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Ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Fire Station 21 in Evergreen was attended by many dignitaries including San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, Fire Chief Curtis Jacobson, City Manager Norberto Duenas, Assistant City Manager Dave Sykes, Director of Public Works Barry Ng, Councilmember Magdalena Garrasco, Councilmember Tam Nguyen, Councilmember Chappie Jones, Councilmember Ash Kalra and Councilmember Manh Nguyen.

Grand opening of newly relocated Fire Station 21 celebrated Jan. 23

By William Bellou
Publisher

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, the San Jose Fire Department and other dignitaries gathered with the Evergreen community to celebrate the grand opening and ribbon cutting of Fire Station 21 on Jan. 23.

The new fire station, built by Sausal Corporation for more than \$5 million, is located at 2100 White Rd. across from Lake Cunningham Park. The fire house was previously located on Mt. Pleasant Rd. Groundbreaking for Fire Station 21 occurred on Aug. 29, 2014.

"Public Safety is one of the

most important functions of a city," states Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, "With the construction of this state-of-the-art fire station, our fire personnel will have the most modern design which allows the fire crews to have quicker access to fire apparatus to reduce response time within the station itself. The practical function of this new station matches its esthetically pleasing design - in my opinion, one of the most beautiful stations in the city."

The new station is comprised of 8,750 sq. ft. with a community room, five dormitory rooms and three engine bays. The station also can be expanded to 11,500

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Waite announces candidacy for San Jose City Council District 8

By William Bellou
Publisher

Pat Waite has officially announced his candidacy for San Jose City Council in District 8 representing Evergreen Valley to family and friends.

Waite has a successful corporate finance career including management and executive positions in various high tech companies, including Memorex, Tandem Computers, and Seagate Technol-

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"Public officials seldom discuss the fact that San Jose has long term financial obligations totaling \$13 billion dollars." – Pat Waite

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Top tips for riders during Super Bowl 50 week

Caltrain is serving Super Bowl 50 fans when the biggest football game of the year comes to Levi's Stadium on Feb. 7, 2016.

Whether you plan to attend the NFL Experience in San Francisco, Opening Night Fueled by Gatorade in San Jose or the Super Bowl itself in Santa Clara, Caltrain can get you there.

Because thousands of people are expected to visit the area and may be using Caltrain to get them around, we'd like to offer all passengers our Top Tips during Super Bowl week:

1. Go to Caltrain's website for updates: The Super Bowl 50 Host Committee has been adding pre-Super Bowl concerts and events for the last few weeks, and will likely add more activities as the event nears. Visit www.caltrain.com/SB50events for all the latest information and special train service updates.

2. Pre-purchase Option for SB50 Attendees: Anyone can ride our system, but if you are planning to go to the Super Bowl, Caltrain and VTA will be offering a special joint ticket for SB50 attendees. Game day attendees will need to purchase the ticket in advance using VTA's mobile ticketing app under the fares tab. Details can be found on VTA's Levi's Stadium page. Caltrain customers can also travel using their Clipper cards or by purchasing a regular ticket at Ticket Vending Machines. The joint Caltrain/VTA ticket will not be sold at Caltrain's TVMs. Customers planning to transfer to light rail on Super Bowl Sunday must have pre-purchased their mobile ticket and must have a valid Super Bowl ticket to use VTA's light rail system. VTA will be offering a bus bridge for non-Super Bowl attendees.

3. Learn the NFL Bag Policy: Customers



attending the Super Bowl should be aware of the NFL's bag policy. For safety and security, bags must be clear plastic and no larger than 12" x 6" x 12" on game day. No other bags will be allowed into the stadium and they will not offer a "bag check" area or lockers for attendees. For those planning to visit Super Bowl City, there is a list of prohibited items, such as bags larger than 18" X 18" in size, coolers and bikes that cannot be taken into the venue.

4. Take the SB 50 Special Train Service: If you are going to the big game on Feb. 7, Caltrain encourages you to take one of the three special Super Bowl Baby Bullet trains to the Mountain View station before transferring to the VTA light rail. Regular weekend service trains are already quite busy. While any passenger regardless of destination can take one of the SB Baby Bullet trains, the special service has been added to accommodate the extra riders going to SB50.

For additional Super Bowl information, visit caltrain.com/SuperBowl50

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ogy where he served as vice president in their financial organization.

A resident of Evergreen since 1987, Waite believes he is best qualified for the challenges confronting the City of San Jose with his extensive financial and corporate experience.

"I want to ensure that government at the speed of business is the expectation, not the exception that it is today," said Waite. "I am the only candidate for City Council in District 8 with the breadth and depth of financial knowledge and experience to help ensure that our city fulfills its obligations in delivering critical core services that all city residents deserve," he said. "I look forward to working on our district's behalf to build a sustainable financial model for our city."

"I love our city, and Evergreen has been a great place to live and raise my family," said Waite. "But there are many issues that we must address right now to keep it that way for future generations," he said. "Affordable housing, well maintained roads with reasonable traffic, safe neighborhoods, and a more friendly business environment are important aspects of a great city. Our challenge is to deliver these, while at the same time balancing our budget and fulfilling our long term commitments."

Waite said that public officials seldom

discuss the fact that San Jose has long term financial obligations totaling over \$13 billion dollars. "Think about it...that's \$13,000 for every man, woman, and child in our city, explained Waite. "It's composed of debt, unfunded retiree obligations, and deferred maintenance costs."

A graduate of the Community Leadership San Jose/Silicon Valley class of 2006, Waite is heavily involved in San Jose's nonprofit community, and currently serves as board chair at Expandability, a local nonprofit that provides school to career transition services and job placement services to youth, young adults, and adults with disabilities. He also serves as chair of the finance team at the St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Community in Evergreen. He previously served in various leadership roles with Archbishop Mitty High School, Catholic Charities, and Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility.

Waite graduated Magna cum laude from Northern Illinois University with a B.S. in Economics and a Political Science minor. He received an M.B.A. from the Atkinson Graduate School of Management at Willamette University in Salem, Oregon, graduating with highest honors. He lives in Evergreen with Ginny, his wife of thirty four years. Their two adult children, one grandchild and one grandchild-to-be live in the Bay Area.

For more information on Pat Waite, visit www.patwaite.com.



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Silver Creek High senior named candidate in U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

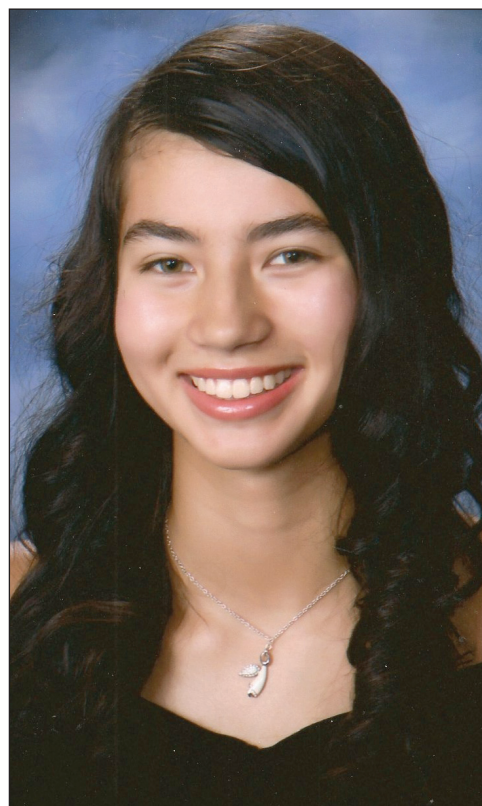
Sabrina Hoang-Lan Jones, a graduating senior at Silver Creek High School, has been named a candidate in the 2016 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program.

