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Why vote 'Yes' on Measure EE?

By Evergreen School **District Band Members** Special to the Times

usicians in the Evergreen School District **I**know the answer to this question. Measure EE will allow the District to maintain music and art programs in its elementary and middle schools, and band members at Chaboya Middle School are eager to tell you why these activities are valuable to them:

Krishay B. says, "...band has been a great experience for me because I got to learn how to play a musical instrument and I can take that talent anywhere I go. I also... interact with new people in the band and make new friends. All in all, I love the school band and I enjoy playing in it."

Sai P. adds, "Band is literally my second family! Everyone's skills are so See MEASURE EE, page 3

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E.V.H.S. teacher runs for **Oak Grove School District Board Trustee opening**

By Frank Shortt Times Staff Writer

t is a natural step for one who has been involved in **⊥**the Teacher Unions for many years to want to get the feel of who, and why, decisions are made at the level of the School Board.

Brian LoBue, who has had the privilege of teaching on many levels during his career as an educator, has decided to run for the Board of Trustees for the Oak Grove School District in Trustee Area 5. This is the place that he feels he can put to use all the practical things he has learned working with students, parents, teachers and negotiating with school boards in Soledad, Gilroy, and San Jose. As to 'future aspirations' he replies, I will be running for the OGSD school board of trustees in November 2018. Beyond that, I don't have a plan other than to keep teach-



Brian Lobue in his EVHS classroom.

ing and see what tomorrow brings with it!" This seems like a great plan for one who has always worked hard and kept his nose to the grindstone! See LOBUE, page 3

Silver Oak Elementary School has successful Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week

By Nida Akhtar and Karen Westfield

Special to the Times ilver Oak Elementary students and families participated in the 22nd National Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week, October 1-5, 2018. Participation this year reflected 4 out of 5 students using their feet to get to school Monday through Friday with an 80% school-wide participation level.

The first place classroom with a participation for the week of 95.76%—Mrs. Pink's 1/2 grade combination class.

Principal Howard Greenfield presented the class the "Golden Shoe" trophy award. The winning class was also awarded a special bonus day in the new state of the art STEAM lab at Silver Oak Elementary. New Seasons Market Representative Kazandra Manivanh also congratulated the winning class with goodie bags compliments of New Seasons Market.

Silver Oak students had their



Ms. Pink's 1- 2 Grade Class earns Top Participation Award (with Principal Howard Greenfield)

hands stamped at various checkpoints and every walker/biker received a different colorful wristband each day.

Sylvia Arenas for funding the playful wristbands.

Principal Greenfield reflected, "Walk-and-bike-to-school Thanks to Councilwoman week was a wonderful success.

It was great to see so many parents and students participating. We want to thank everybody for their support."

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LoBue

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Mr. LoBue was born in Sacramento, California. He attended seven different elementary schools in four different states. He graduated high school in the Sacramento area. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Physics from the University of California, Irvine, as well as, a California teaching credential from Chapman University. He has taught in **Brian LoBue** and two of his co-teachers.

schools in Gilroy, Soledad, and San Jose on several levels. His present position is teaching Physics and Integrated Science at Evergreen Valley High School. He is very well thought of by the students, teachers, and parents at his present position at EVHS.

Mr. LoBue states, "I am a member of the ACLU, the Network for Public Education, and the California Teachers Association. I am the site vice president of the East Side Teachers Association at Evergreen Valley HS. In the 2014-2015 school year I was president of the Gilroy Teachers Association." For his campaign he is endorsed by many local education officials and labor organizations, including the Oak Grove Educators Association, Ash Kalra, State Assembly member from District 7, and Claudia Rossi, County Board of Education, Area 7.

Reflecting on charitable efforts, Mr. LoBue declares, "Most of my charitable work and efforts have gone into education and the policies of education. I donate to progressive political candi-



dates at various levels, depending on the issues at stake in various elections. I don't seem to have much time off these days, but when some presents itself, I make wine and beer, do woodwork and metal work!"

Brian's political statement would be, "I've spent the last 15 years of my life working in and around public schools in California. There are a host of issues that need serious solutions in our schools. At this point I think my experiences have put me in a position to make positive changes in schools in the classroom and in a leadership role as a school board trustee. It is always puzzling to me how people with absolutely no experience working in public schools find their way into leading school districts and how often their focus is on everything but the students, teachers, and communities those schools serve."

Brian Lobue's campaign can be reached at http://www.facebook.com/ Blobue4OGSD and you can read his policy statements.



Students report that band teaches them persistence and attention to detail.

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be gone."

Continued from page 1 unique that I feel like one sound is being

played magnificently!" R.G. shares, "...Without the Chabova music program, a big part of my life would

Irene W. believes, "Band...is almost like a big family, where everyone looks out for each other. Band is where I can express my thoughts freely and know I can be supported. I like making music with my friends and enjoy...listening to what we are achieving. Band has taught me to be persistent and to pay attention to even the smallest details...

Measure EE, if passed, will renew for 7 years a parcel tax (at a rate of \$125/year) that will support a number of initiatives in the Evergreen School District, including STEAM instruction, maintaining smaller class sizes, teacher quality and training, student supervision and safety, libraries and, most importantly to band kids, art and music programs. This Measure would replace a current parcel tax that is expiring. (Senior exemptions are available.) See MEASURE EE, page 5 One Treat You Won't Trade



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MIRACLES HAPPEN

Omar's Dream Run brings tears of emotion to many

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

A foe is extinguished.

Love contained the power to conquer.

Something sacred called hope was everywhere in the wind and air.

All believed in the unbelievable and joyfully shook hands with ambassadors of cancer soldiers and doctor fighters who donned their running shirts and numbers to participate in the grand event.

The race, built on positive thinking, filled Hellyer Park with hope on Sunday, October 14th. The traditional ten foot arch of carefully patterned blue and red balloons again became the annual portal of the starting and finishing line.

