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District 8 Community Round Table to present land use planning program: October 3

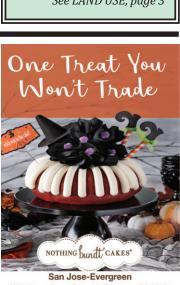
By Robert Reese Special to the Times

t its Thursday, October 3 meeting the District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) will be having a land use planning program at the Village Square Library from 7-9 p.m.

The meeting will include updates from speakers on Evergreen development issues, a presentation by residents living near Ruby and Norwood involved in a current planning issue and San Jose recycling updates.

A request by the D8CRT for a State Audit of issues involved in the San Jose Evergreen Community College District's lease of its land at Evergreen Valley College and in Milpitas will also be considered.

Evergreen has more vacant land than most other areas of San Jose and the land use planning updates See LAND USE, page 3



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Councilmember **Sylvia Arenas** running for re-election.

Sylvia Arenas declares for 2020 Council re-election

an Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas has formally announced that she has filed to seek re-election for the 8th Council District Seat that she has held since 2017.

"I'm honored by the groundswell of support that my campaign has received from Evergreen families and San Jose community leaders," Councilwoman Arenas said. "As your city councilwoman, I've worked to improve public safety, expand access to services for Evergreen families, and support the economic development that our community needs – all while standing firm to unchecked sprawl."

She continued, "I'm proud to fight on your behalf at City Hall, and I would be honored to continue my public service by earning your vote on March 3rd."

"Sylvia Arenas is a passionate advocate for her Evergreen and Eastside Community. On the Council, Sylvia has worked closely with my office to advocate for better roads, cleaning up blight, and improved services for families," Senator Jim Beall said. "Sylvia is the exact kind of creative and determined leader that we need serving our community and she has my support in her campaign for reelection."

"I was proud to support Sylvia when she ran for council in 2016, but she's truly gone above and beyond in her service to our community," Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese said. "And the results show Sylvia has a clear See ARENAS, page 3

Starbucks closing at Canyon Creek Shopping Center

Starbucks is pulling the plug at its Canyon Creek Shopping Center location in Evergreen after 19 years. The store will close effective Friday, Oct. 4, 2019.

A letter has been posted in the window of the store stating:

"Dear Starbucks customers:

On October 4, 2019 at 8 PM your Starbucks on Silver Creek and Beaumont Canyon location at 6551 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138 will be permanently closing. We would like to thank you for being part of our store community; you are the heart of who we are at Starbucks. It has been a great pleasure to connect with you every day. We are very thankful to have played a role in your daily routine and that you have shared these moments of your life with us.

We hope that you will continue to visit us, and allow us to serve you at one of our neighboring stores."

The letter is signed Cher Hubert, District Manager; and Bradley O'Hara, Store Manager.

Employees working at Starbucks at Canyon Creek said the store was not bringing in the revenue needed as compared to the other Evergreen locations

on San Felipe Rd., Aborn Rd., and Silver Creek and Highway 101. The newest Starbucks store, located at Silver Creek and Highway 101 has a popular drive thru.

Comments from the community, on social media, range from disbelief to blaming the shopping center owners for charging high rent.

Here are a few comments from the community:

"Oh no!"

"What!!! That's our favorite store!"

"Does not make sense to me. Many people walk down to the Starbucks where during all times of the day with their pets or just for exercise. It's always busy."

"The owners of that shopping center have always charged high rent. That doesn't help. Too bad. It's been there forever, and I've never seen a Starbucks close."

"Nicest store around. Efficient baristas. Love sitting outside overlooking the wooded walking trail."

A campaign has started to bring Pete's Coffee to the soon to be vacant location.

Editor's note: Starbucks corporate office was contacted for a statement regarding the store closing. Starbucks did not return our calls.



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record of success for Evergreen. That includes rebuilding neighborhood associations, opening community centers, and recently helping win the fight to finally expand light rail to Eastridge. Please join me in supporting Sylvia's campaign, so she can keep representing Evergreen on the City Council."

"On the city council, Sylvia Arenas has been a key partner for Evergreen Schools and she's successfully expanded access to vital after-school programs," Evergreen School Board President Bonnie Mace said. "I urge Evergreen voters to re-elect Sylvia Arenas so she can keep fighting for kids and families."