The candidates were selected from nearly 3.3 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in the year 2016.

Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program, now in its 52nd year, is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character and involvement in community and school activities.

"I am incredibly humbled and honored to be recognized by the 2016 US Presidential Scholars Program," said Sabrina. "Personally, it validates all the late nights I have stayed up studying and all the hard work I have put in these past four years," she said. "It motivates me to continue working hard towards my dream of making a difference in our community and hopefully, the world we live in."

The U.S. Presidential Scholars Program was established in 1964 by Executive Order of the President to recognize some of our nation's most distinguished graduating seniors for their accomplishments in many areas: academic success, leadership, and service to school and com-



Sabrina Hoang-Lan Jones

munity. It was expanded in 1979 to recognize students demonstrating exceptional scholarship and talent in the visual, creative, and performing arts. In 2015, the program was expanded once again to recognize students who demonstrate ability and accomplishment in career and technical fields.

Annually, up to 161 U.S. Presidential Scholars are chosen from among that year's senior class, representing excellence in education and the promise of greatness in America's youth. All Scholars are invited to Washington, DC in June for the National Recognition Program, featuring various events and enrichment activities and culminating in the presentation of the Presidential Scholars Medallion during a White House-sponsored ceremony.

A distinguished panel of educators will review these submissions and select 800 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars, a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President, will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.

Scholars will be invited to Washington, DC, for several days in June to receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion at a recognition ceremony and to participate in events and activities.

Evergreen College approves committee to move forward with 27-acre development

By Sean Eastwood
Times Staff Writer

The San Jose Evergreen Community College Board of Trustees approved the creation of a closed committee ("Asset Management Committee") with the goal of moving forward on the proposed development of the 27 acres on the college site.

This committee has stated its goal of moving forward to the Planning Commission and City Council sometime in late 2016 with zoning approvals by 2018. The controversial project will be called Montgomery Place and will feature high density housing and commercial development.

The plan includes: 125 to 250 apartments, 80 to 150 senior apartments, up to 40,000 sq. ft. of retail, and 18,000 to 40,000 sq. ft. of office space with a gym. The District is also considering building an aquat-

ics center that would be used by the school and also be open to the public. The district would lease the ground to a real estate developer but retain ownership of the land, which it says is not needed for expansion of the academic program.

"It's all part of providing stable, long-term funding for the college, which operates two schools," said Douglas R. Smith, vice chancellor of administrative services. "We want it to integrate well with the community college," said Smith.

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—Douglas R. Smith, Vice chancellor, administrative services

Many Evergreen Valley College students have expressed displeasure about the proposal to develop the south campus into a strip mall. Many believe that the land can be better utilized to build a baseball diamond or a football field. The only sport Evergreen offers is men and women's soccer.

"Students aren't interested in going to a half-baked community college becoming a landlord of an ugly strip mall instead of building state-of-the-art teaching facilities," said college student Greg Moore.

The City of San Jose will review and approve all land use entitlements. The City will review all environmental matters including but not limited to traffic and noise. The City will also evaluate the proposed use in conjunction with the City's adopted general plan and zoning for the Surplus Land. No public money will be used to build

the project. Once it's leased to a developer, they will be responsible for all the costs.

The *Evergreen Times* will update readers as the process moves forward.

For more information, see "Memorandum" contained in the last three pages of the District's document on their website: sjeccd.edu/Chancellor/Documents/2015_GovernorBoardMeeting_Minutes_12-08-2015.pdf

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Times **Local News**



San Jose Fire department personnel celebrated the grand opening of Fire Station 21 in Evergreen with a group photo along with **Mayor Sam Liccardo** and **Vice Mayor Rose Herrera**.

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square-feet in the future depending on needs and could house two additional companies in addition to Engine 21.

Also joining the celebration was an antique Fire Truck from the San Jose Fire Museum. The 1931 Mack Type 19 Pumping Fire Engine was purchased by the City of San Jose in June of 1931 for \$12,500 and served the city and its residents until 1974. After 43 years of service, it was restored to its current state by the San Jose Fire Muster Team.

Mt. Pleasant High School Band led the

National Anthem, while the high school's MCJROTC and San Jose Fire Department Honor Guard lead the flag salute and pledge.

Nothing Bundt Cakes generously donated sweet treats for the event and a free BBQ was cooked and served by Local 230 Firefighters and Fire Explorers for the community.

Vice Mayor Herrera was joined by Mayor Sam Liccardo, Fire Chief Curtis Jacobson, Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren, City Manager Norberto Duenas, Assistant City Manager Dave Sykes, Director of Public Works Barry Ng, Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco, Councilmember Tam Nguyen, Councilmember Chappie Jones, Councilmember Ash Kalra and Councilmember Manh Nguyen.



Groundbreaking ceremony for Fire Station 21 was held on Aug. 29, 2014. Pictured are (l to r) are Fire Chief **Ruben Torres**, Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**, and **Dave Sykes**, Director of Public Works.



Sasha needs a loving home.

Sasha needs a home

Calling all dog lovers! Sasha was rescued a couple months ago because her owner passed away. Unfortunately, Sasha and other existing rescued bulldogs do not get along, and now she needs to find a good home. If you love the bully breed and you do not have kids and other dogs at home, consider taking Sasha in. The only thing she needs is your attention and your love. For more information on Sasha, email: hongphuong15@yahoo.com.

Here is her profile:

"Hello, my name is Sasha, and I am three years old. I am spayed and a healthy English bulldog. I am a very cute and pretty girl. I became orphan when my dad passed away 6 months ago.

"I was then rescued by my new mom and dad who already two adopted girls. Unfortunately, one of my step sister and I did not get along, and so now I have to find another mom or dad who will have me as the only girl.

"I am an alpha dog, so I need to be with a strong boss who can discipline me when needed. I do not get along with children,

and I tend to nip at my parents, at kids, and strangers. All I need is a little training and a loving parent who loves and gives me all the attention.

"Once I get to know you and you get to know me, I am a really sweet girl.

"I will keep you company and join you in the daily walk to the park. If you love English bulldogs and you can take me as the only pet at home, contact my mom and dad for a visit please.

"Thank you from all my dog heart!"

Egg wash incident near Fowler Creek Park

Several residents have reported that someone is throwing eggs at home windows last week near Fowler Creek Park.

Neighbors believe that the damage is being done by someone outside the neighborhood who comes to the park often and leaves trash, shoots bb guns at cars, graffiti, or breaks car windows and steals stuff at night time.

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Hotels big winners for Super Bowl 50

While no one can be sure who will win the 2016 NFL Championship, one thing is for certain: hotels in the greater Santa Clara area are already winning big.

According to forward-looking hotel data from TravelClick, hotels that are located around the Big Game (including San Francisco and San Jose - totaling 216 hotels and more than 52,000 rooms) are seeing significant increases in demand and commanding increases in rates.