Participants met at the park early, gathering at nearby picnic tables to converse about their stories and individual battle plans for combatting cancer – a fight that many are associated with who were in attendance. The fight brought all together. Walls of sickness were torn

down by the non-tangible power of love.

Hundreds of people with blue race shirts and handwritten entrance number placards placed on their stomachs walked the grounds - not in any real hurry to get to the starting line, but instead to simply catch up on community conversation and well-being.

Healthy snacks were once again brought forth and neatly displayed on tables through the help of caring volunteers, often in their teens. Fresh bananas, award winning fat apples, and carefully crafted hand-made packages of trail mix were all geometrically displayed in neat rows, in a take-what-you-wish and serve yourself affair. Other food items too were offered and everyone knew that after the race would come ice cream in well-planned clear plastic cups for all, with other tables displaying large open boxes of take-and-go fresh cream cupcakes donated by the Nothing Bundt Cakes shop on Aborn Road.



The Omar's Dream Run is an event for everyone to enjoy.



A miracle girl with her miracle doll brings light to the darkness.

Talk often was about cancer and laughter was heard too, with grins and smiles about those winning the secret battle. New research and breakthroughs were spoken of which brought light to the darkness and increased understanding. Everyone knew that right here at the Omar Dream Run, cancer can be conquered, as proved by the tales from survivors who stroll amongst the gathering and speak unabashedly of their full remission.

The battle force

Educational Centers, scientists, doctors, parents children and others carefully created this front-line against cancer. Part of the plan is to always connect children and adults to their friends and classmates whenever anyone should go into the depths of treatment needed in a hospital setting. Chemotherapy and common colds can be a problem. Often the separation of school becomes a fact of life for the individual. Some are moved to hospitals to live for periods of time during treatment.

Omar teaches us today

The flagship of this movement is the Omar's Dream Foundation Non-Profit Organization. Omar had leukemia when he was two years old. His parents worked tirelessly to give him the best. When he was in the fourth grade he needed a bone marrow transplant and went from Evergreen

School District to live at the Stanford Medical Hospital. Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Melody Sutton and Omar's parents created a way to help Omar and his classmates communicate and stay together while also teaching Omar with the group. "We just had to find a way to make this happen," said Sutton. They set up a computer at the hospital and began talking to each other by Skype. Each day, Omar crossed the void and entered the classroom through the internet. For Omar, the process was a priority where learning and friendship took center stage. It was kindly stated that he sometimes adamantly told nurses, "you've got to come back later - we're doing math." Teacher Sutton is on the board of the Omar's Dream Non-Profit Organization and states, "We are here to honor his memory and make his dreams come true."

Omar, teachers, parents, nurses, doctors, hospitals and many others pioneered a new way of allowing students to continue in school and be with their classmates instead of being pulled away to the isolated private world of hospital tutoring. The organization grows each year, and now six hospitals help hundreds of children and adults continue education in this unique way. Omar blazed the trail and figured out how to

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"Band students grow in leadership, perseverance, discipline and organization." —Katie L

Silver Oak

Continued from page 1 The week-long event allowed families to spend quality time together simply by walking and building healthy habits and safer streets. Some reconnected with other families to walk and build a sense of community. Other parents served as volunteers to make this event a huge success. Silver Oak's event was one of more than 5100 registered events across the United States and over 650 registered events in California,

Pictured: Students who walked or biked to school earned a colorful wristband each day.

Elementary school.



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In case you are inclined to think that music education isn't an important component of school instruction, Katie L. would like you to know that "besides the undeniable link between making music and improved grades, band students also grow in leadership, perseverance, discipline and organization." Instruction in the arts does indeed lead to better grades and higher self-esteem, while also improving school climate. Additionally, participation in the arts leads to higher levels of education and literacy and greater civic engagement.

Ridhima M. goes on to add, "...Great music is not only achieved with your hard work but you must also be led by a great band director." Evergreen School District has amazing music instructors who spend every day inspiring kids to learn and improve, teaching them that hard work does indeed pay off in tangible and intangible ways.

"What is band to me?" asks Megan O. "Well, as a kid who never expected to go into band and play an instrument, band has become such a big part of my life. Now I play two instruments with a group of amazing people. Band isn't a chore or something monotonous, playing weird notes all the time. Band is something beautiful; an art that shouldn't be looked down upon. It is the life and soul of every student here."

Mahika J. summarizes it perfectly: "Band makes life more

Chaboya Band Members encourage you to Vote "YES" on Measure EE!





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- Mayor Sam Liccardo



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"We recommend that voters retain incumbent Jim Zito...

<mark>Zito's experience</mark> as an <u>eight-year veteran on the board</u> and a former <u>member of the San Jose</u> <u>Planning Commission</u> is invaluable. A retired biotech engineer, he has spent the last two years as a middle school math teacher, giving him first-hand knowledge of the challenges faced by today's educators. Zito instituted two board committees, the Facilities Joint Use and Land Use committees, to engage the board and community in the difficult issue of how to deal with continued projections of declining enrollment. The committees offer a smart way of <u>exploring how to generate substantial and sustainable revenue</u> for the district while also providing the best education for students." - San Jose Mercury News Editorial - October 23, 2018

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HALLOWEEN AT HOME



Keep Pets Safe this Halloween

(Family Features) Halloween isn't just for humans; four-legged friends have plenty of opportunity to get in on the fun, too. However, it's important to take some pet precautions that allow the whole family to enjoy the holiday safely, as the costumes and excitement can be overwhelming and some of the candy is even dangerous.

As you're filling the candy buckets and assembling the perfect costumes, be sure to heed these tips from the experts at PetSmart for a Halloween filled with pet-friendly fun:

Out and about

Make sure pets have proper identification by microchipping and registering your pet's microchip, and keeping identification and registration tags on their collars. This is especially important around Halloween, when open doors offer more opportunity for escape.

