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Delta Road considered for Pedestrian Safety Enhancement project following accident

Delta Road is on the candidate list for Pedestrian Safety Enhancement projects.

The Department of Transportation and Council Office are coordinating to select the locations where projects are going to be implemented and Delta Road is one of the top locations to be analyzed.

The candidate list for Pedestrian Safety Enhancements came about after nearly 500 residents in the Delta Rd. area signed an online petition. The petition was initiated after two pedestrians (71-year-old and 10-year-old) were hit by a car in August 2018 while walking to Evergreen Elementary School crossing Delta Road at the intersection of Middle Park Drive. They were both seriously injured and are recovering from multiple fractures and concussions.

As the coordination progresses and the project selection is finalized, the Evergreen Times will update the status of the project for readers.

To sign the petition, visit: change.org/p/neighborhood-traffic-safety

Raising money and support for challenged athletes

Molly Cuevas takes on the incredible challenge of running 3,000 miles across America

By William Bellou
Publisher

Molly Cuevas has set an incredible goal of running from California to New York to raise awareness and funds for Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) to help individuals with physical challenges get access to sports.

Molly, who grew up in Evergreen, will start her courageous journey from Santa Monica, CA on April 1 and run for more than 3,000 miles (40 miles per day) until she reaches Montauk, NY.

"I am running across the country to make a statement and prove that you can accomplish great things if you put your mind to it," said Molly. "CAF has a similar message of resiliency and perseverance. It's easy to raise money for a foundation just by asking - not that there is anything wrong with that but it's not my style. I want to put in the work and really get people's attention so they will be exposed to CAF and their incredible mission," explained Molly. "The end goal is to of course finish the run successfully, but to also educate as many people as I can about this life changing foundation."

"Sports have been a huge part of my life and have made me the hard-working, self-assured, go-getter person I am today, said Molly. "I was fortunate enough to be born with full physical capabilities, and to be frank, I took it for granted up until a few years ago. Sports create a sense of confidence, community, inclusion, and empowerment. I believe everyone deserves a chance to

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Molly Cuevas (right) with Ella Rodriguez at the fundraiser for Molly's Run Across America.

Evergreen's own Mary Pink wins Miss Vietnam California Pageant

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Mary Pink of Evergreen Valley has been named Miss Vietnam California Pageant at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Nineteen avid entrants competed along with Mary for the coveted prize!

A daughter of one of the 'Boat People' that emigrated from Vietnam after the fall of Saigon in 1975, Mary Pink, (whose Vietnamese name is Mary Dieu Thy Kim Nguyen), said: "My dad could speak on forever about the struggles and challenges he saw before reaching the USA. He used to go to my high school classes to share his stories with my peers. Not a dry eye was in the room after he shared his stories about encountering pirates and seeing all the horrific sights along his route to the United States." She has since legally changed her name to Mary Pink.

Educational opportunities in the U.S.

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Mary Pink of Evergreen Valley has been named Miss Vietnam California Pageant. Credit: JN Productions

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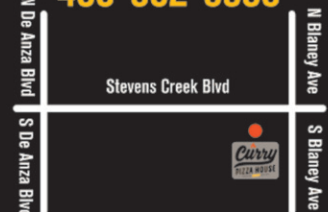
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San Jose – Evergreen Community College District program wins 2019 Bellwether Award

Silicon Valley Career Pathways, a partnership between San Jose – Evergreen Community College District’s (SJECCD) Center for Economic Mobility and Metropolitan Education District, was named winner of the 2019 Bellwether Award in the category of Planning, Governance, and Finance during the annual Community College Futures Assembly this week in San Antonio.

The Bellwether Awards, which are presented in three categories—Instructional Programs and Services; Planning, Governance, and Finance; and Workforce Development—are widely regarded as the nation’s most competitive and prestigious recognition awards for community colleges. They are designed to identify outstanding and innovative programs which can then be shared and implemented as best practices at other colleges.

Out of hundreds of Bellwether Award submissions received annually, only ten programs are selected as finalists for each category. Those ten finalists then present information on their submitted programs at the Futures Assembly, where they are competitively judged by a panel of community college faculty, staff, and administrators. Programs are judged on a variety of factors, including replicability and scalability.

Led by Alexandra Duran, dean of workforce and economic development with SJECCD, Silicon Valley Career Pathways project is designed to create career pathway programs that are aligned to high-need, high-growth, or emerging regional economic sectors. As Northern California’s largest network of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education and career programs, Silicon Valley Career Pathways has a goal of strengthening collaboration between education and industry, preparing students with fundamental STEM competencies, and encouraging students at every level to pursue high-demand careers.

“Silicon Valley Career Pathways is fun-

damentally changing the way educational entities interact with industry partners to prepare students for 21st century careers,” according to Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland, SJECCD chancellor. “The Bellwether Award is a great honor and recognizes the truly innovative nature of this approach.”

The primary objective of Silicon Valley Career Pathways is the development of a technology employee pipeline comprised of local students. “In a region where a majority of residents are from traditionally underrepresented populations, less than 12 percent of the STEM workforce is comprised of employees from these groups,” said Dr. William Watson, executive director of strategic partnerships and workforce innovation with SJECCD’s Center for Economic Mobility. “This program helps diversify the tech workforce while creating more opportunity for more local students. This works to mitigate the growing economic inequity in our region.”

In addition to Silicon Valley Career Pathways, two other SJECCD programs were selected as finalists for the Bellwether Awards, including Evergreen Valley College’s (EVC) “EVC to San Jose State University Registered Nursing to Bachelor of Science in Nursing Collaborative,” which was a finalist in the Instructional Programs and Services category, and San Jose City College’s “Technest” program, which was selected as a finalist in the Workforce Development category.

“It is unheard of for a single District to have three programs selected as finalists and the fact that we were chosen in every category illustrates the outstanding and innovative work taking place within our District,” said Chancellor Clift Breland.

The Bellwether College Consortium, which created the Bellwether Award, is a group of colleges charged with addressing the critical issues facing community colleges through applicable research and the promotion and replication of best practices.



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Year of Pig celebrated at Laurelwood School

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District celebrated the year of the Pig by highlighting the diverse ethnicity of the school on February 9.

Principal, Kameelah Green, stated, "My personal highlights of the event include: One of our parents dressed up in traditional Thai garb. I enjoyed seeing the students squeal with delight, gawk in awe, and clap with joy throughout the show. It was amazing watching normally shy, 'cool', or under

the radar students shine through dance, modeling or having emcee duties."