From Feb. 4 through 8, 2016, overall committed occupancy is up 11.7 percent and average daily rates (ADR) have increased by a whopping 91.6 percent year-over-year. The majority of this demand is being driven by corporate and group business, while transient (individual) bookings are softer.



Times **Schools Notebook****Chaboya opts out of science fair**

Chaboya will not be participating in this year's traditional school and district science fair that has been past practice for 25 years, according to Chaboya's physical science teacher, Irene Khor.

This year the science department has decided to change protocol for at least one year. The objective of school and district science fairs is to encourage and highlight the use of the "scientific" process and the fundamental principles of science.

"Students are guided in their development of a topic, complete the required research, and then conduct an experiment or engineering project that shows an understanding for many of the processes of science," said Khor. "They also make available an opportunity to recognize "student" scientists."

With the implementation of the new NGSS and STEM standards, the science department feels that students have had ample opportunities to meet these district objectives by performing experiments and engineering projects by doing research and presentations throughout the year through a variety of science topics that better align with the new science concepts that are being taught. With the challenge of implementing the new standards, we feel that time can be used more productively by continuing with these practices while learning about the new concepts simultaneously.

Chaboya Science Showcase April 2016

A new Chaboya tradition that has had great success has been to showcase student

work in all subject areas at the Open House in late April. Science projects that have been completed by students throughout the year will be chosen to represent that teacher at the showcase much like a school fair. Students who have been chosen will receive ribbons just like the school fair.

At the District fair in March, Chaboya will still maintain a section that will show the public projects that have been completed by our students in a display created by the science teachers.

Public meeting held to discuss future of Dove Hill Elementary School

The Evergreen School District is exploring ways to best serve the needs of its diverse communities, most recently and specifically, the Meadowfair community who has not had an elementary school in the area.

Meadowfair has more than 450 students that have to cross Tully or Capitol to get to school. Additionally, with the forthcoming Arcadia Development in the community, there could also be as many as 125 new students in need of an area school.

Downward enrollment predictions

Enrollment projections district-wide indicate a drop of approximately 1700 students over the next 4-5 years, a drop that is already affecting Dove Hill, which currently has 18 empty classrooms. Nearby Montgomery Elementary School has 12 empty classrooms.

The School District is looking for a new

school that would serve Meadowfair families which would mean moving Dove Hill students from other neighborhoods. There are nearly 300 students that would be affected next year according to demographic estimates.

During the public meeting pertaining to this possible new project the District heard from an engaged and passionate group of community members. Those attending the meeting shared their thoughts and suggestions as to how the District should proceed.

"Ultimately, whichever way we decide to proceed, we will shortly be forming a committee made up of members of the community that will help set priorities and determine next steps," said Cathy Gomez, Superintendent, Evergreen School District. "We will keep the community in the loop as we move forward."

Mt. Pleasant Elementary promotes healthy eating with mini-mushroom farm

Fourth-graders at Mt. Pleasant Elementary STEM Academy will be among the first students in California to unveil their Organic Mushroom Mini Farm on Feb. 1.



The event is part of a new, national effort to teach students the origin of food and promote healthier eating.

Of the more than a dozen 4th grade classrooms in the Mount Pleasant Elementary

School District that received an organic mushroom kit, Mt. Pleasant Elementary STEM Academy will be the first to showcase the mushrooms that students helped cultivate as part of an integrated life sciences school curriculum.

The school will use part of the harvest for continued instruction and donate the remaining produce to local community food banks.

Back to the Roots co-founders Nikhil Arora and Alejandro Velez provided background on the mission of the Garden Toolkit program. Sodexo Senior Vice President School Services Ted Monk spoke on the importance of nutrition education.

Blooming mushroom plants will be on display in the school's STEM lab.

In September 2015, Sodexo, a Global Fortune 500 leader, announced a partnership focused on bringing Ready to Grow classroom products, and simpler, more flavorful, and more nutritious Ready to Eat food to thousands of Sodexo locations nationwide. Back to the Roots and Sodexo supplied 2,300 schools across the United States - including at Mt. Pleasant Elementary STEM Academy -- with the Back to the Roots Garden Toolkit - including the Organic Mushroom Mini Farm, Garden-in-a-Can (organic basil & cilantro), and Water Garden (classroom aquaponics kit). This partnership will have a direct and immediate impact on youth education via nutrition awareness and encouragement of healthy lifestyle adoption given the easy, hands-on learning opportunities created by Back to the Roots and the reach of Sodexo, which serves nearly three million meals per day to students at almost 500 school districts.

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Mayor Sam Liccardo asks you to unleash your geek

By Mayor Sam Liccardo
Special to the Times

We're geeks. San Joseans are, by our collective nature, creative people accustomed to approaching life unconventionally. We have a tradition of solving problems by pitting our imaginations against the traditional. Innovative San Joseans have launched transformational endeavors, ranging from broadcast radio (Charles "Doc" Herrold) and commercial wine (Paul Masson and JJ Mirassou), to Chicano theater (Luis Valdez) and personal computers (Steve Wozniak). Walk into any San Jose coffee shop, and you may just see the next big idea being born.

Our innovative community will continue to change the world. And with this change comes a host of new challenges - and opportunities - for local government.

The big question is: Can we make our City Hall as innovative as the community we serve? That is, can we leverage our collective aptitude for innovation to solve great urban challenges such as crime, poverty, transportation, and climate change?

Together, we can - if we are willing to "unleash our geek."

We've spent the first year of my term laying the groundwork to transform the ways in which City Hall goes about the people's business. Within my own office, I've assembled a Civic Innovation team made up of the best and brightest, headed by Khanh Russo (our Director of Strategic Partnerships) and Shireen Santosham (our Innovation Director), and City Manager Norberto

Duenas has created a small (but fierce) data analytics team to increase the use of analytics in our decision-making. We've also forged agreements with partners who bring critical resources and expertise - such as the White House, Knight Foundation, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Google, Silver Spring Networks, Carnegie Mellon, and San Jose State University - and begun to make long-neglected investments in IT infrastructure that will help us embrace innovative solutions.

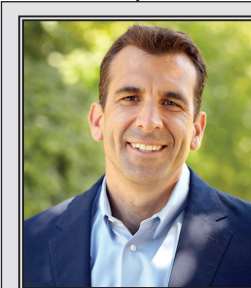
In the months ahead, you'll be hearing more about my Innovation Agenda and specific initiatives that will help transform our city for the better:

- First, you'll hear about "smart city" projects that leverage new technologies to help us improve public safety and city services, such as efforts to pilot smart intersections and vehicles.

- Second, you'll hear about efforts to embrace open data and data analytics to improve public services, like better targeting enforcement of illegal dumping or making parks maintenance more efficient.

- And you'll hear about new civic engagement tools, efforts to better leverage the innovation within our City workforce, and educational initiatives like (TechHire and SJPL Works) that help the entire community participate in and benefit from our region's innovation economy.

I hope all of you will join us in "unleashing your geek" and help us build a city for the future. If you'd like to engage with us, please email us at mayoremail@sanjoseca.gov.



From the Mayor
Sam Liccardo

Mayor Liccardo to deliver State of the City Address March 5 at Overfelt High School

Mayor Sam Liccardo is hosting this year's State of the City at Overfelt High School.

The Mayor's 2016 State of the City Address will outline key initiatives, budget priorities, and opportunities for residents to get engaged to make San José a better place to live, work, and play.