If your pet will be joining the family while trick-or-treating, be sure they are visible to motorists by using a reflective collar, harness or leach

Costume concerns

Just like with children, there are safety issues to consider when costuming your pets. Not all dogs like wearing clothes and some may become stressed or agitated while wearing a costume or sweater. However, many dogs just need a little coaxing and positive reinforcement.

- Start with a simple accessory, like a bandana, working your way up to a costume.
- Make sure costumes include eye and ear holes, and if they don't, consider removing whole portions of the costume to ensure your pet's ability to see, hear and breathe. Make sure there isn't anything that could be a tripping hazard. Also, be sure to check the costume for little parts within biting or chewing distance.
- Dogs can overheat easily, so ensure your dog's clothing is not too bulky or heavy if the weather is warm.
- In the end, the top priority should be your pet's comfort level.

Hazardous food and decorations

"It's fun to include our pets in our celebrations, but it's also important to be aware of the dangers associated with Halloween to ensure their safety," said Jennifer Freeman, DVM, PetSmart's resident veterinarian and pet care expert. "Keep chocolate and candy out of paws' reach. Xylitol, a sugar substitute found in candy, gum, mints and baked goods, is toxic to pets and can cause liver damage."

Keep the Halloween fun going by establishing some rules for your family and any guests joining the festivities:

- Xylitol can be extremely dangerous to pets, even in small amounts. Just 1/8 teaspoon can cause dangerously low blood sugar in dogs and 1/2 teaspoon can cause liver damage. If xylitol is consumed by your pet, take him or her to a veterinarian immediately.
- Natural stimulants in chocolate can cause a range of symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea and abnormal heart rhythm.
- Raisins may cause a toxic reaction in dogs from vomiting to kidney failure.
- Cellophane, plastic and paper from candy wrappers and lollipop sticks can cause gastrointestinal upset.
- As an alternative to sharing dangerous snacks, stock up on some seasonal dog-friendly treats and set out a pet-specific bowl.

Seasonal decorations can also pose a threat:

- Fall decorations like jack-o'-lanterns can cause gastrointestinal upset.
- Glow sticks can cause irritation, agitation and vomiting.
- Hot wax and flames from candles can potentially burn your pet's nose, tongue or tail.

Don't forget the fun

Despite some concerns, Halloween can still provide fun moments for your pet:

- Take your dog along for trick-or-treating.
- Allow your four-legged friend to greet trickor-treaters at the door.
- Encourage friends to dress up their pets and join the festivities.

Find more tips and tricks for keeping your pets safe this Halloween at PetSmart.com.



Popping Up Sweet Fall Treats

(Family Features) When it's time for a sweet treat, look for seasonal goodies that complement fun fall activities. For example, reach for an option like whole-grain, fluffy and crisp popcorn which can be an easy, DIY snack.

Combine sweet and salty flavors to create something delicious to devour like delightful Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn.

To better serve a crowd, try these Perfect Picnic Popcorn Squares at your next family gathering or fall cookout with friends.

For more creative, DIY popcorn recipe ideas, visit popcorn.org.

Down Home Apple Pie Popcorn (pictured above)
Yield: 10 cups

3 tablespoons melted butter 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 tablespoons brown sugar 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon 1/8 teaspoon ground allspice 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg 8 cups popped popcorn 1 cup dried apple chips, bro-

ken into large pieces 1/4 cup toffee bits

Heat oven to 300 F. Whisk melted butter with vanilla. Toss brown sugar with cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg.

Toss popcorn with butter mixture. Sprinkle evenly with brown sugar mixture. Stir. Transfer to baking sheet lined with parchment paper.

Sprinkle apple chips and toffee bits

over top. Bake 15 minutes, or until toffee bits start to melt. Cool before serving.

Tip: Add chopped pecans for extra crunch.

Perfect Picnic Popcorn Squares (pictured below)

Yield: 12 squares 1 cup light corn syrup 1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar
1 cup reduced-fat peanut
butter

3/4 cup raisins 8 cups air-popped popcorn nonstick cooking spray

In large saucepan, combine corn syrup, sugar, brown sugar and peanut butter.

Bring to boil over low heat, stirring constantly; boil 2-3 minutes. Remove saucepan from heat.

In large bowl, combine raisins and popcorn; pour hot mixture over popcorn and toss carefully with wooden spoons until well-coated.

Spray 9-by-13inch baking dish with cooking spray; press popcorn mixture into pan and cool completely.

Cut into squares and serve.



Times Features

Dream Run

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transcend learning beyond the white walls of a hospital room with tubes and equipment at arms grasp, combined with frequent injections and tests. Omar used his indomitable spirit to show the world that he and others could take control so that one never had to leave school for even if a person is to stay in the hospital with "doctor's orders." The internet could capture and connect laughter and learning in real time to battle back cancer and give hope to energize each traveling patient.

Miracle Girl with clean bloodstream

A lovely vibrant dynamic 12 year old actually had trouble not smiling when one spoke to her. Her joy was infectious. Each year, she makes time to come to the Omar Dream Run and offers her services of DJ-ing the music. She's a miracle of modern day medicine, and quick to say that the power of prayer played an important role to her health too.

"I like coming here each year," she stated as she DJ-ed the event with her father near. "Each year people keep running to fight cancer." When asked about her story she says, "When I was four I was diagnosed with leukemia. I kept fighting and praying and luckily after three or four years, I survived. Two or three years ago I was finally told I am in remission. This means your blood is checked to make sure nothing is going on and you don't have cancer any more. My mom

and dad prayed a lot for what was to happen and those in the local church prayed for me too, so I got prayer from all."

Thanks mom and dad

She continued, "I think when my mom and dad found out that I was out of remission with no sign of cancer in my body, they were very happy and proud I was able to go forward. I love my mom and dad and my sister and I am glad I got prayers from them. I'm glad they are here today too at the Omar's Dream Run."