"In 2018, billionaire developers tried to make a run around the Evergreen community and the San Jose City Council. The so-called "senior housing" project would have been a blank check and would have caused massive traffic in Evergreen," Robert Reese, Chair of the District 8 Community Round Table Land Use Committee. "Sylvia Arenas brought together a broad coalition



Evergreen School Board President Bonnie Mace said. "I urge Evergreen voters to re-elect **Sylvia Arenas** (above) so she can keep fighting for kids and families." *Photo: sylviaarenas.com*

of Evergreen families, concerned residents from across San Jose, the environmental community, business and labor, who all united to defeat Measure B. I urge District 8 residents to send Sylvia back to City Hall, where she has been our strongest advocate."

Land use

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will help residents gain a better understanding about land use planning and how to participate and provide input into the land use decisions which the San Jose City Council and Planning Commission will make which will affect our community.

Rosalynn Hughey, San Jose Director of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement and San Jose District 8 Councilmember Sylvia Arenas will be providing updates on San Jose and Evergreen land use planning and development issues.

Some of the current issues include:

- San Jose Accessory Dwelling Unit Programs
- Evergreen Valley College 27 acres: Planned Development Permit status
- San Jose General Plan Four-Year Review process; the Task Force meetings start in November
- Evergreen East Hills Development Policy Study in the General Plan Review
 - Reid Hillview Study
- Future of the 320 acres on Yerba Buena Road, a 200 acre portion was the subject of the Measure B EVERGREEN INITIATIVE which San Jose residents overwhelmingly defeated in June 2018

Residents living near Ruby and Norwood will make a presentation on the land

use planning and traffic management issues they are concerned about with a proposed Conditional Use permit for a Khmer Krom Cambodian Buddhist Temple for the Watt Kampuchea Krom community on a 1.89 acre site zoned for single family residential uses at the corner of Ruby and Norwood Avenue. The proposal includes an underground parking structure with access from Ruby Avenue and the number of visitors to the Temple will vary depending on the event. The Application for the Temple is expected to be filed with the City very soon.

Linden Skjeie from the San Jose Environmental Services Department will speak about how to recycle properly, new tips and information, and how San Jose is responding to global shifts in recycling markets, particularly China's National Sword policy, which restricts imports of certain recyclables. San Jose's new, user-friendly recycling website, www.SanJoseRecycles.org, which helps residents figure out what goes where will also be covered.

Everyone is invited and welcomed! There will be time for questions, answers and comments.

The D8CRT Thursday Oct 3 Meeting is from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Village Square Library Community Room, 4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, CA 95135. The Community room is on the right rear side of the library.

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Santa Clara County can do more to help solve root causes of homelessness

Implementing Laura's Law would help reduce mental health problems and drug/alcohol abuse

By Johnny KhamisSpecial to the Times

he city of San Jose recently released the 2019 Homeless Census & Survey Report. The report focuses on unhoused individuals priced out of the expensive Bay Area market.

While I wholeheartedly agree that we must assist the unhoused who struggle to find affordable housing, we must look at other root causes — mental health issues and drug/alcohol abuse — if we hope to solve the problem of homelessness. The report said that 36 percent of the homeless in Santa Clara County reported substance abuse issues, while 42 percent reported psychiatric conditions. Current efforts in the county to address these causes of homelessness are tragically inadequate.

Unfortunately, the city cannot treat the mentally ill without support from the county, since the county is responsible for social services and receives the tax dollars to deliver them. We can — and must — enact more protections for the homeless suffering from mental illness. Individuals mentally ill to the point of being unable to carry out normal life functions, cannot continue to live in filthy conditions, abuse substances, and create existential harm to themselves and the community. California has a tool available to counties to ensure the mentally ill unhoused who have See HOMELESSNESS, page 21

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Community invited to participate in the annual Omar's Dream Run

Run or walk to raise funds supporting charity for medically supervised children

he 2019 annual Omar's Dream Run will be held on Sunday, October 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Hellyer Park.

Omar's Dream Run is an annual 5k/10k run/walk organized by Omar's Dream Foundation to raise funds to enable hospitalized and medically supervised children so that they can joyfully attend school and stay connected with their teachers and classmates by computer (Skype).

The annual run honors the life of Omar Hassan who when diagnosed with leukemia at age two spent most of his childhood in and out of the hospital. Omar was a resident of Evergreen Valley.

Faced with a bone marrow transplant in the winter of his fourth grade year and months of isolation required by surgery, Omar had a plan; he wanted to attend his fourth grade class, remotely. So, when he had recovered from the surgery, Omar joined his class via video conference from the hospital!

Omar's teacher and classmates



saw him online every day. He participated in math, science, history lessons, writing workshops, readaloud sessions, and book discussions. He even partook in music lessons. Omar's parents and doctors said he was the happiest patient in the bone marrow transplant unit at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital. He was a pioneer!