Green said she saw the delight of the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees and Assistant Superintendent as they fed the dragons the red envelopes. "The pride of our students showed through in being who they are, knowing that they matter and sharing a beautiful piece of themselves with their peers!," said Green. "It was 50 minutes of sheer, feel good emotion! Thank you to all of our cast members, parents, and staff who made this a worthwhile effort."

Journey to the West

MC's MONK: Daven Woodham PIG: Jayden Thomas Flores

MONKEY KING: Justin Mazzaferro KID: Elijah Kamal

VISIT TO CHINA LION DANCE PERFORMANCE BY Far East Lion Dance Troop Brendan Chan & Nicholas Vu

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A special visit was made by Linda Huynh, Mrs. Vietnam, 2018 and also Michael Stroud and assistant of Magic Time productions. Michael, a master of illusion, kept the children spellbound as he did sleight-of-hand magic while performing native dances.

The entire production was sponsored by the Laurelwood PTA under the auspices of president MyLinh Tran "who is a master of organizing the community for a defined purpose!" (Quoting Mrs. Green). Thanks also go to Vinh Thanh Jewelry who was also one of the sponsors.

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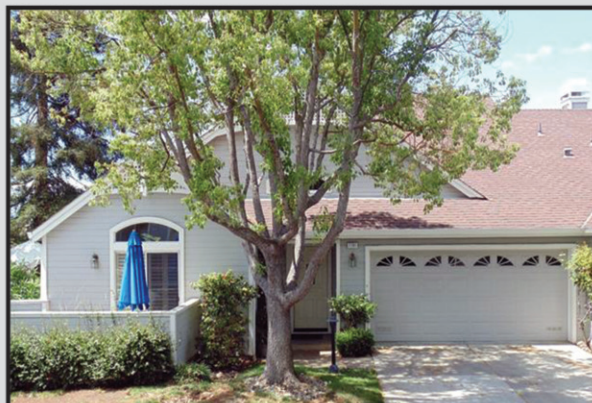
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Cuevas

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participate in such meaningful experiences.”

First fundraiser in Silver Creek

The first fundraiser for Molly's ambitious journey was held at the home of Mike and Jen Labarbera in the Silver Creek Country Club on February 9. Molly was joined by Susan Butler, CAF's development Director in Northern California, and Ella Rodriguez, age 14, a recipient of CAF services.

Butler explained that CAF provides opportunities and support to people with physical challenges so they can pursue an active lifestyle through physical activity and competitive athletics. In 2018, CAF distributed 2,806 grants across 95 different sports totaling \$4.3 million in support that goes towards adaptive sports equipment, training and competition expenses.

Butler continued, “Our mission to support individuals with physical challenges by providing access to sports depends on the efforts and generosity of extraordinary supporters like Molly. We are grateful for Molly's efforts to shine a light on our mission and her commitment to getting more people into the game of life through sport.”

Ella's story

Ella attended the fundraiser to share the impact that CAF has had on her life and world at large. She was born with a clubbed foot and three toes. It was determined that amputating Ella's foot would give her the best functioning leg possible. At nine months old, Ella's foot was amputated and she learned to walk on her first



L-R: Ella Rodriguez, Molly Cuevas, and Susan Butler at the fundraiser for Molly's run across America.

prosthetic leg.

“At age nine, she became discouraged about the difference between herself and able bodied peers,” said Ella's mom, Susan. “Ella wrote a letter to Santa asking for a list of friends that wore prosthetics just like her. I posted the request on Facebook and immediately CAF responded and connected Ella to several girls in the Bay Area who were also amputees and we headed for the San Diego Triathlon Challenge where she received her first running prosthetic.

Ella ran cross-country for her middle school team and she received the 6th grade Athlete of the Year award. “There are many champions in this life, and CAF has



Molly Cuevas

been just that for Ella,” said Susan. “We are so thankful for everything they have done for Ella and the many other people in the adaptive sports community.”

Ella currently competes in track and field at Christopher High School in Gilroy where she is also a cheerleader. She also competes in wheelchair basketball. “

A whole new world has opened up for me in the past five years since I've been a part of the CAF family,” said Ella. “I have become confident and proud of who I am, which affects my performance as an athlete, student and as a person. Now I get much joy mentoring new or younger athletes on my team and watching them grow and improve. CAF allows people to achieve their dreams by providing equipment, travel and training. Beyond that, it also touches the hearts of athletes and their families.”

Training for the big run

Molly has been training to run across the U.S. for the past 11 months. She hired a coach, Bree Lambert Sanders, a successful and well known ultra-runner in the Bay Area to help her prepare for this challenge. “I can't imagine a life without sports and to think that someone could miss out on athletic opportunities and the life skills that come with athletics because of a physical disability really saddens me,” said Molly. “I want to do all that I can to help people get those chances and to live out their dreams.”

About Molly Cuevas

Molly was raised in Evergreen Valley and attended Silver Oak Elementary School and Chaboya Middle School. She attended Santa Teresa and Leland High School where she lettered in Tennis,

Soccer, Track and Field Hockey. She graduated from Leland in 2012. Molly received a scholarship from Adelphi University where she majored in Sports Management, and minored in Marketing graduating Magna Cum Laude. She also received a minor in Communications from Murdoch University while studying abroad in Perth Australia. As a student athlete Molly was Northeast Conference Rookie of the Year, three-time All-American, Academic All-American, holds virtually all AU offensive records, numerous conference records and is currently the all-time NCAA DII Assist per game leader. After holding internships with the Major League Soccer and the San Francisco 49ers, Molly went on to manage the social media platform for Rocktape. She currently serves as Rocktape's Marketing and Communication Coordinator.

Donations

To cover logistics, Molly will need at least \$300 per day for her three month run to New York. You can be a part of the “Miles By Molly Movement” whether it's meeting up to run a portion with her, sending her a kind note, or donating. All of the current information will be on her website at www.milesbymolly.com

Editor's note: A gofundme.com page has been set up to help Molly achieve her goal of running across America for CAF. To access the gofundme page, visit Molly's website: www.milesbymolly.com. Sponsors of “MilesByMolly” include: El Mexicano (premiere sponsor), RockTape, BR Printers, Balega, CLIF Bar, and UltraAspire.