Welcome to the world of cancer

"She's an inspiration and that is why our journey continues. There is hope. Look at this photo," said her proud father as he used the screen of the computer to back up and share his statement with pictures of their journey. "They gave our daughter a doll and the hair came off of it. The reason for this was to show her it was OK and that it is what happens under chemotherapy, hair comes off. My wife and I did not really know what to do, it was like we were thrown into a new world. 'Welcome to the world of cancer' was the new place we were in. We knew we were in a battle to save the life of our child. The doctors could not tell us why, could not tell us the reasons why a little girl comes to have cancer."

"Four years seemed like an eternity," dad continued. "At first, it seemed way out of reach but the four years of treatment went by real quick. Now we are looking forward and just not looking

A 12 year old miracle girl unabashedly shared her individual uplifting story of hope. Goosebumps were felt by many as the survivor helped others facing the battle.

back anymore."

Stanford Children's Hospital "a class act"

The proud father of the 12 year old continued and spoke of their experience in the children's hospital. "It was something out of heaven. They were like angels. It was a blessing to have that kind of atmosphere, professional, supportive program from the very beginning. We were going through this very harsh problem but they made it smoother for us."

Doctors just don't know why children and adults are afflicted with cancer

That 12 year old miracle girl unabashedly shared her individual uplifting story of hope. Goosebumps were felt by many as the survivor helped others facing the battle. Parents who began the same itinerary in years past, who knew the path, also helped everyone on their individual roads to remission by mapping out the journey and giving them the lay of the land, so to speak. Victorious examples of gallant fighting and survival were present at the event as the survivors spoke to all about their per-

sonal individual journeys.

Omar's Dream Run belongs to you

Supervisor Dave Cortese and his wife were present and have supported the event since its inception. He stated to the crowd before the race began, "This is the way to do it. We need to just continue year after year." With momentum building, Omar's Dream is blossoming and expanding to more people. Mayor Liccardo also spoke and stated that he had insights about the issues of cancer regarding people he knew and that the event and organization is terribly important. He said, "In times of suffering we need each other and we need to be connected." It was explained that Omar's Dream has come true and it is a loving

One mom holding a baby said with bright eyes and conviction of faith, "we are taught that kids are born pure and considered angels. God tests those that are nearest to him."

Another woman gently stated, "there is no small miracle."

Editor's Note: Omar's Dream Foundation enables hospitalized and medically supervised children to remotely attend school allowing them to stay connected to their teachers and classmates. Their services are free for all qualified students and their educators. To see Omar's teacher and classroom and to hear testimonials and breakthroughs in research go to (websearch) Omar's Dream Foundation. Donations are welcomed and needed to expand the program.

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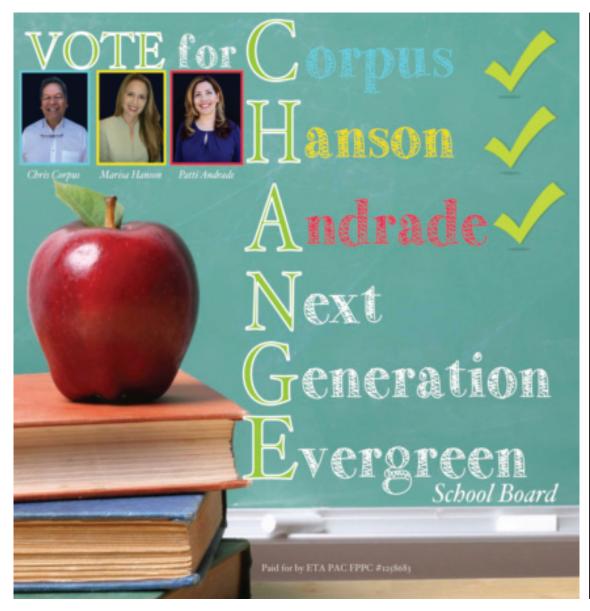
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Times Family



Tips for turning history into your story

(Family Features) If you have ever thought about exploring your family history, now can be the perfect time as October is National Family History Month. To get started, these four simple tips can help you unlock new understanding and make meaningful connections. You can also consider sharing these tips with loved ones so they can join in on the fun, too.

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history. You might be unsure of the exact date your grandparents were married, but someone else may know. Building knowledge of your family history can be an excuse to call your mom, your grandma or even your great aunt. They likely have stories and photos you don't have and would likely be willing to share them.

Start a Family Tree

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Message Cousins

As you continue to explore

your family tree, you may find other relatives have already researched pieces and parts of your family tree. Maybe a fourth cousin has your common great-grandparents in their tree with photos and stories about their lives. Find out

DNA testing has revolution-ized the way people discover family history.

what other information they might know or share what you know about your branch of the family tree.

Take a DNA Test

DNA testing has revolutionized the way people discover family history. With a service AncestryDNA, you like become part of a genetic network that includes more than 10 million people. In addition to providing ethnicity estimates, the service also compares your DNA to the people in the network and matches you to anyone sharing enough DNA with you to point to a recent common ancestor within the last 8-10 generations. To make those connections even easier to find, attach that family tree you built to your DNA results, and find more information at Ancestry.com.

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Trick-or-treat for a cause

(Family Features) Orange pumpkins on doorsteps and orange candy corn in buckets are iconic staples of Halloween, but the season can be about more than fun and treats.

Since 1950, generations of children in the United States have gone door-to-door on Halloween with the iconic orange coin collection boxes calling out, "Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF!"

With nearly \$177 million raised for health care, education, nutrition and more for children, Trick-or-Treat for

UNICEF has evolved into a month-long celebration of the power of kids helping kids. Throughout October, kids, parents and teachers across the country can be "scary good" and add purpose to Halloween by supporting the organization's work for children around the world. In fact, donations as small as 50 cents can contribute to lifesaving change.

When kids participate, they can learn about global issues and feel empowered to make a difference. For parents and teachers, it's a time-tested tool to help teach kids about the value of helping others and shape the next generation of global citizens.

Sharing the caring

In addition, a series of partners and supporters are also making it easy to inspire change.