While other kids in hospitals might have felt lonely and isolated, Omar kept up with his schoolwork and continued to attend and work in his student study groups from a distance. He was in touch with his friends and teachers and remained an important

part of their lives too. Omar lost his battle with leukemia on April 7, 2012. His dream of extending this opportunity of connectivity to other children in the hospital came true. He handed off this joyful way of learning to others in the hospital through this foundation named after him. Each year hundreds of children are helped with the donations to this important charity. You can donate as much as you wish for all goes to the cause. If you go to the event and wish to run/walk your registration includes a running shirt, race number and other goodies. Snacks are also there to energize you and your family. Come cheer and play a part in one of the most wonderful charities in the world!

Omar's Dream Program

Hospitalization is stressful. Children who are hospitalized long-term experience a startling separation from their home, family and friends. These children long for regular contact with their friends and familiar educators. Omar's Dream Program plays a critical role in helping a young person maintain a social presence at school when they are absent due to a health condition. It enables them to stay connected with the outside world.

Stanford nurse practitioner Simon states, "Survival rates for childhood cancer have improved greatly over the past 30 years and we hope that continues. Omar's Dream foundation is playing an important role in fighting this terrible disease." The important thing to be aware of is the Omar Dream Foundation builds care and love and joy and inspiration in all who participate. That is Omar's dream...and you and your family are invited!

To register for Omar's Dream Run 2019, visit: omarsdream.org and click on dream run.

Councilwoman proposes ban on vaping

an Jose Councilwoman Magdalena Carrasco wants to prohibit sales of flavored tobacco products and e-cigs not approved by FDA.

While we have combatted the rise in cigarette use, vaping companies have been successful in recapturing their audience through the use of flavored products that are marketed towards children," Carrasco said in a statement.

Recent studies revealed that nearly one in three teens in Santa Clara County have tried vaping. Also, more than one in four tobacco re-



tailers lie within two blocks of a school. So, Carrasco wants to ban the sale of tobacco products within 1,000 feet of K-12 campuses and places where kids gather and within 500 feet of other businesses that sell tobacco and related products.

After the U.S. surgeon general declared smoking harmful in 1964, smokers who could not quit began purchasing low-yield ciga-

rettes, marketed as safer and having less tar than regular cigarettes. However, use of lowyield cigarettes has shown that it does not lower smokers' death rates.

Mary Ann Dewan, the superintendent of the Santa Clara County Office of Education, has called the recent surge in vaping a "health crisis."

The CDC said there were more than 200 possible cases of vaping-related respiratory illnesses reported in 25 states, with six deaths.

San Francisco already has a vaping ordinance in place and last year, San Mateo County restricted the sale of flavored tobacco products. The Richmond City Council has also moved to limit the sales of vaping products.

President Donald Trump recently tweeted that he wanted to stop the sale of flavored vaping products. "While I like the Vaping alternative to Cigarettes, we need to make sure this alternative is safe for all! Let's get counterfeits off the market, and keep young children from Vaping!"

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Silver Oak Alumni Troop returns to improve the garden

By Rachel Holmes

Special to the Times

he garden at Silver Oak run by the first graders is quite nice. But it was a challenge for the teachers who had to haul out the hose and manually water each planting box.

Girl Scout Troop 61655, mostly Silver Oak alumni, wanted to give back and help out the school for their Senior Journey Project. The troop, which consists of 10 sophomores from Silver Creek, Evergreen Valley,



Silver Oak's garden is now set up to water regularly. The girls installed a timer and a drip system. Not only did they get their hands dirty, they learned a lot about irrigation.



Back row from left to right: **Brianna Holmes, Shivani Patel, Suha Baqar, Warren Nakamura, Hannah Gibson, Pooja Chintala,** and **Rachel Holmes.** Front row from left to right: **Jenny Ku, Sarehl Gilbert, Nicol Taylor,** and **Emily Luders.** *Photo by Andrea Gibson of Imagine Photography*

Valley Christian, and Summit high schools, researched and came up with a way to lay an intricate pipe system through the garden and use drip irrigation to water the plants. A member of the troop, Suha Baqar said, "It was really cool being able to help the students at Silver Oak with their garden, espe-

cially at a school we used to go to."

The troop enlisted the help of Warren Nakamura from Northwest Landscape and Maintenance of San Jose who graciously donated time and supplies to help with the project. The task proved to be challenging, requiring the girls to dig canals through the

garden and run tubing through each planter box. Despite the difficulty and the heat, they didn't give up. Succeeding would mean the teachers wouldn't have to come in over break to water the plants.