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Times News Briefs

Magdalena Carrasco running for Supervisor in District 3

Santa Clara County Supervisor District 3 election is only a year away.

That's when Dave Cortese is termed out of office whose district spans north San Jose, Alviso, Evergreen Valley, Milpitas and the northern half of Sunnyvale.

There is currently a crowded field of high-profile supervisor candidates, which now includes Magdalena Carrasco, who just announced she is running for Cortese's District 3 seat.

Carrasco was elected to the San Jose City Council in 2014 after serving as a trustee for the East Side Union High School District. Carrasco served two years as San Jose City Vice Mayor, but declared her independence when she didn't see eye to eye with Mayor Liccardo on some issues.

There are at least six candidates that have either officially announced they are running or have announced they are considering running for the District 3 Supervisor position. Those that have announced their candidacy along with Carrasco include Milpitas Mayor Rich Tran and former Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee.

Former San Jose City Vice Mayor and Evergreen District 8 councilmember Rose Herrera, former San Jose City Councilmember Madison Nguyen, and former Sunnyvale mayor Jim Griffith have expressed interest in running for District 3 supervisor.

Herrera, who served eight years on the San Jose City Council representing Evergreen Valley and as Vice-Mayor, has not made a decision on whether to join the race.

"The county needs experienced leaders who can get things done for our residents," said Herrera. "I'm very proud of what we accomplished during my tenure on the city council including a new Village Square library and city wide ball fields across from Eastridge (which will be opening soon). I also played a leadership role in moving forward critical transportation projects like Tully and 101 and Capital Expressway and 101 and light rail to Eastridge. I care deeply about our community and if I decide to run for the board of Supervisors it will be to improve the lives of County residents, especially our most vulnerable. For example too many mentally ill many of them homeless end up in our jails instead of treatment programs that could provide better results at a lower cost."

Bill introduced to protect seniors by requiring better labeling for prescription drugs

Assemblymember Jesse Gabriel (D-San Fernando Valley) has introduced legislation to protect patients by requiring physicians to include the purpose of any prescription medication on the medication's label, unless the patient opts out. Labeling medications will help to avoid confusion and reduce the risk of adverse drug events—including medication errors, adverse or allergic reactions, and overdoses—for patients taking multiple medications.

In introducing this legislation, which is designated AB 387, Assemblymember Gabriel made the following remarks:

"For some patients, especially seniors, there can be severe consequences for failing to distinguish between two medications that look or sound alike. Requiring doctors to note the purpose of a medication on its label is an easy way to avoid confusion, reduce errors, and improve patient safety."

"A few years ago, my grandfather had a scary episode when he was traveling and confused one of his prescription medicines with another drug," Gabriel added. "I'm confident that the whole incident could have been avoided with better labeling."

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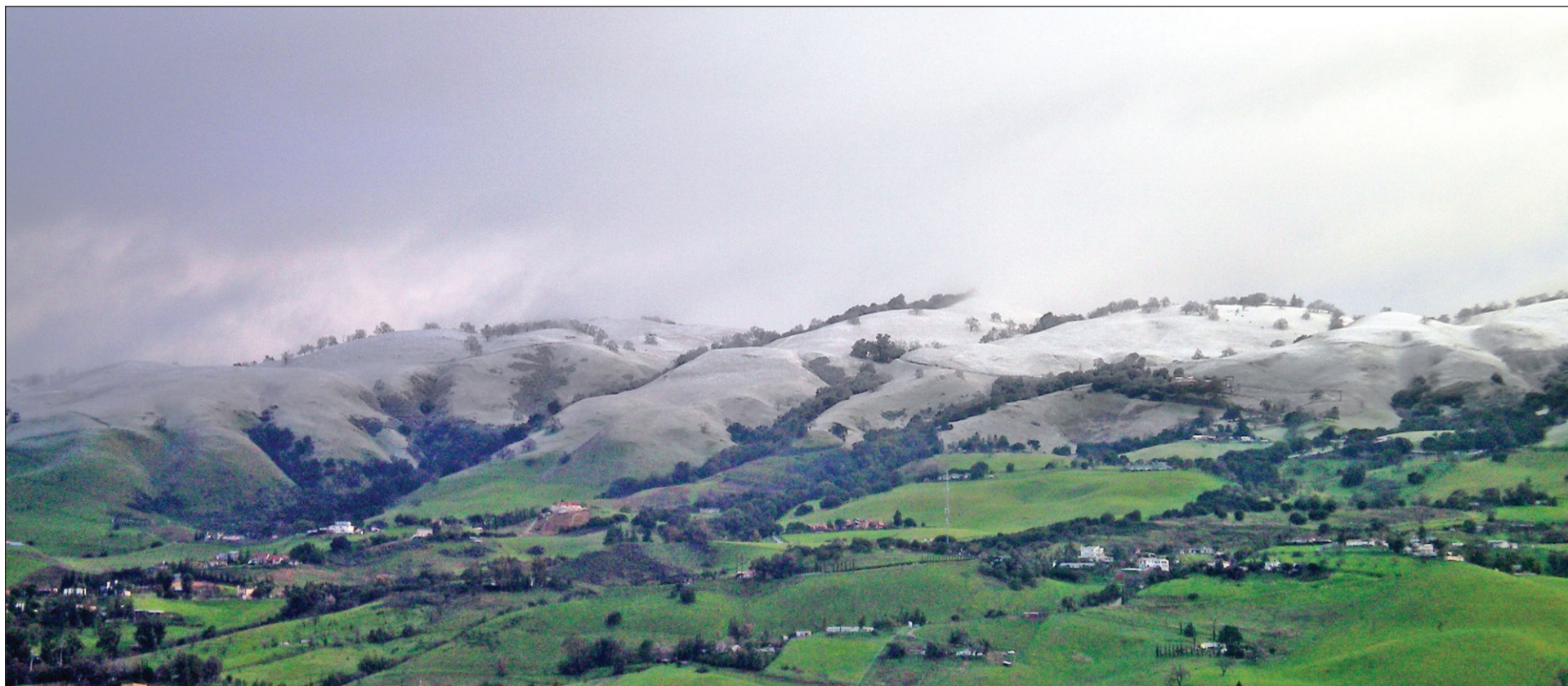
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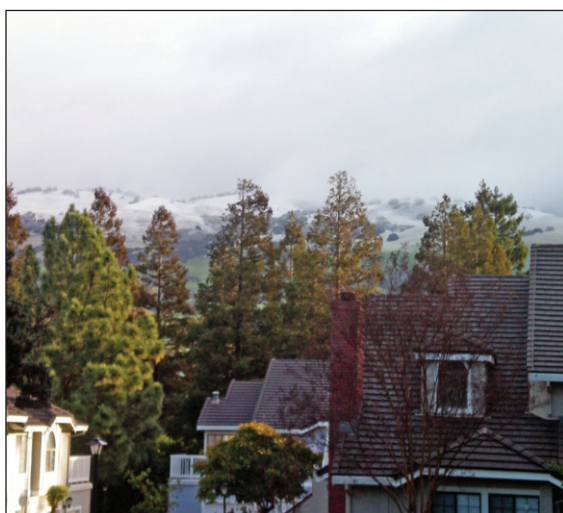
By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