This year, Key Club International, as a national partner, will continue to participate by raising funds for The Eliminate Project, which seeks to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus, a deadly disease that claims the lives of thousands of babies and mothers each year. A student-

led service leadership program of Kiwanis International, Key Club is the oldest and largest service program for high school students. For more information, visit TheEliminateProject.org or KeyClub.org.

Sony Pictures Entertainment will also support the campaign with "Goosebumps 2's" very own

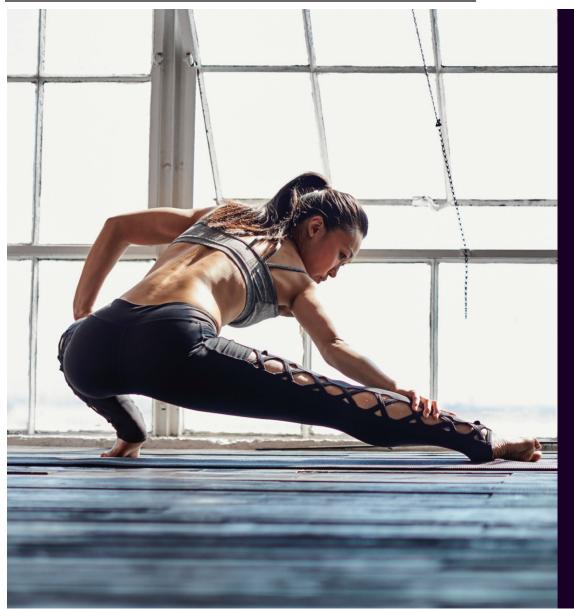
Slappy hosting Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF's daily treats calendar, available at TrickorTreatforUNICEF.org throughout the month of October.

Sharing the spirit

Start making big change and remind family and friends to pick up their own little orange boxes and share your Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF story on social media using the hashtags #BeScaryGood #TOT4UNICEF #KidsHelpingKids and tagging @UNICEFUSA.

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Something sinister comes out after dark during the Winchester Mystery House Hallowe'en Candlelight Tours.

Winchester Mystery House has a haunting history

Candlelight tours offer a spooktacular celebration

By Jeff Baham

Special to the Times

The Winchester Mystery House, which is currently hosting special candlelight tours for the Halloween season, has a storied past of seances and spirits, hauntings and elegiac pursuits. Houdini famously came through the property attempting to debunk the more mysterious of these legends, while traveling preachers of the '30s and '40s would show slide shows of the house's odd architecture as examples of the confounding nature of spiritism.

All year long, the house offers tours of the property that show off the majestic Tiffany glass windows and the uncanny architecture that is filled with structural twists and turns, reportedly ordered by heiress Sarah Winchester to confuse the ghosts of the victims of gun violence caused by Winchester rifles. She believed those ghosts would find her and haunt her should she discontinue ordering the constant maze-like additions to the mansion

During the Halloween season, the Winchester Mystery House offers special candlelight tours which amplify the spooky nature of the property and exaggerate the stories of Sarah's haunted past. Special effects and startling characters await unwary tourists, and a small display of costumes from last year's "Winchester" horror movie staring Helen Mirren is situated at the end of the experience.

A Halloween-themed carnival, shooting gallery and spooky photo-ops complete the holiday offerings. Halloween tours are scheduled through Oct. 31 and advance purchase is recommended: visit winchestermysteryhouse.com for more details or to buy tickets.

Winchester's ghostly influence

While the veracity of the mythology surrounding Sarah Winchester's mansion remains murky, one tale can be truthfully told: The Winchester Mystery House was a direct influence on perhaps the most famous haunted house of all, Walt Disney's Haunted Mansion.

In 1957, by which time the Winchester Mystery House had established itself in the media as a "manse of spooks" and a well-known tourist attraction, Disney Imagineer Ken Anderson came to town to tour the strange Winchester mansion, which UPI writer David Lamb would call a "monument to eccentricity." Walt Disney had personally tasked Anderson with researching and developing a haunted house attraction that could be placed into the freshly opened Disneyland as part of a wave of expansion, and Anderson relished the task, as he himself had studied architecture before he started working with Walt as an art director on Snow White.

While the design process of the Haunted Mansion took many twists and See WINCHESTER, next page



Spooktacular effects await the unwary during Winchester's candlelight tours.

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An advertising sign for the Winchester Mystery House tours, circa 1960.

Winchester

Continued from previous page turns over the dozen-plus years it was in development, one thing is certain: Anderson's careful notes from the Winchester Mystery House tour he took back in 1957 directly influenced his design decisions for the Disneyland attraction, which would have likely echoed the Winchester tour. His notebook indicated that average tour groups of 20 people might take about 30 seconds to enter a room, during which a guide might speak for about two to three minutes. One room had an eerie sliding panel exit that would only allow guests to sneak out one by one - a process that might take up to 40 seconds, he duly noted.

At the time, Disneyland was a place of displays and exhibits, and Ken designed the Haunted Mansion first as an experience to walk through, much like the tours at the Winchester property. However, by the mid '60s, it was apparent to many involved with planning Disneyland that capacity would be their new king, and any new attraction would have to handle guests in larger groups than 20 every five minutes or so. A never-ending carriage system was developed, and Anderson's walk-through layouts were mostly discarded.

But tour-takers familiar with Disnevland's Haunted Mansion should cast a careful eye on the details of Sarah's manse: the

ornate dark woodwork and door frames; the twisting, endless nature of the architecture; and the careful attention to detail are still all echoed in Disneyland's haunt, fifty years after Ken Anderson's first research trip through the Winchester Mystery House.

Sarah's legacy

Sarah Winchester was the widow to William Wirt Winchester, making her an heiress to a large portion of the Winchester Repeating Arms fortune. However, tragedy struck the family when her daughter died as an infant and her husband died of tuberculosis just a few years later. Devastated, Sarah eventually moved west to San Jose, where she bought the modest home in the midst of vast stretches of farm land, now in the heart of Silicon Valley.