In addition, the City will present the Pride of San Jose Awards to exemplary City employees.

Each member of the City Council has chosen an individual or group from their district as a 2016 Community Honoree.

The event is open to the public and concludes with a Resource Fair with information about city services and city employment.

Saturday, March 5, 2016
 Doors open: 9:30 a.m.



State of the City Program: 10 a.m.
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Members of the public who wish to attend State of the City can register at www.sjmayor.org or by calling 408.535.4800. Registration for the State of the City Celebration will close on March 3.

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Among those attending a District 8 City Council campaign fundraiser for **Josh Barousse** are: (l to r) Franklin McKinley School District Trustee **Rudy Rodriguez**, **Melinda Chacon** of Joint Venture Silicon Valley, **Barousse**, and San Jose Councilmember **Raul Peralez**.

Candidate Barousse holds fundraiser at Mexico Lindo

Supporters of Josh Barousse for District 8 City Council turned out for a campaign fundraiser held at Mexico Lindo in Evergreen on Jan. 27. Attendees heard Barousse present his vision for improving public safety in the neighborhoods, strengthening small businesses, reducing homelessness, and making sure our city provides adequate services to our vibrant senior community. Barousse reports that more than \$20,000 was raised for the fundraising event.

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Times **Community News**

Evergreen School District retiree has shown her ‘Worth’

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Many wonderful accolades were showered upon Cindy Worth by the kindergarteners and first graders as they sang at the celebration of her retirement from the Evergreen School District.

A veteran of almost twenty years of service, the comments heard were:

Mrs. Worth is very punctual!

Mrs. Worth knows her job and does it wonderfully!

Mrs. Worth is a very honest person who always keeps her word!

Mrs. Worth is very handy to have around the classroom! She has a good way with children.

These are heartfelt remarks, from co-workers, and show the caliber of this very valuable employee, one who has set an example for others to follow.

Cindy Worth was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan. After coming to California she attended Cal Poly State University where she obtained a B.S. in Child Development.

Worth is married to Greg Worth and together they have two children, Kevin and Bryan, who were raised in the Evergreen School District. Both children attended Laurelwood Elementary School. The Worths have been an Evergreen family for 31 years.

Cindy, as she prefers to be called, has worked for the Evergreen School District since 1997. During this period of employment she has held positions as Instructional Paraprofessional for kindergarten and first grade, worked in the science lab, the computer based language arts program, and the Primary Intervention Program that deals with children struggling to adapt to the classroom environment.

Cindy worked for seven schools throughout the Evergreen School District during her long career. She worked for a total of nine principals. On Feb. 1, 2016 she begins a new beginning called retirement. She still plans to volunteer weekly at Laurelwood Elementary School. Once a person gets a taste of working at schools it is difficult to just quit cold-turkey.

Cindy recalls, “Laurelwood School, as well as the rest of EESD, has been a great place to work! The teachers, staff, and administrators all have a common goal, to provide the best education possible for Evergreen students. It has been my privilege to be a part of such a wonderful district!”



Cindy Worth (with flowers) celebrates her retirement.

Editor's note: Best wishes to Cindy Worth for a happy, healthy, and prosperous retirement. It is for sure that she will continue to be a role model for friends, neighbors and, especially children, for years to come.

SPORTS BRIEF

Youth basketball begins March 11 thru May 13 at Chaboya

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Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, March 11th, for all interested Evergreen-area boys and girls in sixth, seventh, and eighth grader regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the 80 available slots are full.

This is a co-ed league with no more than ten players on each team. This is a “funpetitive” league and everyone receives equal playing time. Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game). Cost for the league is \$135 which includes a game jersey, 6 games and play-offs, personal basketball, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies and gym rental.

For more information or to register, phone (408) 605-1513, John Franza. You can also stop by Chaboya, or e-mail E.A.S.Y. Hoops Basketball @ easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form.

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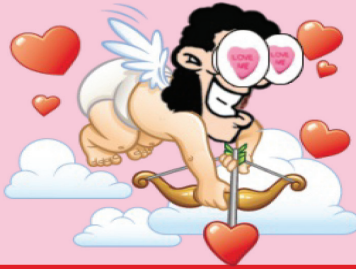


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Upcoming New Seasons Market Evergreen Events

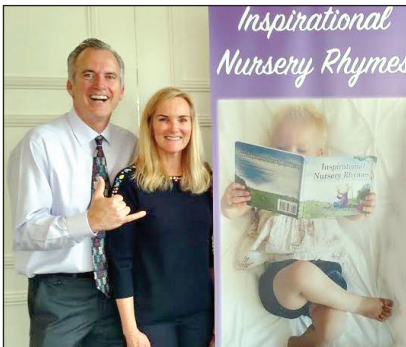
Fridays, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings. Feb 5: Anthony & Dominick Pinot, N.A.P.A. Red blend, Limited Lot Sauvignon Blanc, Regio Rose & Regio Zinfandel. Feb 12: Girasole Pinot Grigio & Chardonnay, Downhill Barbera, Chacewater Winery Malbec & Petite Syrah, with a chocolate treat. Feb 19: Martin Ranch. Feb 26: Scotto Family Wines. Complimentary.

Wednesdays, 12-6pm: Wellness Wednesdays. Stop by our Solutions Counter and sample a new wellness product, healthy meal recipe, or featured healthy item from our Deli and Juice Bar. Free.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays, 3-4pm: Community Tea Party. Enjoy a relaxing cup of tea and some tasty treats from our bakery in the café area. Free.

Nursery rhymes that inspire

At the NHORA (National Hispanic of Real Estate Associates) 2016 Installation event at the Silver Creek Country Club authors **Todd and Jackie Courtney** delivered a well-received presentation on *Inspirational Nursery Rhymes*. The science behind how to raise every child to be inspired, happy, grateful, loving and have no limitations. *Inspirational Nursery Rhymes* are scientifically written to help children excel into and through adulthood. Rhymes were created to help with learning as far back as the Romans promoting limitless possibilities. The world's first "self-help" books for toddlers. For more information, visit www.InspirationalNurseryRhymes.com.



Fri, Feb 5, 3pm-7pm & Sat, Feb 6, 2pm-6pm: Big Game Day Tasting. Pick-up some recipes and inspiration for chips, dips, drinks and meats for your game day party or other festive gathering. Free.

Sat, Feb 13, 12-2pm: Valentine's Crafts 4 Kids. For

ages 5-12 or younger if accompanied by an adult. Free.

Fri, Feb 19 & Fri, Feb 26, 3-6pm: Seafood Friday Tasting. Enjoy a taste of a different seafood recipe, freshly prepared each week by New Seasons staff, and pick up ideas for recipes you can make at home. Free

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Times Feature

New Seasons Market donates 1.6 tons of Smart Chicken Poultry to Second Harvest Food Bank

New Seasons Market Evergreen and its partner MBA Poultry, the producer of Smart Chicken, have donated 3,294 pounds of nutritious Smart Chicken to Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

For every 10 pounds of Smart Chicken purchased by customers of New Seasons Market Evergreen and sister store New Leaf Community Market in Half Moon Bay during November 2015, the food bank received one pound of Smart Chicken in January 2016. This year's donation brings the total donated to the food bank to 5.8 tons since 2013.