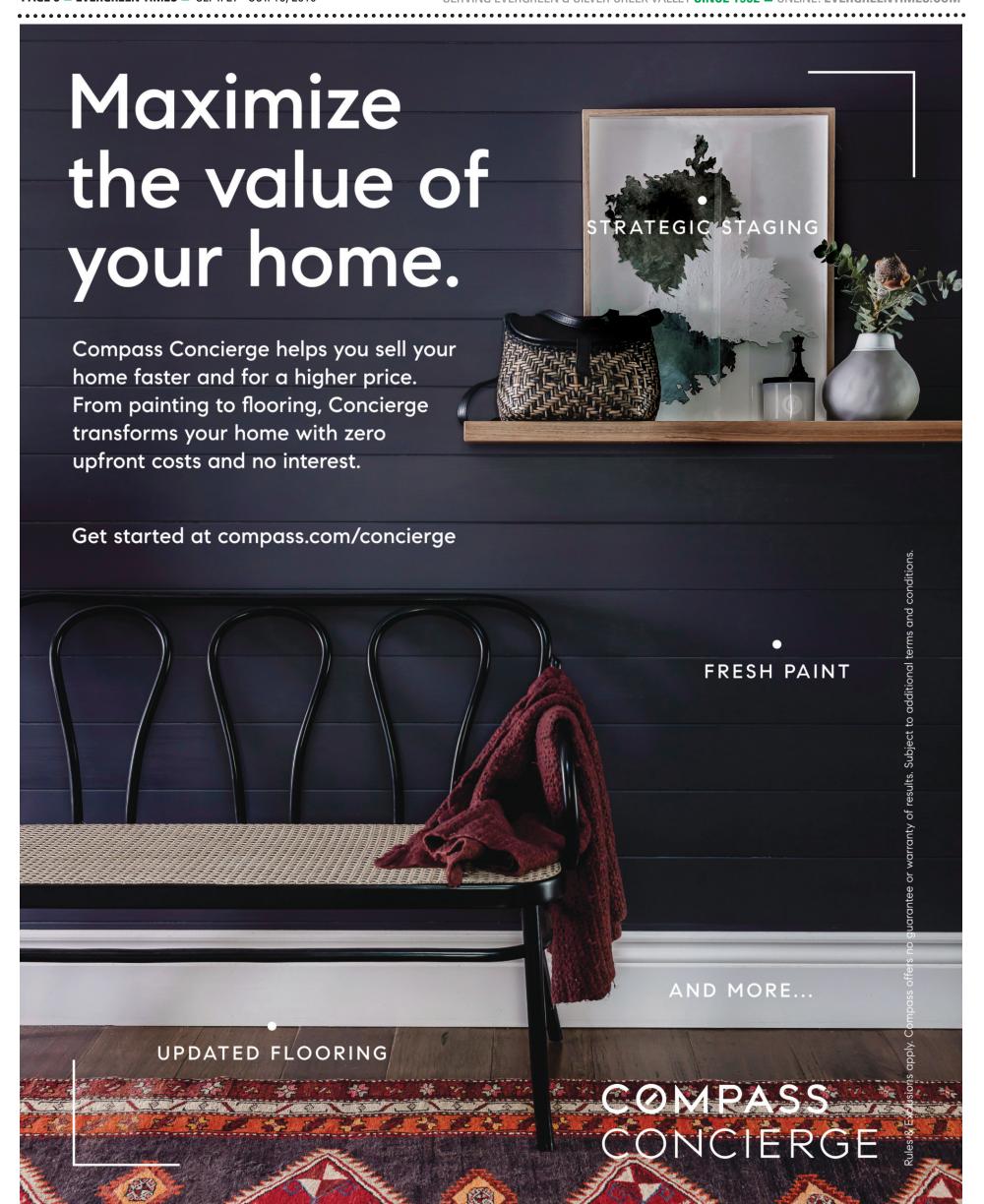
"Thanks to Girl Scout Troop 61655, Silver Oak's garden is now set up to water regularly. The girls installed a timer and a drip system. Not only did they get their hands dirty, they learned a lot about irrigation. Silver Oak students and teachers are grateful," says Veronica Gardener, a teacher at Silver Oak Elementary School.

After installing the irrigation system, complete with a solar timer for full automation, the troop discovered that the water line to the garden was not available. The Evergreen School District determined that the line was cut and abandoned during the installation of the school's G building. The troop now reports that the water line to the school garden has been fixed.