There were exclamations of “Wow! Holy Smoke! Great!” as residents of Evergreen awakened to the beautiful panorama of snow that reached almost to the valley in some places on January 5.

Weather predictors on every news channel had been saying for a week that we could have snow on the peaks of Mt. Hamilton and Mt. Diablo on the east. They also said that snow would be on the Santa Cruz peaks.

With snow ranging almost to Gilroy on the nearest hills, this storm reached farther than the

weathermen’s expectations. It has been several years since this phenomenon has occurred! With the warm temperatures we have been experiencing this winter season, this storm came as a surprise to most residents. Temperatures dropped suddenly in the night turning the incessant rain to snow. Much can happen while we are sleeping!



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Times **Community**

The Royal Court 2019 (Credit: JN Productions)

Miss Vietnam

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Mary states, "When I was younger, I attended Silver Oak Elementary, where I currently teach, Chaboya Middle School, and Evergreen Valley High School. I attended Santa Clara University (Go Broncos!) for both my undergraduate and graduate studies. I have a Bachelor's of Science in Liberal Studies and Sociology as well as a Master's degree in the Arts of Teaching and Teaching Credentials (MATTC Program at Santa Clara University)."

Miss Pink's present position at Silver Oak Elementary requires her to teach a first and second grade combination class. She student taught at Carolyn Clark during her graduate year. She taught sixth grade at Silver Oak after graduating and moved to Evergreen Elementary School where she taught sixth grade. After that, she was transferred back to Silver Oak.

Principal Howard Greenfield of Silver Oak says of Mary, "Ms. Pink is committed to Silver Oak, she started here four years ago as a 6th grade teacher, and was a student here when she was a kid. Because of seniority she was placed at Evergreen Elementary for a year, though she was so committed to give back to the community where she grew up, she came back to Silver Oak the following year to teach 2nd grade. Ms. Pink is a warm, caring teacher who works hard to support our students. She has developed strong relationships with the students and parents of our school and we are proud that she has won the pageant. At this point her winning hasn't had much of an impact besides the fact that we were all pulling for her to win and we are proud that she is Miss Vietnam California."

The Pageant and aftermath

In Miss Pink's own words about the pageant, "Actually, I joined this pageant because when I was little, I saw Director Queenie Huyen Tran, the founder of Miss Vietnam California, host this very same pageant. Back then, I couldn't understand a thing, but all of the contestants were so beautiful! After that show, I actually ran up on stage to see the contestants up-close, but then I got scared and ran back down to find my parents. Since then, I've seen the pageant doing so many great things in the community, but I didn't have the courage to join until now. For months, Director Queenie and the entire organization guided me to be strong and confident. With their belief in me, I was able to finally stand on stage on January

26th without running off scared."

Mary continued: "For now, I would like to dedicate my time and efforts into contributing back to the community in the hopes of strengthening it as Miss Vietnam California. I am excited to work together with my Royal Court of 2019 to inspire others into doing the same! I love this pageant because on the very first day of practice, Director Queenie Huyen Tran told us, "Do not look at it as a competition against the other girls but rather one against your own selves. You are all already winners here. It was far from what I imagined in my head the pageant process would be like. I love all of my pageant sisters and my Royal Court 2019 so much; they have helped make this journey exciting and full of love. The thought of not seeing or keeping in touch with them after the pageant was too much for me, so I even created a group chat so that we could always be a couple clicks away!"



Miss Pink poses in an evening gown. (Credit: J N Productions)

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Thrift Box continues giving back to the community

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

“The Box” as it is lovingly referred to by regular customers and members, is a 501(c)(3) incorporated thrift store serving Willow Glen and many outlying areas.

Kathleen Erdmann in charge of Publicity and Community Outreach quotes the mission statement of Thrift Box “We are here to raise funds to promote, foster, and maintain the welfare of children treated at the Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital Stanford.” And so they have been and continue to do!

With a membership of approximately 300 and an active membership of approximately 200 members, these devoted volunteers maintain the day to day activities of making this great organization work. Some are called “sustainers” which means they have been members for more than 10 years and continue to work at The Box!

Some members are in a professional category, which means they still have full-time jobs, but continue to volunteer on a regular basis. The current President is Kelly Burns. Kathleen goes on by saying, “We have managers who manage the store on a single day of the week. So if they are there on Monday, there will be a different manager on, say Tuesday, etc.”

Kathleen further states as regarding disbursement of funds to L.P.C.H. “We have monthly luncheon (business) meetings at local restaurants and at the quarterly meetings representatives from the hospital attend and are presented with a check. We also have a semi-annual event (Spring and Fall) called ‘Best of the Box’ and a separate check for each of those events is presented at the same time. Our next ‘Best of the



The staff of Thrift Box is ready and willing to help.

Box’ is March 29th from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. and March 30 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Details and photos are on the website. We have many beautiful things at these sales from Designer Clothing, Jewelry, antiques, collectibles and a wide variety of books for all ages.” The Box donated close to a million dollars to the hospital just last year alone!

Major Achievements

When asked what she would consider some major achievements of The Box, Kathleen declared, “We have a campaign each year for a special need and the year before last we sent some transplant patients to a medically supervised camp which in many cases was the first time away from home in a camp setting. We raised enough to send each child to camp for TWO years. Members as well as some generous businesses and individuals donated and this was over and above what we raised in the store!”