Sarah's obession with construction on the property continued from 1886 through 1922. The most unusual property originally an eight-room farm house – grew to a 24,000 square foot behemoth. The house contained 10,000 windows, 2,000 doors, 160 rooms, 47 stairways and fireplaces, 13 bathrooms, and six kitchens. Sarah's total investment of over \$5 million would have cost \$71 million today.

Tours are offered of the property daily, including daylight tours that focus on the gardens and architecture. For more information or to book a tour, visit winchestermysteryhouse.com.



The 1906 San Francisco earthquake destroyed portions of Sarah's enormous mansion. Here is a section of the house prior to 1906.



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Dutch inventor **Boyan Slat** hopes that the marine cleanup boom he dreamed up back in 2013 can be deployed soon to take a bite out of the ever increasing amount of plastic debris floating on or near the ocean's surface. *Credit: The Ocean Cleanup.*

EARTHTALK

Plastic in the ocean: Too late to fix?

By Roddy Scheer and Doug Moss

Special to the Times

Dear EarthTalk: What are we doing about getting rid of all the plastic floating in the ocean and forming giant gyres far from land?

—**Jake Johnson**, Merrimack, NH

Plastic in the ocean is a big problem that first came to widespread public attention in the late 1980s when mariners began sharing reports of what turned out to be a 1.6 million square kilometer garbage patch (that's about three times the size of France) floating in the middle of the North Pacific about halfway between Hawaii and California.

When this news broke, researchers started looking deeper into the problem, and found that perhaps even more troubling than plastic chunks and pieces floating on the surface that you could see with the naked eye was the fact that even more plastic had broken down into tiny particles that would sink in the water column and get eaten by marine wildlife, in turn getting passed up the food chain, in some cases right onto our own dinner plates.

While reducing the amount of plastic that ends up in the ocean is more up to the individual than most environmental challenges—we can just stop buying and using plastic—it may be easier said than done. Plastic is a miraculous material that has made many consumer and industrial products easier to fabricate and afford. The result has been a huge quality of life improvement for billions of us on the planet.

Governmental efforts to ban disposable plastic bags in grocery stores—such as in Kenya, Chile, China, Australia and the UK, as well as in several U.S. cities including Washington

D.C., San Francisco, Seattle and Boston—are no doubt a step in the right direction. And while these bans have proven highly successful in keeping plastic litter out of waterways, they represent merely a drop in the bucket of what we could do societally to ditch plastic.

As for cleaning up the socalled Great Pacific Garbage Patch, technology could come to the rescue. Dutch inventor Boyan Slat had a vision as an 18-year-old back in 2013 that a passive drifting system could autonomously collect plastic and other types of marine debris so we could get it out of our oceans, and today his vision has become a reality. Along with a team of 60 engineers, Slat has created a 2,000foot-long U-shaped floating plastic tube (with a 10-foot curtain dragging underneath) that can float through the water pushed by the wind and currents, entrapping plastic and other fragments along the way.

Periodically, manned boats can catch up with the device and skim the debris for recycling or disposal in landfills back on shore. Slat and crew, incorporated as the non-profit The Ocean Cleanup and funded in large part by Salesforce founder and high-tech billionaire Mark Benioff, believe they can shrink the Great Pacific Garbage Patch by half within five years of deploying their new low-tech plastic scooper.

If Slat's "passive collector" does as well in open ocean trials as its inventors hope, it could be deployed for real next year. This inexpensive low-tech approach is a model for how we can solve other big environmental problems if we put our minds to it.

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Five steps to help prevent accidental carbon monoxide poisoning

(Family Features) Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, potentially deadly gas that can be produced by fuel-burning appliances. Stoves, fireplaces, furnaces and many other types of home appliances and cooking devices are potential sources.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), unintentional carbon monoxide poisoning is a leading cause of accidental poisoning deaths in the United States, responsible for more than 400 deaths and 50,000 emergency room visits each year.

Learn how to help protect yourself and your family from accidental CO poisoning with these tips from the experts at Kidde:

1. Have All Fuel-Burning Appliances Checked Annually

Know that any fuel-burning appliance is a potential source of CO, including but not limited to: gas stoves and ranges, fireplaces and furnaces. It's important to have all fuel-burning appliances checked annually for any damage or possible leaks. Set a recurring reminder in your phone to make an appointment for a certified professional to check your fuel-burning appliances every year.

2. Install Carbon Monoxide Alarms

The only safe way to detect carbon monoxide in your home is with a working CO alarm. You should install CO alarms on every level of the home and outside each sleeping area. However, it's important to remember CO alarms don't last forever, and the units typically need to be replaced every 7-10 years, depending on the model. For example, new Kidde CO alarms last 10 years and come equipped with a sealed-in battery that never needs to be changed. As an added safety measure, the alarms also include an end-of-life warning feature, which alerts homeowners when the unit needs to be replaced.

3. Avoid Idling Your Car in the Garage

Even if your garage door is open, you shouldn't leave your car running inside. Similarly, never leave your car idling in a carport. CO can quickly accumulate in the small space surrounding your car or leak into your home. Always be sure to turn your car off immediately when parked in the garage or carport, or simply finish your conversation outdoors or in the comfort of your home.

4. Never Use a Generator Indoors

When the weather gets colder, storms can sometimes lead to power outages, and people turn to portable generators to power their homes. It's important to remember to always keep portable generators outdoors - never bring them inside your house or garage, even if doors and windows are open. The CDC recommends keeping portable generators at least 20 feet away from your home, doors and windows. Make sure to keep them at least 20 feet from your neighbors' homes, as well. The same safety precautions apply to other portable appliances, such as portable grills and camp stoves.

5. Know the Signs of CO Poisoning

In addition to properly maintaining the devices and appliances that generate CO and



installing working CO alarms, it's important to know the signs and symptoms of CO poisoning so you can get help before it's too late. At high concentration levels, CO can be fatal in minutes.