"I've been doing Girl Scouts for 11 years and I believe out of all our projects the results of our irrigation are the biggest success. I'm happy my troop was able to give back to the school that brought us together," Emily Luders reflects.

The troop is now working on individual Gold Awards, the highest honor possible for a Girl Scout. To learn more about Girl Scouts of Northern California, visit www. girlscoutsnorcal.org.





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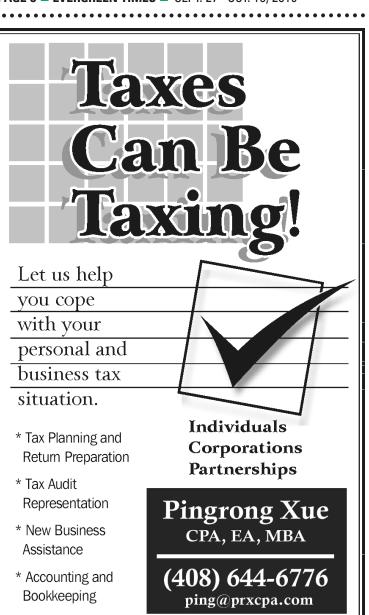
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Biplab Dutta Roy is an inspiration to all

By Auleena Das

Special to the Times

orn in 1953 in Chennai, India, Biplab Dutta Roy is an inspiration for his dedication and his endless pursuit to achieve his dream!

Roy was born in a very rural and underdeveloped part of India; they call it the "slums." Roy was poor, and on top of that, he had eleven siblings! Not many families in India have more than three kids, and two is the average.

There are many things people take for granted in their lives here in the U.S., things such as the bare necessities that we have, food, water, clothes, and shelter. We have come to the point where we want \$300 shoes! Well, Dutta Roy didn't have any of that, he only had the bare necessities he needed, he was lucky to have \$5 shoes.

The one thing he envied the most in America, was that you could get a free education. If you can't afford school supplies, the school will help out. In India, the norm is a private school. All the kids go to a private school there because most of the public schools have lower standards.

They usually get old books donated from the kids in private schools, a small class with old furniture and unenthusiastic teachers. You have to pay for a good education in India.

So Dutta Roy walked to that public school every day in India, with his beat-up bag. Dutta Roy, being one of the older ones, had to take care of his siblings. He had to cook and clean and look after the house. Then, at night, he sat under a lamp post on the street and studied. The light bulb in each room was extremely dull, not enough to study, not to mention there were five people in his room trying to sleep. He studied till late into the night, then caught only a few hours of sleep, then he was back up again.

People saw him at night and people would see him on the street and whisper "Poor dude." Whenever he would be out with his ripped clothes, people would look at him with pity. People like him barely made it in life. His entire life he would hear people say that he wouldn't amount to anything. But he didn't give up. His grit, his ability to hold onto even a little string, is what people admired about him.

At a young age, he had to get a job to support his family, so he became a coffee boy at an office. Office workers would often refer to him as "coffee boy." But it wasn't bad for him, because they were just words, and the more people repeated them, the less meaning they held for him.

Taking care of his siblings, taking care of the house, having to study under a lamp in the cold, waking up at 6 a.m., poor schooling, and parents who couldn't teach him at all since they had very little formal education, and now a new job. But through everything, without fail, he would study. Even if it was 1 a.m., he would go to the lamp post in the middle of winter in his torn up jacket and get all his studying in. Done with house chores, he would study. Break time at work, studying; skipping a meal to study; staying up all night to study. Any moment he got he was studying because there was one thing he wanted and that is to make sure he is educated, and give his offspring a good life. He wanted an See ROY, next page

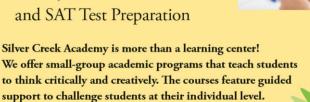




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Born in 1953 in Chennai, India, Biplab Dutta Rov is an inspiration for his dedication and his endless pursuit to achieve his dream!

Rov

Continued from previous page education and he would go through hell and back to get it. And he did!

No one thought a slum kid would make it, but he received an outstanding score on his end of the school test (equivalent to SAT) and attended the best college in his state and one of the best in the country. When people in the rural area heard that he was going there, they were shocked. It was a victory for the whole community. Word got around and people in the office heard what he had accomplished. They gave him congrats and said that he exceeded not only theirs, but everyone's expectations. People at his school found out and his teachers and whilst they all knew he was a great student, they didn't know how great! The entire community rejoiced that the underdog, no actually, the "Slumdog," made it!