"The poultry we are receiving thanks to our partnership with New Seasons Market Evergreen and New Leaf Community Market will go a long way toward helping us feed the quarter of a million people who rely on us every month for food," said Kathy Jackson, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. "Poultry is a great source of protein for the children, seniors and families we serve, so we are very grateful," she added.

"We are grateful to MBA Poultry for their generous support of those in need in our community. We are also very appreciative of our customers who have joined with us to make this annual effort for local food banks such a success," said Chris Farotte, meat and seafood director, New Seasons Market Evergreen and New Leaf Community Markets.

Smart Chicken is made from 100 percent all-natural, free-roaming, grain-fed chickens



Eric Gorham, Smart Chicken sales and marketing representative, stands in front of 1.6 tons of Smart Chicken Poultry donated to Second Harvest by New Seasons Market. New Seasons Market is located on Silver Creek Valley Rd.

that are raised without animal byproducts, antibiotics, or hormones. The poultry is processed using purified cold air instead of being chilled in non-potable communal water baths, which eliminates water absorption and cross contamination. Smart Chicken maintains high standards for how the chickens are raised, transported, and prepared for market, and is proud of their Certified Humane status.

New Seasons Market is located in Silver Creek Valley on Silver Creek Valley Rd.

The 'King of Frozen Waffles': Part 2

By Terry Denevan

Special to the Times

Even during difficult years, the business did well. By 1938 the brothers had moved into their own plant on Julian Street near the northern edge of downtown San Jose.

At the time, in the Santa Clara Valley, there weren't many places to eat out. Most of the area's restaurants that served breakfast bought Eggo batter for making waffles. As a merchandising bonus, the company provided waffle houses with free use and maintenance of the waffle irons.

Brother Tony Dorsa had a high level of business prowess. Frank was good with his hands; he liked to design and build the manufacturing equipment. The third founding brother, Sam, was a genius at keeping all the trucks and other motorized equipment working. The differences among the brothers sometimes led to friction, but it was also their differences that made them a successful team.

That calamitous morning in 1946, Frank and his family were enjoying a vacation in Yosemite. Frank placed a routine call to his business and was unable to get through. It was from an AT&T telephone operator that Frank learned his business had gone up in flames during the preceding night. Recalling the loss, Frank shook his head slowly, hands clasped and elbows braced on his knees.

I was scarcely able to imagine what kind of setback this devastating event must have been for the family. I allowed him his moment of silent reflection. Then, trying to brighten the mood, I asked, "So what was the best thing that ever happened to the family business?" Frank looked up and grinned: "The fire."

At the time of the fire, Frank had told me that a railroad spur made it possible for food products to be loaded and unloaded adjacent to the plant. His speculation was that hobos may have accidentally contributed to the start of the fire. No specific cause was ever found.

The restaurant owners who served breakfast understood the temporary predicament. No one had waffle batter, and that was just the way it was. For them, it meant that their menus were short an item for a little while. Under a mutual understanding, competitors filled Eggo's spaces on store shelves with their brands of mayonnaise and potato chips until the business got back on its feet.

Within a few days of the fire, the brothers had set up shop under a huge tent.

Insurance covered all losses. From the insurance companies Eggo bought back the fire-damaged, but salvageable, production-line equipment for a fraction of its value. The balance of the insurance monies made it possible to modernize the plant.

The result was a state-of-the-art factory—beautiful, bigger, and better in every imaginable way. For Eggo, greater efficiency led to growth and to continuous economic rewards.

In the postwar boom of the 1950s, the Dorsa brothers decided to branch further into the burgeoning retail market. Frank designed and built the machinery and production line for producing the frozen product that soon became famous as Eggo Waffles.

It was on another childhood visit to San Jose from our home in Long Beach, when I was about 14, that I saw the original Eggo Waffle production line in its final phase of development. Frank's carousel-like device was waist high, some 30 feet across, and powered by a real merry-go-round motor.

Imagine dozens of restaurant waffle irons mounted on the carousel and bolted down. Roller skate wheels were attached to each lid. As the structure revolved, each waffle iron passed a stationary side bar and one by one the roller wheels traveled up the bar, slowly opening the lids. Batter was shot from a tube onto the hot iron, and the lid gently closed. The speed of movement of the carousel was timed to correspond to the requisite cooking period. At the other end of the cycle, with the aid of the skate wheels, each waffle iron was reopened. Uniformed women wearing white aprons and hairnets removed the square waffles with table forks, flipping them onto an adjacent conveyor belt. Golden-brown waffles were then packaged and stacked on six-foot-high racks. Workers pushed filled racks into huge walk-in refrigerator rooms where the waffles were flash-frozen.

A new and larger plant was eventually built on Eggo Way near McKee Road and Highway 101 in San Jose. The company turned out thousands of waffles per hour and had the capacity to hold 40,000 cases of waffles in cold storage.

One day there was an unexpected visit by a representative of the County Department of Sanitation.

"I was always very busy," Frank recalled, "but when someone from Sanitation arrived, we always gave visits and concerns our prompt attention. They had the authority to shut us down in the blink of an eye."

On that particular day the inspector was a young woman of about five foot five inches, with dark brown hair, glasses, and a blue hard hat. A row of Paper Mate pens sprouted from her left shirt pocket. And of course she also had an official Santa Clara County Department of Sanitation clipboard.

The young woman asked for a tour of the entire plant.

"She was wet behind the ears," Frank told me, "and I couldn't wait to get rid of her. I had other work, important work, to do."

In the middle of the production floor was a structure big enough to hold four 55-gallon containers. That day there were just two, each made of heavy-duty cardboard half an inch thick. The upper half of the 6-by-6-foot structure was made of a fly-proof mesh.

The Sanitation official leaned into the tiny structure and asked what was in the two containers. The two lids were removed. Both units were full and held tiny white granules.

Frank touched his index finger to his tongue and dipped the moistened tip into the nearer container. "This one is sugar, so that one has to be salt."

Frank chuckled ruefully as he recounted what happened next. "The kid from the Department of Sanitation whipped out her little official pen and started writing on the official Department of Sanitation papers attached to her little official clipboard. I asked, 'What's the problem?'"

"She told me—boy, did she tell me! 'You can't put your finger in your mouth and then into food containers for any reason, not even to determine which is sugar and which is salt.'"

"For thousands of years cooks have used the finger-taste method to differentiate sugar from salt. We had always done it that way."

Poor Uncle Frank got written up. He eventually got a copy of the young lady's Department of Sanitation report, and it wasn't complimentary. Frank soon found a better way to distinguish sugar from salt. "I attached labels to the containers," he said.

The brothers' Eggo food company was sold in 1966, and Frank retired a wealthy man. He continued to design, tinker, and build many of his ideas in his home workshop in Saratoga, California, for three decades thereafter.

In a lengthy obituary in the *San Jose Mercury News*, dated January 18, 1996, the paper's Local & State headline read, "Frank Dorsa, 88, king of frozen waffles, dies." The article recapped Frank Dorsa's life long successful business adventure. That and a 2011 newspaper article helped me to fill in some of the unknowns about Frank. But it was my first-hand knowledge of the man and his stories that have always fascinated me.

Today, the distinctive red and gold Eggo Waffle logo is recognized across the United States, as well as in Canada and Mexico. The Dorsa brothers' product, now manufactured by Kellogg, is enjoyed each morning by millions of people.