- * Mild exposure: A slight headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, flu-like symptoms (but no fever)
- * Medium exposure: A severe headache, drowsiness, confusion, fast heart rate
- * Extreme exposure: Convulsions, unconsciousness, brain damage, heart and lung failure followed by death

Carbon monoxide can be scary, but knowing the basics of staying safe from the silent killer can help you and your family can breathe easy all year long. To learn more about CO safety, visit beatthebeep.com.

Beat the Beep in California

Under California Senate Bill 183, also known as the "Carbon Monoxide Poisoning Prevention Act," which went into effect July 1, 2011, all single-family homes with an attached garage or fossil fuel source are required to install carbon monoxide (CO) alarms within the home.

However, many people don't realize that over time, the alarms' sensors lose sensitivity as dust and other airborne contaminants build up in the sensing chamber. As a safety precaution, Underwriters Laboratories standards require CO alarms to have a certain lifespan.

Alarms purchased to comply with the law that was introduced in 2011 will start sounding an end-of-life beep indicating the need for replacement at some point in 2018.

There is a difference between an alarm's endof-life beep and the beep indicating that there is a CO hazard or the alarm needs new batteries. The end-of-life warning sequence may vary slightly depending on alarm brand. For example, Kidde CO alarms purchased in 2011 will indicate the need for replacement by sounding an end-of-life warning beep twice every 30 seconds.

Knowing how to identify various alarm beeps can be key to keeping your home safe:

- * End-of-life warning will occur every 30 seconds
- * If the alarm has a digital display, it will display the ERR or END error code
- * Replacing the battery will not stop the beep
- * The beep will only stop when the alarm is out of power

It's important to replace your alarm if you think it may be nearing expiration. Once alarms enter end-of-life mode, they can no longer detect CO.

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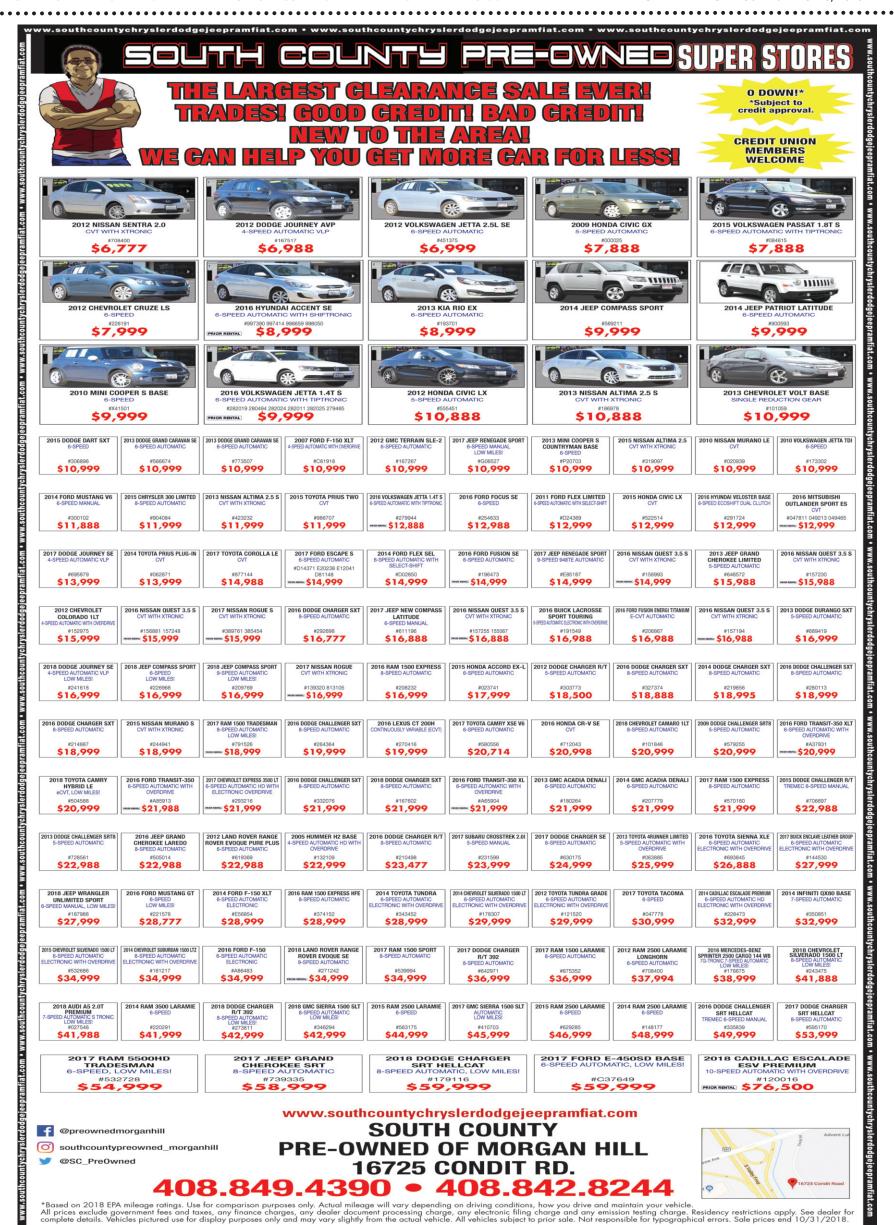
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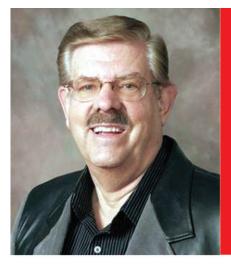
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Dead Time Dreams includes a fantastic line up of entertainment, featuring two haunted mazes and Midway of Terror. This horrifying event is located at Tully and East Capitol Expressway Roads, right by Eastridge Mall. Tickets: \$20-30; visit deadtimedreams.com for more information. Hours: 7:30-11 p.m. | Weekends 7:30 p.m.-12 a.m. The event runs through November 3, 2018.