He did well in college and became an accountant. He got promoted fast and got his own office! There was a coffee boy at the office, and Dutta Roy made sure he was treated well. He always donated to charity, food, money, books, anything. An amazing man! His daughter never went anywhere close to the life he had. Thanks to him, his daughter has received a privileged lifestyle he didn't get growing up.

Editor's note: Auleena Das is a sophomore at Evergreen Valley High School. She wrote this article based on a visit from her grandfather who told her the story for the first time.







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Gifts for Teens volunteers (left to right) top row: Sharon Bouska, Kris Rosendin, Jan Giroux, Leslie Saviage, Barbara Purdy, Kathy Heihn, Catherine Edwards, Rise Berry, and Beverly Bassett. Sitting (left to right): Peg Carlson-Bowen, and Elaine Benoit.

Gifts for Teens mobilize for December gift bag assembly

By Jan Giroux

Special to the Times

ifts for Teens, a local non-profit, is now in its 22nd year giving back to South Bay homeless and low-income teens.

Active committee members, many whom are residents of Almaden Valley, work yearlong to collect donations, work with community tech organizations and high schools for donation drives and purchase useful and fun gifts to fill holiday gift bags.

Gifts for Teens goal this year is to fill 1,200 bags which are distributed to five community agencies for their clients. For many of the teens, this will be the only present received over the holiday. More

importantly, these gift bags motivate teens to connect with services within the agencies who offer counseling, health care, job training and educational programs.

This year the gift bag assembly dates are December 4-16, which include Saturday shifts. Shifts are from 9 a.m. -12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Individuals and families are welcome. Interested volunteers can contact Kathy@gifts4teens.org. For groups contact Cheryl@gifts4teens.org.

Urgently needed is a work site for the gift bag assembly. Working space needs are 6,000 square feet, parking and available from December 1-16. Contact Elaine@gifts4teens.org for potential work sites.

To learn more about Gifts for Teens visit: www.gifts4teens.org.

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Most vehicles should have their tires rotated at least every six months, and that is a good time to have the brakes inspected, as well. Our technicians can check the thickness of the pads and the condition of other components in the brake system; this is something we do during routine oil changes.

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

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization: Meets 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.esuhsd.org

San Jose East / Evergreen Kiwanis Club: The Kiwanis meet regularly 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:15pm at The Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA 95138. For 2nd Saturday community projects and 4th Thursday evening socials, consult www.rotarysjee.org

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

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

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

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

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

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

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

Evergreen Valley High School
Site Council: Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's website, 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 Rotary Club
We are a local service club dedic

We are a local service club dedicated to improving our neighborhood and the world. Local business leaders and active community members may visit us every Monday at 12:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse at the Villages Golf & Country Club in Evergreen.

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

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Assn:

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

meet on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October from 5:30p.m.-7p.m. in the Community Room of the Evergreen Branch Library located at 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. For more information call 408-808-3060.

LeyVa Community Action Team Assn: This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please

contact the association at (408) 795-

5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley: This local Lions group meets at the Red Lobster restaurant on Capitol at Aborn on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Dinner and fellowship start at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Since we often meet at other places, attendees should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

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

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

The Norwood Neighborhood Association serves the neighborhoods from Norwood Avenue to Tully Road between White and Ruby. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at East Valley Church located at 2827 Flint Avenue. Please visit Next Door Norwood for more information.

Reid - Hillview Airport Assn: 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 Drying Shed Restaurant, 402 Toyon Ave., San Jose. (408) 270-0557.

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

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Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Assn: 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 4:00 pm in the Parent Center.

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

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

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

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Or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street, San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre.

Easy, inexpensive parking is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets

Photo courtesy of Symphony Silicon Valley

BOOK REVIEW

111 Places in Silicon Valley That You Must Not Miss

Silicon Valley has become synonymous with the Digital Age, unbridled ambition, and unfathomable wealth – and also with innovation and technologies that have changed the way the world works.

At the same time, the area itself, with its rich history, vibrant creative community, and lush natural environment, is rarely the subject of discussion – until now. A new guidebook, 111 Places in Silicon Valley That You Must Not Miss (Emons Publishing/ Distributed by ACC), leads locals and frequent visitors on a treasure hunt to find the places where gardens flourish, artists find inspiration, and curiosities abound.

"I really want people to go out and find the 'real' Silicon Valley and discover some of the most unique and little-known places all over the area," says author Floriana Petersen, who also wrote the best-selling 111Places in San Francisco That You Must Not Miss.