Outstanding Volunteers

The Box has many dedicated workers who have served in several capacities. Many of their volunteers are retired teachers who have dedicated their lives to children but they have members from many professions like social workers, realtors, banking and those who have worked in high tech. It’s a wide variety of life experiences and skill sets. All are dedicated volunteers!

Interesting items that have been sold

Kathleen proudly says, “We have sold beautiful artwork and antiques and we regularly display and sell what we refer to as “Treasures”. They are generally displayed to coincide with the appropriate season. The Box is a great place to find gifts that are collectible. We have sold designer clothing like Escada and Burberry clothing and our designers will many times pair jewelry with clothing.” This reflects the devotion of

donors who really care about their fellow citizens!

Great pride is taken in the condition of the Thrift Box! In addition to general housekeeping they close between Christmas and New years for major maintenance that is not possible during store hours or overnight. The last major overhaul was the replacement of carpets among other things. They are very grateful to a generous community who donate and shop with us from all over San Jose. They try very hard to put their best foot forward.

In a lighter vein: Thrift Box now accepts credit cards on a daily basis, not only for special events. This was a major accomplishment for an all-volunteer organization! You may visit them at: 1362 Lincoln Ave, San Jose, CA 95125. Hours of operation: Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

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Times **Feature**Pictured above: Milan chefs, from left: **Oscar Baez**, **Oswaldo Rodriguez** and **Francisco Angeles**.**RESTAURANT REVIEW****Marvelous Milan Italiano**

Food ****
Service ****
Ambiance ****

By William Bellou
Publisher

For many years the Evergreen community has been asking for an upscale restaurant, and now they have one with the new Milan Italiano restaurant located at 4898 San Felipe Rd.

My wife and I decided to review the restaurant for *Evergreen Times* readers after seeing some excellent online reviews. We have to say that the service and atmosphere at Milan are first class. We enjoyed

the luxurious décor and the soft jazz music playing in the background as we were seated by our server Harrison in comfortable, elegant high backed chairs. Harrison is very knowledgeable and pleasant, with great attention to detail.

We started our meal with a glass of Merlot and ordered the Milan's homemade bread with a secret cheese garlic spread recipe, and we also shared the Bocce Balls appetizer which is topped with cheese and marinara in a light baked dough crust; very tasty. Other popular appetizers at the restaurant are the fried Calamari and the Bruschetta. Milan's general manager, Roberto Rivera, said the Calamari is very



Milan's gelato looks almost too good to eat. Almost...

tender, and patrons come back often for the menu item.

We both decided to try two different salads; my wife ordered the Roasted Beets, which is prepared with baby Arugula, beets, Fennel, red onions, shaved Parmesan and sprinkled with Champagne Vinaigrette. She enjoyed it very much! I decided to order the Greens and Apples salad which is prepared with mixed greens, Gorgonzola, walnuts, cranberries, and topped with a poppy seed dressing. It was the best tasting salad I have had in a restaurant in years. Also offered on the salad menu are classic Caesar and baby spinach.

Now the big decision, what to select for our entrées. My wife loves Ravioli, so she chose her dish from the pasta section of the menu and ordered the Porcini Mushroom Ravioli (\$24), which is prepared with wild mushrooms, cherry tomatoes, spinach, and covered in a light Marsala cream sauce; an excellent choice. She loved the combination and the flavor of the ravioli's mushroom filling. She remarked she would definitely order them again! I ordered the Sea Bass from the entrée section of the menu. The sea bass (\$36) is prepared with Saffron Risotto. I was pleasantly surprised with how tender, delicious and flavorful the

entrée was to eat. Roberto mentioned that the Sea Bass entrée is prepared with three separate skillets; all three coming together at just the right time.

Shall we order dessert, why not? We selected the Gelato of which the flavors change frequently because they are made fresh daily with Milan's own gelato machine. The Gelato offering includes a nice display of three flavors on the plate. Ours included Carmel, vanilla and chocolate. The Gelato had a clean fresh taste – very nice!

The presentation of each dish was excellent; a real work of art prepared by executive chef, Luis Rodriguez. The portions were generous and the prices are reasonable for such high quality food. Milan Italiano is marvelous!

Editor's note: Milan is offering a Valentine's Day special dinner pre-fix menu, which includes Filet Minion and Lobster Tail, and this will be the only offering on that day. The special menu offering is available from February 14-17. The pre-fix menu and the regular menu will also be offered February 15-17. Location: 4898 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135. Phone: (408) 275-2683. Visit their website: www.MilanSanJose.com



The staff at Milan Italiano restaurant is warm and inviting.



Greens and Apples Salad (above) and Roasted Beets (below)



Left: Porcini Mushroom Ravioli served at Milan Italino. Right: Sea Bass.

Times Feature

U.S. Bankruptcy Court rules in favor of County of Santa Clara and upholds sale of O'Connor and St. Louise hospitals

The U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Los Angeles recently denied a request from the California Attorney General to block the purchase of O'Connor Hospital, Saint Louise Regional Hospital, and the DePaul Health Center. Barring further opposition by the Attorney General, this action allows the County to complete the sale and continue offering high quality, critical health care services in these hospitals.

"We are happy about the Court's decision and will move forward with the maintenance and expansion of community healthcare services in San Jose and South Santa Clara County," said County Executive Jeffrey V. Smith, M.D., J.D. "We will ensure the continued availability of essential healthcare services in the entire region, something the Attorney General was jeopardizing by attempting to block the sale and threatening the closure of these hospitals."

As a public hospital system, the County provides care to all people living in Santa Clara County, and this acquisition will support the County's ability to serve even more residents in the community. California law (under Government Code and Welfare and Institutions Code) lays

out very specific guarantees requiring county governments to provide comprehensive healthcare to residents of their counties. The County of Santa Clara has effectively complied with all the medical and clinical conditions for the purchase and will continue to meet all state law requirements – as it already does throughout its high-quality health system.

Since October 2018, the County has been working with the Attorney General's office to address the conditions of the sale. The County of Santa Clara has been very clear about why the various non-clinical conditions drafted for private entities were either inapplicable or made no sense when applied to the County.

"Sadly, the Attorney General's Office has refused to work with the County to assuage its concerns. The Office of the Attorney General continues to make false accusations regarding the County's ongoing commitment to the provision of medical services," Smith continued. "It is simply not accurate for the Attorney General to argue that the County has not explained and provided reassurances that we will provide all appropriate healthcare services to all patients in need in Santa Clara County, regardless of their ability to pay."