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Times Feature

Carolyn Clark Elementary School participates in 'Super Kids, Super Sharing Drive'

By Bernadette Marcias
Special to the Times

At Carolyn Clark Elementary, Community Service is part of the school culture.

The importance of giving back to the community and making a difference is ingrained in our students. So when the opportunity to participate in the *Super Kids Super Sharing Drive* was presented, the Student Council Advisor immediately said yes.

Super Kids Super Sharing Drive is where local schools are encouraged to join in the Super Bowl community initiative. To gather gently used or new books, sports equipment and school supplies and place items in collection boxes at school. This initiative takes place within city hosting the Super Bowl.

From Nov. 20 to Dec 18, the Student Council began collecting lightly used (or new) books, sports equipment and school supplies, cell phones. During the drive, students collected more than 2,000 items! Fifth grader, Janaya Llana, donated more than 230 books.

A group of 32 students from Clark, ranging from 2nd grade to 6th grade, attended the *Super Kids*



Super Sharing Drive event at Santa Clara University to help sort out all the items donated.

Close to 20,000 items were sorted. Items sorted, were then shared with pre-selected local schools in need and other organizations that work with underserved children.

After sorting, students participated in football activities hosted

by the San Francisco 49ers. Gold Rush Cheerleaders, Sough Dough Sam, and 49er players Andrew Tiller and Ian Williams also mingled with all the *Super Sharing Kids!*

If you would like more information, you can contact: Susan Groh, *Super Kids Project Manager*, NFL Environmental Program, NFLenvironment@aol.com.

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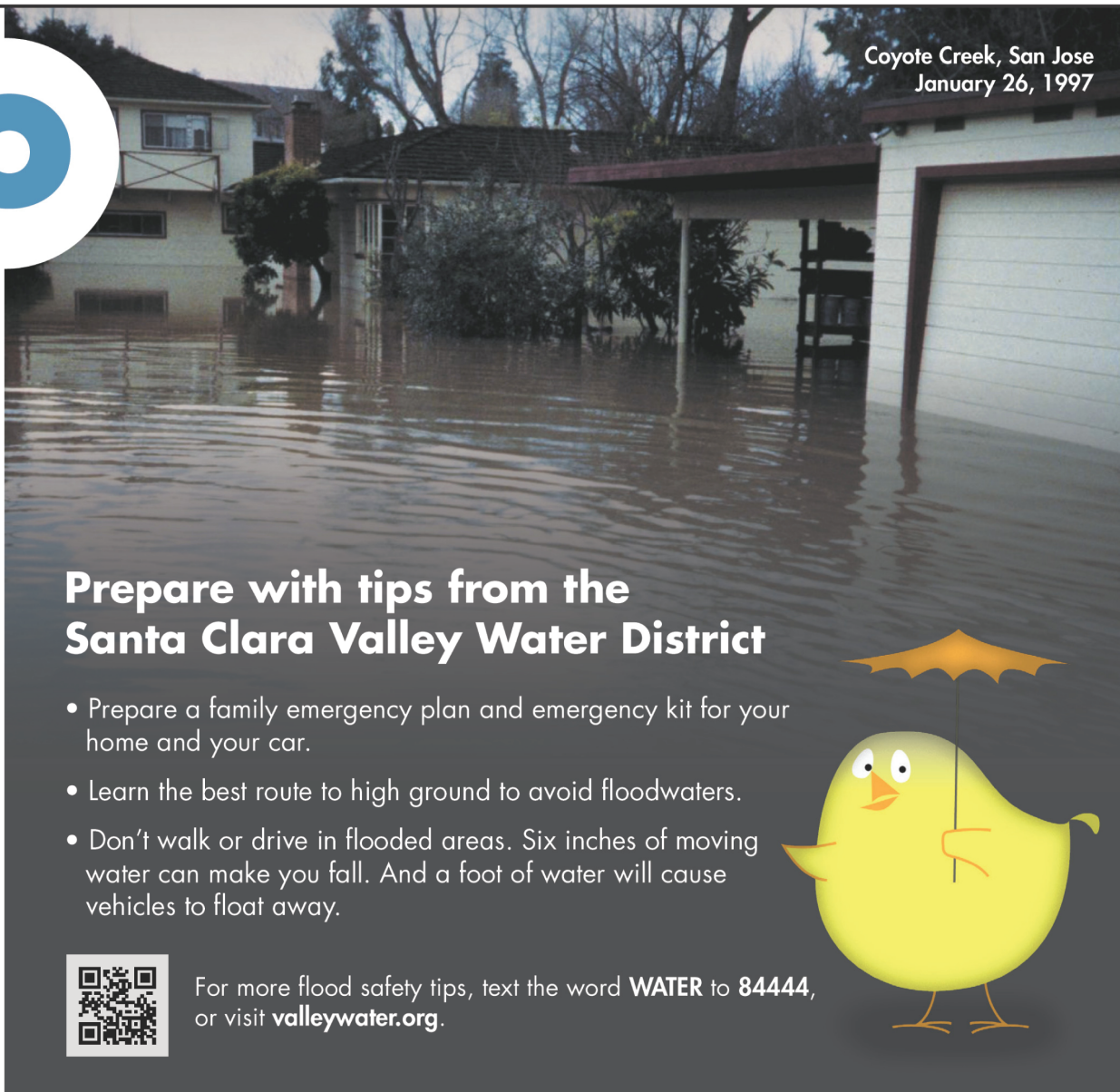
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- Don't walk or drive in flooded areas. Six inches of moving water can make you fall. And a foot of water will cause vehicles to float away.



For more flood safety tips, text the word **WATER** to 84444, or visit valleywater.org.



Times Features

We're hosting the State of the City!

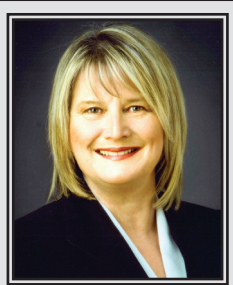
By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

The State of the City Address is coming to our council district 8 on Saturday, March 5th. Mayor Sam Liccardo is bringing the Annual Mayor's State of the City address to Overfelt High School. This is the second year in a row that the Mayor has scheduled the State of the City Celebration in a district outside of downtown, and the first time in south east San Jose! This is a community celebration which will include a resource fair for attendees, and performances by local cultural groups including the Overfelt High School Band. The Mayor's 2016 State of the City Address will outline key initiatives, budget priorities, and opportunities for residents to get engaged to make San José a better place to live, work, and play.

In addition, the City will present the Pride of San José Awards to exemplary City employees. Each member of the City Council has chosen an individual or group from

their district as a 2016 Community Honoree. The event is open to the public and concludes with a Resource Fair with information about city services and city employment. Doors will open at 9:30 a.m. and the State of the City Program will begin at 10 a.m. Overfelt High School is located at 1835 Cunningham Ave. San Jose, CA 95122.

Over the past 5 years - since the inception of the State of the City Mayoral address - I have honored a variety of dedicated individuals, organizations, neighborhood associations and volunteers who have gone to extraordinary lengths to better our community, including the Evergreen Elementary Education Foundation in 2011, the Evergreen Senior Advisory Council in 2012, the Boys and



District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

Girls Club in 2013, the East Valley YMCA in 2014, the Association of Meadowfair Community in 2015.