Petersen reveals the best kept secrets and hidden stories in over 30 cities and towns from Atherton to Woodside, including San Jose, Mountain View, Cupertino, Stanford, and Palo Alto. The book is organized geographically, with detailed maps to help readers plan their treks to the farthest reaches of the valley.

Steve Werney provided vivid color photographs of each place. Among the more unusual places are the PEZ Museum in Burlingame, dedicated to candy and pop culture, and the Big Foot Discovery Museum in Felton, filled with artifacts related to the giant hominid.

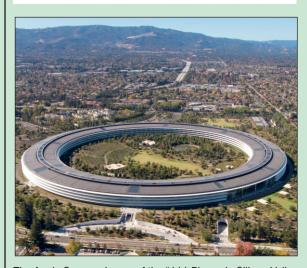
One of the most poignant places in the book is the Cantor Arts Center on the Stanford University campus. The chapter focuses on the sketches of 12-year-old Leland Stanford, Jr., who would die of typhoid just four years later in 1884. His parents founded Stanford University in his honor, never imagining the ways in which their loss would foster the thinking, research, and innovation that has driven global technological development for well over a century.

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Times Opinion

OpEd

Missing lady makes me sad

Homeless issue is bigger than we think

saw her gracefully step over a low chain link fence onto the sidewalk while walking towards McDonalds. Her dark hair tumbled over her strong sturdy shoulders.

I figured out that she lived in the forest and asked if she would like a cup of coffee.

Is she house-less, I wondered to myself?

As we walked behind the storefronts along the back alleyway she paused and filled up her two empty plastic soda bottles with water from the spigot on the wall.

As we arrived to get the coffee she stopped short.

After waiting outside, she beamed with joy as I handed her pancakes, extra maple syrup, double sausage patties and hot coffee to go.

Days rolled forward and she expressed that I could say hi at her tent so I did while giving her a sandwich and an energy drink from time to time. She was always totally sober and in my view was sane as sane and level headed as anyone could ever be.

Once, with a mature woman in the car we invited her to eat up at the Gurdwara. She said she had been there often and would love to go. While driving her in the back-seat my companion friend bluntly asked, "did you kill anyone," to which she softly replied, "no."

Free donated blankets in thick clear plastic zippered storage cases were given to her. I could tell by reading her face in the rear view mirror that some private memories of her past which lay deep inside made her sad if she was asked questions too secret and painful to reflect upon.

Without prying I found out that she had a drug problem, a warrant out for her arrest, was afraid to speak with police and missed her court appointment. With her permission, I called the San Jose Homeless Help City paid partners, gave them specific information on her tent location and explained she was ready for help.

The many year old sporting goods tent

was run down and the opening did not close anymore. I noticed a small knife hanging from the entrance on a string. I commented, "that might not do too much – here's an iron bar to help you along in case of trouble."

In the days ahead she said that the men did not listen when she yelled "Go Away!" I sensed in her that she did not have the ability to get real mad at people. She was just too kind. I knew she needed to get out and fast.

A week later she said that no one came to help her. That day I did more calling and emailing and explained to the City Services and police that things had gotten worse and she said that men were bothering and harassing her. She was upset for she said they stood outside her tent during the night and just looked at her while she was sleeping. After waiting on the phone for police to pick up I was asked if I wanted the entire area swept.

The next day she told me that people drove up in their car and spoke of religion and that she needed to get in their car. She said long ago she did get in that car and while getting into an argument they left her abandoned on Monterey Highway. I reported this to the proper agencies.

The next week she was gone. All kinds of things were scattered on the ground where she lived.

A month earlier I learned from her that she was to go to a court program to detox from drugs but it was far away and she stayed in Evergreen to be near her child. She felt if she didn't leave the area she could see her youngster by secret appointment from time to time. It was all very sad. Months passed by. I avoided walking by the encampment to not be reminded of her.

One day at dusk I spoke to a hard tanned individual who sleeps under the sun and stars and uses a bicycle as a chariot. I intrepidly asked, "Did you hear anything of her?" The response left me with more questions. It was a riddle. A whispering heavy cigarette smoking voice faintly said, "Haven't seen her but heard her scream one night, might be in a program."

As I walked away I reflected on how many believe it is best to just ignore people

in need. It can cause pain if one crosses boundaries to care. For some reason my thoughts cast back to the path Saint Mother Teresa took as she showed love without prejudice. She saw a lot and found the supernatural strength to love and smile in times of great challenges.

Homeless women need better services offered in rapid ways. Some say about every four years 5,000 more homeless people choose San Jose. As one group gets help a larger group arrives.