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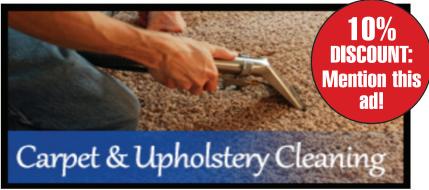
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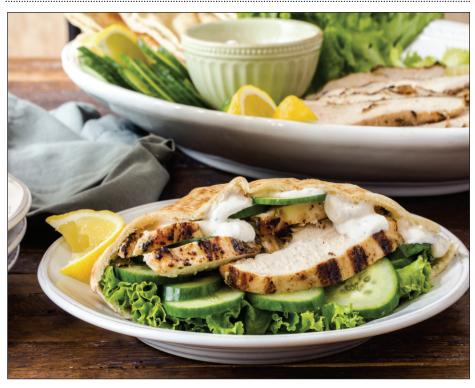
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Times **Home**



Grilled Chicken Shawarma

Try the trendiest flavors tonight: new seasonings make it easy

(Family Features) Exotic flavors common in the Middle Eastern region of the world like harissa, za'atar and shawarma are having a moment, appearing on restaurant menus and in popular make-at-home recipes.

Now is the perfect time to give these flavors a try. Thanks to new global seasonings from McCormick Gourmet, the spice combinations are already blended for the ultimate taste and simplicity.

Made from high-quality herbs and spices, the seasonings are USDA-Organic certified and Non-GMO Project verified so you can feel good about the ingredients used in your cooking. The expertly blended spices help create distinctive global-inspired dishes that take your home dining experience to the next level so you can explore these flavors from around the world without leaving the comfort of home.

- * Za'atar: This traditional Middle Eastern blend of spices including thyme, oregano and sesame seeds is perfect for sprinkling on flatbreads, roasted vegetables, nuts or popcorn. It can also be mixed into hummus or oil for dipping.
- * Harissa: A spicy flavor found in North African cuisine, this seasoning is made from a combination of chilies, warm spices and mint. Add it to meat and veggies before roasting, stir it into cooked rice and grains, mix it into yogurt to make a dip or combine it with roasted bell peppers and oil to turn this spice into its namesake sauce.
- * Shawarma: Often associated with the slow roasting of meat, this Middle Eastern street food favorite is made with cinnamon, coriander, cardamom and more. Use this seasoning to flavor an easy marinade for chicken, pork or steak.

Look for these flavors as well as new Peruvian and Berbere seasonings in the spice section of retailers nationwide. Find more recipe ideas at McCormickGourmet.com.

Grilled Chicken Shawarma

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 16 minutes Servings: 8

- 1 1/4 cup plain Greek yogurt, divided 5 teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Organic Shawarma Seasoning, divided
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast
 - 4 pita pockets, halved
- 1 medium seedless cucumber, thinly sliced
- 8 lettuce leaves

In small bowl, mix 1 cup yogurt and 1 teaspoon shawarma seasoning. Cover and refrigerate until ready to serve.

In small bowl, mix oil, lemon juice, remaining yogurt, remaining shawarma seasoning and sea salt. Reserve 2 tablespoons of mixture; set aside.

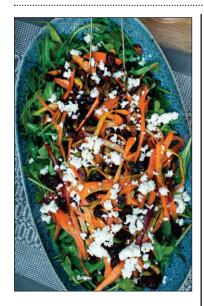
Place chicken in large re-sealable plastic bag or glass dish. Add marinade; turn to coat well. Refrigerate 1 hour, or longer for extra flavor.

Heat grill or skillet to medium heat.

Remove chicken from marinade. Discard remaining marinade. Grill or saute 6-8 minutes per side, or until cooked through and internal temperature reaches 165 F, brushing with reserved marinade.

Slice chicken into thin strips. Serve in pitas with cucumber, lettuce and yogurt dressing. *Continued, next page*

Times **Home**



Shaved Carrot Salad with Pomegranate Harissa Dressing

Prep time: 20 minutes Servings: 5

- 1/4 cup chopped fresh mint
- 3 tablespoons pomegranate
- 1 tablespoon honey
- teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Organic Harissa Seasoning
- 1/2 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Sicilian Sea Salt
- 1/4 teaspoon McCormick Gourmet Organic Black Pepper, coarse ground
- 3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 pound multicolor carrots, washed and peeled
- 1/2 cup shelled roasted pista-
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 3 cups baby arugula
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta cheese

In large bowl, mix mint, pomegranate juice, honey, harissa seasoning, sea salt and pepper. Gradually add oil while mixing with wire whisk until well mixed. Set aside.

Trim carrot ends. Slice each carrot lengthwise into ribbons with vegetable peeler or mandoline. In medium bowl, toss carrots with 1/4 cup prepared dressing. Stir in pistachios and cranberries.

Arrange arugula on serving platter. Drizzle with remaining dressing and top with carrot mixture. Sprinkle with feta before serving.



Za'atar Labneh Prep time: 5 minutes Servings: 8 (2 tablespoons

1 cup labneh (yogurt cheese) teaspoons McCormick Gourmet Organic Za'atar Seasoning, divided

1 tablespoon olive oil pita bread, for serving (optional)

pita chips, for serving (optional)

sliced fresh vegetables, for serving (optional)

In small bowl, mix labneh and 1 teaspoon seasoning until

well blended.

Drizzle with olive oil and sprinkle with remaining sea-

Serve with fresh pita bread, pita chips or sliced fresh vegetables, as desired.



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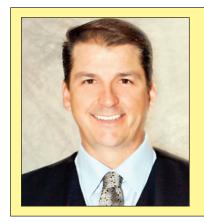
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District 8 Community Roundtable

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 bimonthly 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 parosej@

sbcglobal.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

The Evergreen Business

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 EEVRMM 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

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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

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

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Evergreen Valley Service

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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

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Friends of Evergreen Library

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Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: http://groups.vahoo. 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

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 rhvaa.org)

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Story Road Business Association Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at

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Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, **Teacher, Student Association**

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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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