Gomez. "Seeing what has been built at O.B. Whaley has been very exciting to witness and we're proud of every teacher, student and administrator who has been a part of this important change."

Trim and her team are thrilled with the new direction and see it already bearing fruit. "As site leader, I'm extremely proud of the collaborative work my staff has been engaged in over the past two years to create spaces of joy, innovation, and risk-taking with each other and their students," she says. "Nothing thrills me more than to walk into a classroom and see students engaged in design challenges, teachers facilitating the learning, and students actively discussing ways to improve outcomes and/or products."

She goes on to add: "Becoming a STEAM school was the obvious pathway toward fulfilling O.B. Whaley's mission statement which is to provide a challenging educational environment that allows all students to develop their ability to communicate effectively, think critically, analyze, problem solve, and apply what is learned in a technical and global world. I recently read a quote by Elon Musk which says, 'Failure is an option here. If things are not failing, you are not innovating enough.' That's the spirit I want my students to live by."

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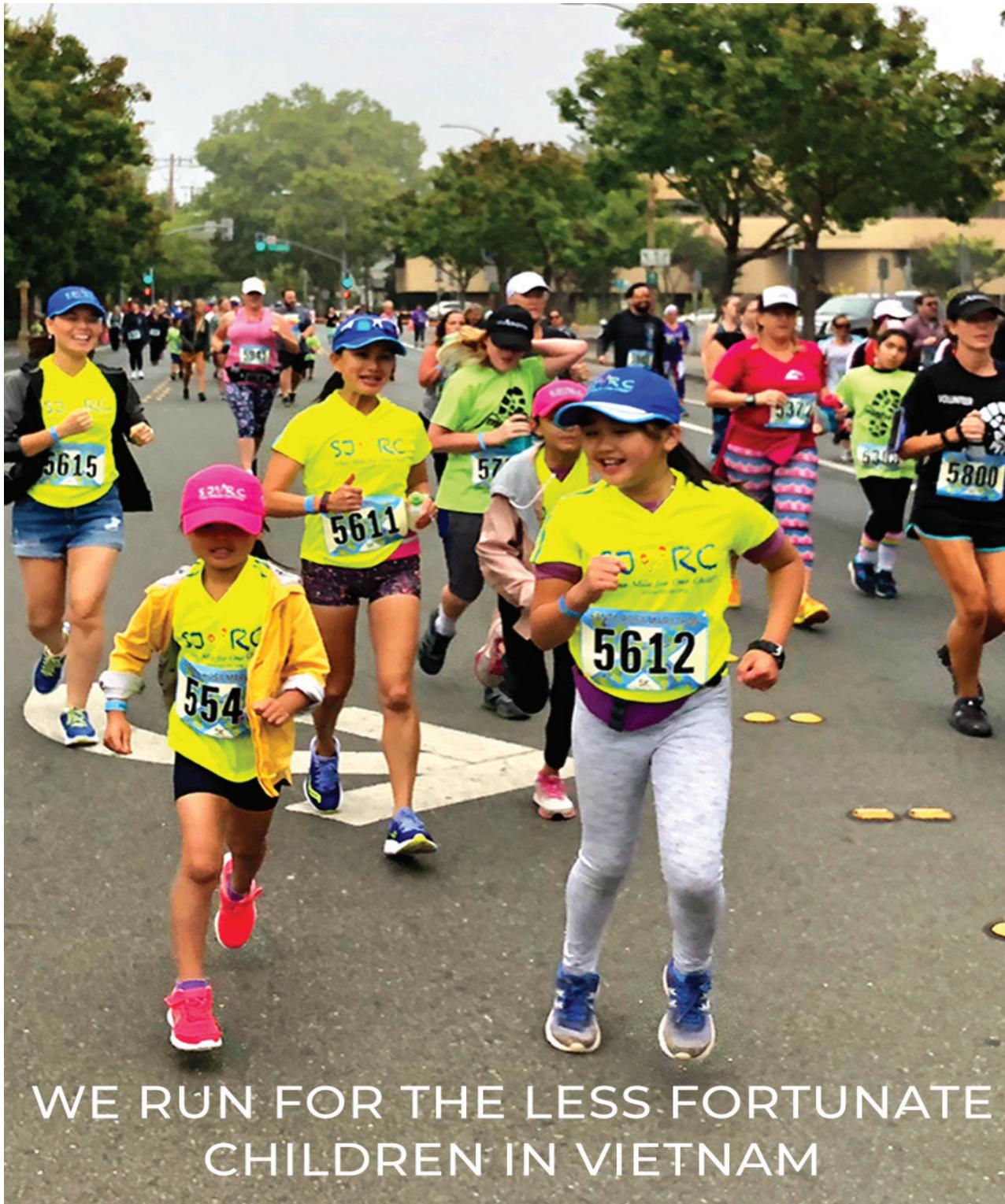
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By Ryan Brown

Special to the Times

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According to PayScale's 2018-2019 College Salary Report, Evergreen Valley College (EVC) is one of those colleges. Among all associate degree-granting institutions, EVC ranks No. 1 in California and No. 2 among all public colleges nationally when it comes to how much its graduates are earning at the midpoint of their careers.