The Verity Health facilities in Santa Clara County will be owned by the County of Santa Clara and will be operated as community hospitals with appropriate local control by the physicians at the hospitals and by local administrators.

The County health system provides a wide range of specialty and other essential services and is known for offering state-of-the-art care to all patients. The addition of these hospitals to the health system will expand access for all residents to the highest quality healthcare.

Contrary to the Attorney General's assertion, throughout the entire purchase process the County has been committed to continuing to provide essential healthcare services, including access to emergency care, urgent and intensive care services, coronary care and neonatal intensive care. The only reason for the County to purchase the hospitals is to keep them open. It is misleading to suggest otherwise.

"All of the clinical services the Attorney General has been talking about are also provided comprehensively and with high quality at our County's award-winning hospital, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. The County intends to expand those high quality and intensive care services to O'Connor and St. Louise hospitals upon the close of the sale," Smith said. "We hope that now that the Court has made its ruling, we can all focus on the health and welfare of our residents."

The County is awaiting Attorney General Becerra's response to the ruling, as the Attorney General can request a stay at the District Court level and further attempt to block the sale. We hope the Office of the Attorney General will not continue its opposition in the District Court. If the Attorney General's office

continues its attempt to close the hospitals, we will continue to fight for the health and welfare of our residents.

Annual Senior Winter Walk and Resource Fair at Oakridge Mall to be held on Friday, Feb. 22

If you are over 50, be sure to attend our 12th Annual Senior Winter Walk and Resource Fair at Oakridge Mall on Friday, Feb. 22.

Festivities take place in the Macy's Court of Westfield Oakridge Mall starting at 8:30 a.m., where a light breakfast will be available following on-site registration.

The Resource Fair is a great time of fun, education, and hanging out with friends – and, of course, the ever-popular door prize drawing. More than 50 resource vendors from local government, non-profits, businesses, and interest clubs will be attending this year's event.

Bring a gently used pair of eyeglasses and drop them off at the Lions Club table to receive an extra drawing ticket!

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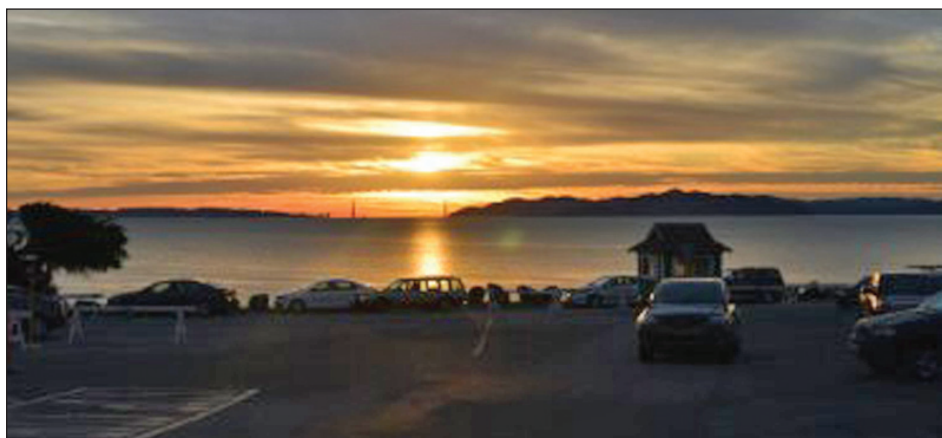
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Times **Feature**

We finished our Day at the Races Party with a great view of the Bay and the Golden Gate Bridge.

Do what you love, love what you do

By **Gayle Kludt**

*Co-President, San Jose Host
East Valley Lions*

There is an old saying which is, “If you do what you love, you’ll never work a day in your life.”

I have been lucky enough to have such a job as a teacher for 46 years, the best job in the world. I am also lucky enough to “work” with my friends and fellow members of the San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club. Not only do we get to socialize and have fun with each other, we also get to “do what we love,” which is work in the community. The club has adopted an ambitious calendar of events and activities for 2019 and we kicked it off in January!

We hosted our first Savers event on January 12 at James Lick High School. Not only did it give club and community members a first crack at that “get organized” New Year’s resolution by cleaning out their closets, it raised funds for our club’s service projects. Speaking of service projects, we are so fortunate to work with the Villages Golf and Country Club and Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. Each month they donate eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids which we redistributed to Lions in Sight in Vallejo, domestic violence prevention centers in the South Bay along with Veterans organizations for reuse. We also collect these items from many more groups in the area. We participated in 17 such collections in 2018. We also sponsor individuals through the Ear of the Lion Foundation for a wide variety of vision services, from eyeglasses to surgeries.

Of course you can’t spell fundraiser without F-U-N, so Sunday, January 27 found members, families and friends of our club meeting at Eastridge at 9:00 am for coffee and doughnuts before boarding our Royal Coach tour bus for the ride up the 880 to Golden Gate Fields. The ride featured games and beverages for the participants. We were met at GGF by even more fun seekers for our annual Day at the Races Party. Personally I only got two of nine winners for the day but the “donation” was well worth the price. Since it was early in the racing season,

there were lots of maidens in the races. A maiden isn’t a female horse; it’s a horse that hasn’t won a race yet. In race #9, the favorite came in last and a 60-1 shot was the winner! One smart bettor in the group, frustrated by her lack of betting success, went all in for the long shot for a cool \$10.00 and was rewarded with a big \$700 win! I, of course, had that favorite with the dismal finish. I call my betting technique the “capital depreciation plan.”

The club is exploring some more upcoming fun, looking at a country western dance party along with our ever popular Lions Day at the San Jose Giants featuring the best food

in the area. I’ll list the dates here as soon as they are booked.

The club is really looking forward to our multiple district convention where our very own Julie Le Bach from the James Lick Leos Club will be introduced locally as the 2018 Leo of the WORLD for her outstanding community involvement. Although Julie won last year and her award was announced in Las Vegas, this is her first chance to be introduced to the locals and become a member of the San Jose Host East Valley Lions.

March brings one of our largest service projects of the year. Partnering with the other clubs in the region, we will participate in the annual “Rise Against Hunger” event for the fifth year. Last year we made over 10,000 meal packets. The organization overall has made over 450 million meals, helping 1.4 million persons worldwide. You are most welcome to join us in this event.

As I look out my window this morning, I see blossoms on the trees and snow on the foothills, all harbingers of spring’s swift arrival. I wish you all the most LOVELY of Valentine’s Days and a happy spring to come!