I'm very proud to announce the 2016 District 8 Honoree - Evergreen's San José Youth Ballet. The San Jose Youth Ballet is located in the Evergreen Village Square and has been bringing the joy of performance and artistry

to aspiring young dancers since its founding in 2003 by highly-respected and internationally recognized dancers Maggie Parungao-Ferla and Xavier Ferla. This non-profit's annual production of "The Nutcracker" is just one example of the invaluable growth and superior performance experience that results from the passion instilled in these talented artists, their families, and the community at large. In fact, I had the privilege of performing,

along with my husband Matt, in "The Nutcracker" a few years ago as supernumeraries (extras). It was a tremendous experience and I have attended and enjoyed watching many Nutcracker performances since.

Many of the students of the San Jose Youth Ballet have gone on to perform professionally in ballet companies across the U.S. including the San Francisco Ballet, Oregon Ballet Theatre, Oakland Ballet Company and the Julliard School. Their students have also received notable judge's awards and high scores at dance competitions. In fact, our own local skating star, Polina Edmunds, trains in private movement and ballet with the San Jose Youth Ballet directors. The vision of the San Jose Youth Ballet is to inspire joy in children, their families and the community

through dance. We have been very fortunate to have this wonderful performing arts organization in District 8 and I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating them at the upcoming State of the City Celebration at Overfelt High School on March 5th. Consider this your personal invitation to join us!

Members of the public who wish to attend State of the City can register at www.sjmayor.org or by calling 408-535-4800. Registration for the State of the City Celebration will close on March 3rd.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to www.sanjoseca.gov/district8.

Coldwell Banker collects 3,000 toys and 1,200 coats for local families

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage collected more than 3,000 toys and 1,200 coats over the recent holiday season to benefit families in need throughout the region.

The annual Toys for Tots and One Warm Coat holiday collection campaigns marked the 29th consecutive year that Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage has supported the efforts in partnership with the United States Marine Corps Reserve and several non-profit organizations throughout Northern California.

"We're thankful for the tremendous amount of community support we received for our Toys for Tots and One Warm Coat cam-

paigns this past holiday season," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "The holidays are a time for taking care of one another and giving to those in need. With the outpouring of generosity from our affiliated agents, clients and neighbors, we were able to help those who needed it most. We hope the toys and warm winter clothing we collected made their season a little brighter."

Nearly all of the 57 Northern California Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage offices participated in the Toys for Tots campaign and most offices also took part in the One Warm Coat drive.

STAY AWARE: Autism

By Spoorthi Vallamkonda
Times Staff Writer

Leukodystrophy, Aicardi Syndrome, Gestermann's Syndrome, and Stendhal Syndrome are just four of the many health disorders that most people are not aware of.

Various disorders like these are affecting the world around us, and we should try our best to help. But how is it possible to help, if you don't know? In this "Stay Aware" column, I want to inform the readers about the different health issues or disorders, starting off with a well-known disorder, Autism.

What is it?

From 2008 to 2010 the rate of people having Autism has increased from 1 in 150, to 1 in 68 of US population. Autism is a disorder in which the development of the brain is slow. This is characterized by impaired verbal communication, a lack of social communication, and repetitive behavior. In Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), the

"spectrum" ranges from low to high functioning, based on behavior and capability.

The cause of ASD cannot be limited to one particular thing. One of the many theories of obtaining autism starts from the pregnancy stages. According to a Harvard study published on Dec. 18, 2014, breathing in smoke conditions or smog fumes by vehicles might double the risk of obtaining autism. Because of the immense neuron growth during the third stage of pregnancy, inhaling those toxins could affect the development of brain of the baby.

What are the symptoms?

Every autistic individual is unique as they can never share the same exact symptoms as another person with ASD. Some characteristics of a person with ASD include: poor eye contact when talking, having difficulty in absorbing others' emotions and repeating certain phrases or sentences. Often, many
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Times Features

Competitive soccer alive and well with teams ready for the 2016 season

After competitive soccer players and their families emerge from a much deserved break, Liverpool FC families gathered together under umbrellas sharing coffee and passing the ball and warming up together; the girls were in great spirits.

What started in autumn as four girls playing on three boys' teams at PSA Royals (a newly rebranded affiliate of Liverpool FC) became an all-girls team and a recent weekend was their first opportunity to play together and was the beginning of a new chapter at LFC-IAA Bay Area.

During the fall season the initial four girls attended their team practices and an additional clinic held by Coach and Girls Director of Coaching (DOC), Lewis Saxelby. Player Alex Iversen, said of her experience, "Our coach is very friendly and encourages [us] a lot. He also gives me good tips on how to play better. My favorite part of practice is the scrimmages because these are a fun way to practice what you have learned that day." Over time the professionalism and personality of Coach Lewis drew new girls

into the program and by December there were enough to apply for a tournament.

Over the wet tournament weekend, parent Sarah Kensler reflected "It is lovely to see a group of girls from different soccer backgrounds and experiences becoming a team. I appreciate how they encourage each other, support and celebrate their strengths and have fun on the field and off." Coach Lewis agreed, "Being accepted into a tournament as LFC IAA Bay Area and coming together as a team for the first time was a major milestone for the girls and for the club as well." Giving the girls an opportunity to get to know each other was a major goal of the attending the tournament and it is the beginning of "developing them into soccer players from LFC IAA Bay Area," added Coach Lewis. Kensler, also noted, "The girls got along really well. This was fun to see between games. Having a great group of girls is the foundation of a great team."

The girls faced tough competition in their matches: a Gold level team, a Silver level team from an older age bracket, and a team

that had been playing together for three years. Nonetheless, LFC IAA Bay Area played hard, defended well, and had fun. Ending their final game in penalty kicks was nerve wracking but the girls were composed and they encouraged one another as if they were very experienced with that sort of thing. "I was excited and nervous about taking my penalty kick. When I scored I felt proud because this is something I had worked on," stated Julia Cannon.

Moving forward, Coach Lewis is "hoping for the girls continue to enjoy their soccer experience with LFC IAA Bay Area. If it's not fun it's not worth doing."

The club looks poised to support the girls' growth. Formerly PSA Royals, the club formed an official partnership with English Premier League team Liverpool FC and is now named Liverpool FC International Academy of America - Bay Area. The official affiliation provides the club and coaches with the highest level of training and access to the LFC youth development curriculum. And, while the club has long had a success-

ful boys program, LFC IAA Bay Area is pleased to expand into the girls' side as well.

Tammy Upton, former professional soccer player, recently brought her daughter to LFC IAA Bay Area because as she says, "the club has a great atmosphere with very talented full time coaches. As a club their vision to improve every single player is unparalleled. They offer many extra opportunities for each player to increase their skill level this allows each family to decide how much soccer they can and want to do each week.

The programs and skill development clinics that LFC IAA Bay Area can offer are not at any other club." For parents thinking about bringing girls into the program, Coach Lewis indicates, "this is a great time to be part of the LFC IAA Bay Area program. The club has very passionate and hardworking, full time soccer professionals set about raising the level of the game in all aspects."

Editor's note: Open tryouts are underway for your '02, '03, '05, or '06 girl contact lewis@lfcabayarea.com or visit lfcabayarea.com for more information.