The PayScale College Salary Report surveyed 3.2 million people over the last decade from over 2,600 academic institutions. Its mission is to research the salary potential of graduates based on the colleges, majors, and careers they choose. In addition to a snapshot of what graduates are earning mid-career, the survey is also interested in personal fulfillment of its respondents. While the salary ranking is great news for the college, 67 percent of EVC's graduates also say their work is helping make the world a better place.

The salaries listed in the report are national averages. For example, the report cites an EVC nursing graduate now working as a Registered Psychiatric Nurse is earning an average mid-career salary of \$103,000 nationally. An EVC Nursing student graduating this year would start at \$108,000 locally. The approximate cost to graduate from EVC's Nursing program in two years is \$4,030 which includes tuition, uniform, supplies, and testing.

Nursing graduate Vincent Pena is very familiar with what EVC has to offer its students. As a first-generation college student, Pena knew EVC was not only close to home, but also affordable. His family lived paycheck to paycheck and at one point, Pena slept on family and friends' couches and stored all his personal belongings in his car while going to school. "I had a lot of support from the nursing program. I was vice president of my class and a lot of my students looked up to me but secretly I looked up to them for support and to persevere through this very challenging time," said Pena. Today, Pena has earned his master's degree and is now an adjunct professor at EVC.

Evergreen Valley College's Nursing Program is known for cultivating the highest caliber of

nurses. Partnerships with several Bay Area hospitals including Kaiser San Jose Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, and

Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Healthcare, helps the students develop relationships beyond the classroom. The Workforce

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Pena is confident that others can be just as successful, if not more. "If I can do it, then anyone really can," he said.

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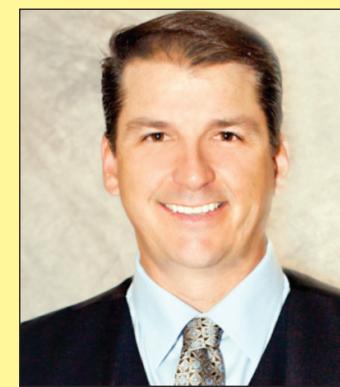


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1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square" library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parose@sbglobal.net.

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

The Evergreen Al-Anon meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

The Evergreen Business Association

Association is a networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more

informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at www.ebagroup.org.

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at New Seasons 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd San Jose Ca 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good

cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd. Wednesday of the month, from 3:15-4:15 EVGC (No meetings in July or August) Membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or (408)532-6602

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club

meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site

council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center

offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofevergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion group, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/> The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact: President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

This local Lions group meets at the Red Lobster restaurant on Capitol at Aborn on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Dinner and fellowship start at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Since we often meet at other places, attendees should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more

information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview Airport Association
3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association
Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830.

Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership
The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Assn

This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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3063 Marston Way	\$1,470,000	4	3 0	2,675	8,421
3437 Clover Oak Drive	\$1,410,000	4	2 1	2,649	8,611
3343 Norwood Avenue	\$1,300,000	3	2 1	2,039	7,335
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3158 Perivale Court	\$901,000	2	2 0	1,273	4,693
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5315 Laurel Canyon Drive	\$2,300,000	6	5 1	4,486	16,624
5355 Ligurian Drive	\$1,820,000	5	3 0	2,916	6,452
5808 Firestone Court	\$1,725,000	4	3 0	2,695	8,270
5249 Apennines Circle	\$1,540,000	3	2 0	2,043	6,341
5921 Pistoia Way	\$1,390,000	3	2 0	1,664	7,054
6751 Positano Lane	\$1,325,000	3	2 1	2,360	3,778
7260 Clear Vista Court	\$1,210,000	4	2 1	2,179	3,879
6743 Gentry Oaks Place	\$1,150,000	4	3 0	2,535	3,824
712 Sirica Way	\$1,120,000	4	2 1	2,418	4,455
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