The San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the Red Lobster restaurant, Capitol at Aborn. You are all most welcome to attend. Because we do meet at different places, you may email me at kludtgayle70@gmail.com to confirm location. Additional information is available at our website, www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/sanjosehost.



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Saanika Wanzakhade of Evergreen to participate in Bay Area Regional Spelling Bee on February 17

Saanika Wanzakhade, a student at Tom Matsumoto Elementary School in Evergreen, will be among 71 of the best spellers from the Bay Area participating in the regional spelling bee on Sunday, Feb. 17, starting at 9 a.m. at the Amador Theater in Pleasanton, California.

Students from more than 230 enrolled local schools began their spelling journey in their classrooms. Grade-level winners advanced to their school bees. The next step for school winners was an online test administered in late January. The top finishers on the test advanced to compete onstage in the 2019 Bay Area Regional Spelling Bee.

Kevin Moch, 2003 third-place finisher in the national finals, will serve as pronouncer, and George Thampy, 2000 National Champion, will serve as a judge.

The champion of the Bay Area regional bee earns a spot in the national finals of the Scripps National Spelling Bee and will receive an expenses-paid trip to Bee Week. The prize includes six nights for the champion and one parent at the Bee's official hotel, Gaylord National Resort and Convention Center, and a \$1,500 travel stipend. Bee Week 2019 is set for May 26-31 with the competition taking place May 27-30 in National Harbor, Maryland.

California receives nearly \$11 million Federal Early Childhood Education Grant

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Thurmond announced that the California Department of Education (CDE) was awarded a federal Preschool Development Birth Through Five Initial Grant Award for \$10,620,000 from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families.

The grant helps California analyze and enhance early learning and care systems to maximize the availability of high-quality early learning and care options for low-income and disadvantaged families. It will also help California improve the quality of early childhood care by streamlining administrative and funding systems.

"This grant helps streamline access to early education through more effective and efficient operations," said Thurmond. "That in turn will help us take a step towards meeting the crucial goal of expanding these programs and reducing the achievement gap."

California has 3 million children

younger than five years old, half of whom come from low-income families. Through this federal grant, California will first conduct a statewide birth-through-five needs assessment and then develop a strategic plan that will provide guidance to policymakers to increase access to services for children and families with high needs.

Nearly 1,500 new San Jose Sharks Library cards are issued in the first 72 hours

The San José Public Library (SJPL) and the San Jose Sharks have partnered to introduce the first-ever San Jose Sharks library card.

The library card was made available to the public on Monday, Feb. 4, and within the first 72-hours of its release, a total of 1,458 new cards were issued to community members.

This limited edition card was designed to include the Sharks' current Stealth color scheme and theme, and will be available while supplies last at all of SJPL's 24-locations. The public is invited to pick up a FREE Sharks card by becoming a member of their San José Public Library, or replacing their current card with the new design.

To celebrate the partnership, SJPL hosted a press conference on Friday, Feb. 1 at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library where the new library card was unveiled. City Librarian, Jill Bourne, was joined by Mayor Sam Liccardo, President of Sharks Sports and Entertainment, John Tortora, President of the Library Foundation, Jason Papier, and more than 100 community members. "The San Jose Sharks are thrilled to partner with the San José Public Library on the Stealth Sharks library card," said Sharks President John Tortora. "It's our hope that all Sharks fans – young and old – will take advantage of the opportunity to show that they are a proud member of Sharks Territory and to share the gift of reading with their family members and friends."

In addition to the new Sharks library card, SJPL will give fans an opportunity to win autographed hockey pucks donated by the Sharks, and a variety of events will be presented by the Sharks at several branch libraries, starting this summer.

Partnering with organizations such as the San Jose Sharks allows the San José Public Library to further boost awareness, connect and engage with community members to ensure library programs, services and resources are being accessed by people of all ages and backgrounds.

"These past few years, library staff has been working rigorously to implement a number of significant changes to our services, from expanding hours to introducing fine forgiveness programs, and most recently, eliminating fines on all youth materials," says City Librarian, Jill Bourne.

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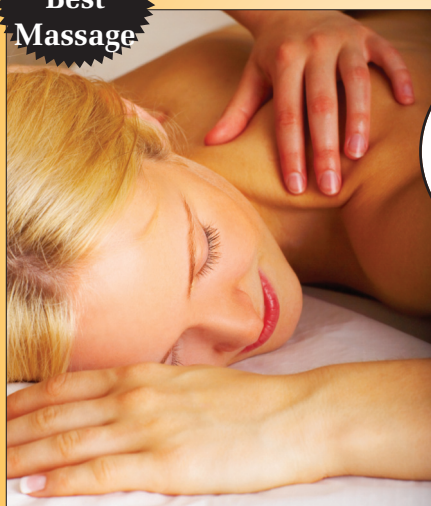


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San Jose Youth Symphony

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Founded six decades ago as part of the former San Jose Symphony, SJYS has a rich tradition of musical performance and education. Online applications to audition for the upcoming 2018-2019 Season are now open through the deadline of March 31, 2019.

Auditions for the upcoming 2019-2020

season are open for all levels of school-age musicians. Interested applicants are encouraged to learn more about SJYS and complete the online application at: www.sjys.org

General Auditions for our upcoming 2019-2020 Season will take place on two Thursdays and Fridays, April 4 & 5 AND 11 & 12 (4-9 pm); and two Saturdays, April 6 & 13, 2019 (all day). Auditions will take place at Los Gatos United Methodist Church.

Percussion Auditions (for younger/less experienced students) will take place on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (6-9 pm) at Valley Christian High School.

SJYS invites all interested student musicians to visit our website to learn more about the Symphony and to complete the online application at: www.sjys.org.

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Collection boxes are in the lobby of Grace Church at 2650 Aborn Rd through February.

All gifts are distributed through the helping hands of the Rainbow Project - based in Evergreen Valley. Visit them online at www.seetherainbow.org.

Four students from Evergreen Valley named to the dean's list at Tufts University

Tufts University recently announced that four students from Evergreen Valley have been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2018 semester.

Among the students from Evergreen earning dean's list honors are Nithya Badrinath, Neerav Gade, Natasha Mayor, and Victoria Tran. Dean's list honors at Tufts University require a semester grade point average of 3.4 or greater.