Off The Shelf: Kids can celebrate Valentine's on Feb. 11

By Amelia Vander Heide

Special to the Times

The Evergreen Branch Library will be offering the following events for patrons of all ages. Children in grades 4-8 can enroll now in **Anyvision Cloud Programming**. This four-week program will begin on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 5 p. m. Interested parents may sign-up their child either in person or by calling the branch at 408-808-3060. Space is limited the first 14 participants.

Families with children 3 and up are encouraged to attend our **Valentine's Day Storytime and Craft** on Thursday, February 11 at 5:30 p. m. This librarian led activity will feature a variety of picture books about or inspired by Valentine's Day followed by a short craft activity. Girls in grades 4-7 can now sign-up for our **HelloBots! Girls Winter Camp**. Taking place during Evergreen School District's Holiday week, this four day robotics camp starts on Tuesday, February 16 at 2 p. m. Space is limited to the first 15 girls. For more information or to enroll, please visit: <http://www.hellobots.com/>.



VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) is back at the San Jose Public Library.

VITA offers free tax help to hard working individuals and families whose **income is less than \$54,000**. Assistance is available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese at most locations. All locations provide e-File. Volunteers are trained to prepare only basic 2015 forms including: 1040EZ, 1040A, 1040 with Schedule A, B, limited Schedule CEZ, C and California Income Tax

Returns. Volunteers cannot assist with "Married, Filing Separate" tax forms.

All dates and times are on a first come, first served basis. Interested patrons should anticipate arriving up to one hour before the start of the event in order to sign-up. Patrons should bring the following: Photo ID and Social Security card or Individual Tax Identification Number for each family member, W-2 forms and all 1099, 1098 or other tax forms you received, a copy of last year's tax return, bank account and routing number for direct deposits, and health coverage if bought through covered California. Libraries do not carry tax forms. Tax forms are available

online.

VITA assistance will be at the following branches:

Alum Rock Branch - Tuesdays and Wednesday, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Feb. 2 - Apr. 13

Hillview Branch - Saturdays, 2:00 - 5:00 PM, Feb. 6 - Apr. 9

Seven Trees Branch - Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, Feb. 6 - Apr. 16

Tully Branch - Wednesday, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Feb. 3 - Apr. 13

For a full list of branch locations, contact phone numbers, and times, please visit: <https://events.sjpl.org/>

Additional Events

You can view Evergreen Branch Library's complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library

events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary)

Parking

When the library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the Evergreen community.

Amelia Vander Heide is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. Evergreen Branch Library is part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.



How to Avoid Costly Housing Mistakes Before and After a Divorce

San Jose - Divorce is rarely easy and often means a lot of difficult decisions. One of the most important decisions is what to do about the house.

In the midst of the heavy emotional and financial turmoil, what you need most is some non-emotional, straightforward, specific information and answers. Once you know how a divorce affects your home, your mortgage and taxes, critical decisions are easier. Neutral, third party information can help you make logical, rather than emotional, decisions.

Probably the first decision is whether you want to continue living in the house. Will the familiar surroundings bring you comfort and emotional security, or unpleasant memories? Do you want to minimize change by staying where you are, or sell your home and move to a new place that offers a new start? Only you can answer those questions, but there will almost certainly be some financial

repercussions to your decision process. What can you afford? Can you manage the old house on your new budget? Is refinancing possible? Or is it better to sell and buy? How much house can you buy on your new budget?

To help you know what questions you should ask and how to arrive at the right answer for your specific situation, a FREE special report has been prepared by industry experts entitled "Divorce: What You Need to Know About Your House, Your Mortgage and Taxes".

To order a FREE Special Report, visit www.sanjosehomeinfo.com or to hear a brief recorded message about how to order your FREE copy of this report call toll-free 1-866-303-3002 and enter 1009. You can call any time, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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Autism

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people diagnosed with autism never speak. Abrupt noises, smells, or lights also might anger, surprise, or affect a person with autism.

Being aware of different types of health disorders will be beneficial to our community. Let's all try to make an effort to STAY AWARE.

If you have any suggestions or comments to improve the STAY AWARE series, please contact Evergreen Times. editorial@timesmediainc.com.

Evergreen Area Meetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club
A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at (408) 717-5552 weekdays or (408) 238-4580 weekends.

District 8 Community Roundtable
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit d8crt.org)

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

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

The Evergreen Business Association is intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this

fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEEVRMM 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 MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 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.

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee
The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club
Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email chhaprahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council
Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or

calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization
For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

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

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

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

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion group, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barbary 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 group meets Tuesday evenings

from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

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)

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

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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC
6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Michele Rogers Brigham
408 268-0243
www.AlmadenCongregational.org
We are a welcoming Church engaged in progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local community. We are proud to be UCC. Open and affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local Invision Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty. Worship 9:00AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM Sundays. 1st Sundays in Worship: Holy Communion
2nd Sunday in Worship: Folk Choir
3rd Sundays at Coffee Hour: Round Table Disc.
4th Sundays in Worship: Blessing of Birthdays/Anniversaries/other "joy" Occasions
Tuesday, AA Meetings, 8:15-9:15 PM.
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM., Women's Study Group

CHURCH OF CHRIST
5351 Carter Ave., San Jose 95118
408.265.5837
www.bibleroad.org
We strive to be a group of Christians that love and honor God and Jesus Christ in our daily lives. We assemble each Sunday to encourage each other through singing, studying, praying and sharing in the Lord's supper. Simple—just like what one reads about in the New Testament. Bible class at 9:30 AM
Worship at 10:30 AM
Located in south San Jose near Kooser Rd. and Camden Ave. (behind the Almaden Valley Athletic Club). Come make new Christian friends!

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East Valley Church
We are a Multicultural Christian Community committed to making Christ known to our Neighbors,

Community and World. Sunday Schedule: Breezeway Café 9:15am, Worship 9:45am, Sunday School for all ages 11:15am
Childcare is provided for all our Sunday Services. We will be opening our New Nurseries and Children's Building Soon!
Uplifting music, Biblical teaching, ministries for Children, Youth, College & Career, Small Groups for all adults, Ministries to Men, Women, Seniors, Celebrate Recovery (Please see website for details and meeting times www.eastvalley-church.com)
Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Patrick Boyd,
We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalleychurch.com
We are associated with Converge Worldwide www.convergeworldwide.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN
6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector
Phone:408-268-0243
Web:www.eca-sj.org
At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship:
Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:30AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH
Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com
2750 Yerba Buena Rd. San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: 408-274-7422. Saturday worship is at 5 pm. Sunday worship services at 9 am and 11 am.. Excellent contemporary Christian music and Bible-based teaching. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School programs at 9 am and 11 am. Junior High students meet at 9am and High School students meet at 11am. Nuevo Comienzo: Servicio en espanol, Domingo 4pm.

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Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) firstchurchdowntown.com
Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshiping, and learning together.

Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH
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THE POINT CHURCH
www.ThePoint.Church
3695 Rose Terrace Circle. San Jose CA 95148
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SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH
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(CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
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St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)
Sunday 8:15 AM
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!
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Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.
San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club
Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbamarchesney@sbcglobal.net for further

information, or check out the website at http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org.
Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.
Silver Oak Educational Partnership
The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting schedule will be posted in August.
SIR Branch 114 at the Villages
Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 114

meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Villages' Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting agenda includes a noon luncheon for all SIR Branch 114 members and a 12:30 p.m. speaker open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Lou Figone, SIR 114 BIG SIR at (408) 966-4175.
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 Association
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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