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Things that annoy dogs

By Dr. Raj Singh

Special to the Times

Dogs often tolerate human behavior because they are loyal and easygoing. However, there may be some things that you or others do that your dog secretly hates.

Even the most laid-back dog will hate some of the things we humans do. Yes, certain things are unavoidable, like vet visits or grooming. However, there are other ways we can try to take it easy on our dogs. No two dogs are exactly the same, so what one dog hates another dog may enjoy. What does your dog hate? Is it on the list? Here are 10 things that often annoy dogs and how to avoid doing them.

1. Hugging: Of course, some dogs do love to be hugged but many dogs do not enjoy hugs, especially from strangers. Placing your arms around a dog's neck or body may be perceived as a threat. Most dogs tolerate gentle hugs from trusted humans, but that doesn't mean they actually like them. A better alternative is to let the dog cuddle on his own terms and pet him along the back and on the chest (especially if you don't know the dog well).

2. Getting in a Dog's Face and Personal Space: Much like hugging, dogs tend to dislike it when humans get in their faces. Think about how it would make you feel! Avoid putting your hands in a dog's face, towering over dogs, and rushing towards them. This is especially important if the dog does not know you well. As an owner, if you need to poke and prod your dog for his own good (like ear cleaning or tooth brushing) go slowly, be gentle, and reward your dog with treats and/or praise. If your dog shows signs of fear, or acts aggressive, back off! It's always best to be careful and prevent a dog bite.

3. Not Letting a Dog Sniff and Explore on Walks: Dogs enjoy going on walks for more than just the exercise. Taking a walk outdoors gives your dog a chance to

explore the world. Your dog explores the world primarily through scent, then with his other senses. Rushing your dog through a walk without allowing him to stop and sniff (and mark) is unkind. If you think about it, it's like someone dragging you by the arm through your favorite shop without allowing you to stop and look at anything. So next time you walk your dog, give him plenty of time to explore his environment.

4. Lack of Routine and Rules:

Your dog may not seem like it, but he needs rules. Training is an important part of providing structure in your dog's life. A routine is important because your dog has an internal clock. Try to feed your dog at the same time each day. Establish an exercise routine too. After a few days of structured rules and routine, you will probably notice that your dog is happier. Routines and rules make your dog's world more predictable and can actually boost his confidence.

5. Yelling and Harsh Punishment: No one likes to be yelled at or harshly punished (such as being spanked). Dogs may not understand the words we are saying, but they sense your emotions when you do it. If you have a sensitive or fearful dog, you may find that yelling and harsh punishment actually upsets or scares your dog. Fear does not equal respect, and you will not strengthen your relationship with these methods. Even if your dog is aloof or ultra-happy, you will probably find that yelling and harsh punishment don't help in the long run because your dog becomes desensitized (meaning he does what he wants anyway and you just keep repeating yourself). Dogs are more likely to listen to you when you issue a request rather than a non-specific "no" or "stop it."

6. Dressing Them Up: Unless you got your dog used to wearing clothing gradually (or as a puppy) there's a good chance your dog hates being dressed up. Many dogs will tolerate outfits or costumes, but



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most don't enjoy them. Get to know your dog before you force him into a bunny costume! Some dogs are fine with simple clothing items like shirts, but loathe wearing things on their heads or feet. How important is it that you dress up your dog anyway? If your dog needs protection from the cold, start with small, lightweight items and associate them with treats or other rewards. Work your way up to sweaters, jackets, and booties. Watch your dog's body language to determine when he has had enough.

7. Strong Fragrances: In case you didn't already know it, your dog's sense of smell is about 10,000 to 100,000 times more sensitive than yours. In general, dogs enjoy taking in all types of scents and odors. However, strong fragrances and chemicals can bother dogs and even irritate their noses. As a rule, it's best to avoid directly spraying your dog with anything. When you use your own products (perfume, hairspray, air fresheners, cleaners, etc.) do so away from your dog and make sure the product is not toxic.

8. Being Left Alone or Ignored: Dogs are social creatures who generally hate being left alone. Some dogs are comforted by the presence of another dog, but others only want human companionship. In extreme cases, some dogs actually fear being left alone and experience separation anxiety. Spend as much time as possible with your dog when you are home. Take the time to bond with your dog. Set a daily routine, providing plenty of exercise and mental stimulation. If you travel frequently, find a trusted pet sitter with whom your dog is comfortable.

9. Forcing Them Into Uncomfortable Situations: Most of us have experienced it: your dog "puts on the brakes" and refuses to go somewhere or do something. Maybe it's the bathtub. Often it's the veterinarian. Sometimes it's the car or even a certain street. It might even be a certain person or animal your dog wants to avoid. Most of the time, your dog is refusing because he has a fear or phobia. When you force your dog into a scary situation, you are keeping him in a state of stress. If the phobia is serious, you may need to get help from a trainer or behaviorist.

10. Being Upset: Life has its ups and downs. You can't expect to be happy all the time. However, your dog can sense your emotions because of the close bond you share. If you are going through a period of

depression, stress, or grief, it is bound to affect your dog. Some dogs will match your emotions, becoming sad or even sick. Others will get bored or frustrated and "act out" because they are not getting enough attention, exercise, or stimulation.

Do your best to keep with some sort of routine and spend time with your dog. Dogs can offer wonderful emotional support. Go for a walk with your dog and you might even find yourself feeling better.



Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: for-petvet@yahoo.com; or phone: 408.270.4600. Aborn Pet Clinic is located at 3286 S. White Road, San Jose, CA 95148.

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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,

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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.

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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.

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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

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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.
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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.

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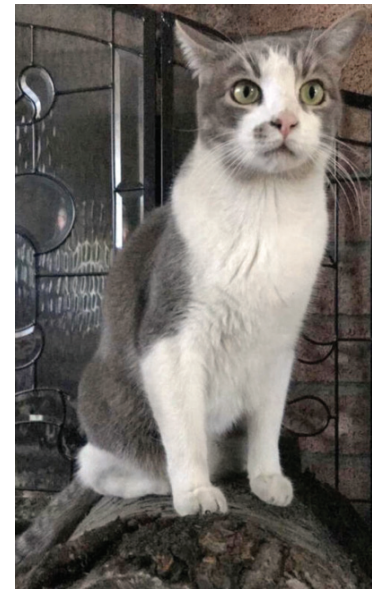
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