Perhaps some agency with a warm comfy bed, four walls, a ceiling, TV, square meals and coffee came to the Evergreen lady and led her to a new life. Maybe now she has a pillow.

Now as I walk past where her tent was I think of the hunger she must have faced when she told me without shame, "I mostly live off dumpster food and I'm tired of stealing from the discount store."

Kevin Larsen

Evergreen resident

MOVIE REVIEW

'Brittany Runs' a Marathon

By Joshua Kim

Special to the Times

n the first Sunday of every November, 50,000 runners from all fifty states and more than 139 countries will gather in New York City to run in the largest marathon in the world.

Lined across the streets of New York City are even more spectators, who for one day of the year will take a break from rudely ignoring each other to cheering on the runners as they trek the 26.219 mile course.

As its title suggests, *Brittany Runs a Marathon* is ostensibly about our protagonist Brittany who trains to run the NYC Marathon, but this only acts as a frame, as there is actually very little running in the film. Instead the film devotes much of its run to exploring themes such as the struggles of mediocrity, selfworth, and failure.

Brittany Runs a Marathon is a well-crafted film that transcends its seemingly simple plot and will make you laugh, cry, and cheer.

The film begins by introducing Brittany (Jillian Bell), who is a 27 year old usher living in New York City. Brittany is barely able to make a living and emotionally struggles as she sees everyone around her succeed while she is stuck in a dead end job instead of pursuing her dream of working in advertising. Amidst these struggles, Brittany learns from her



Brittany (Jillian Bell)

doctor that she is dangerously unhealthy and is advised to exercise and lose weight. This is when Brittany decides to turn her life around and decides to train for the New York City Marathon.

The film portrays Brittany's journey from being unhealthy and struggling to run one mile to becoming a better version of herself in a manner that is many times hilarious, but also sometimes emotionally devastating. The film also takes some twists and turns from the conventionally expected story that were pleasant and refreshing, which I very much appreciated.

Overall, I highly recommend *Brittany Runs a Marathon*. While the film is ostensibly about training for a marathon, I think that the film will connect and empower all audiences who struggle with feelings of mediocrity and failure.

Brittany Runs a Marathon is currently in limited release but will expand to more theatres soon.

Score: 8/10

Brittany Runs a Marathon is rated R for language throughout, sexuality and some drug material.

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Goodnight Moonshine to appear Friday, Oct. 4 at Foothill Community Concert

Poothill Community Concert Series will present Goodnight Moonshine featuring Molly Ventner on Friday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m. at Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road in San Jose.

When you first hear Goodnight Moonshine it brings a wave of nostalgia, conjuring teenage heartache- then perhaps a similar sensation to falling deeply in love.

As the music fades you're left grappling with what it is to stay in love with something both beautiful and flawed. Courageous unveiling and depth of experience make the collaboration between married couple Molly Venter and Eben Pariser addictively captivating.

Molly Venter's voice bends from a sweet moan to a gritty shout and back into a playful run in the space of a few bars and "it all goes down like silk," writes American Songwriter Magazine - "few singers turn first time listeners into eternal fanatics as effortlessly as Molly Venter." The emotional potency of her voice is surrounded and supported by a lush landscape of harmonies and minimalist orchestrations conceived by Eben, on vocals and electric guitar. Co-writing often, the couple uses the creative process to explore a healthy authentic relationship. Both wholesome and irreverent, they sing

of grief and joy in equal measure; Molly gives smooth delivery to Eben's assertions while Eben gives form and focus to Molly's raw passion. Their music encourages listeners to embrace opposing desires, to challenge as well as support each other through inspiration and dissolution, and hopefully to share this journey with their larger communities.

Venter's voice has caught the ear of industry giants, and been prominently featured on FOX television, Apple Computers and in Warner Brothers films. Molly and Eben's Co-write "Willow Tree" was a #1 hit on the folk charts in 2014 and was featured in USA Today. Consummate performers, Molly and Eben have also appeared nationally and internationally, 100+ shows a year, with their respective bands Red Molly and Roosevelt Dime.

Tickets are available at the door, or online at www.fcpcsanjose.org/fccs. Online tickets are available up to 48 hours prior to concert start. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the door. Online tickets are non-refundable, but may be applied to future concerts if you notify Foothill Commuity Concert Series prior to concert. Admission: \$20.00 advance / \$22.50 door; Children 12 and under are admitted free.

Taxpayers save more than \$11 million through SJECCD bond refinancing

ocal taxpayers will save more than \$11 million through the sale of nearly \$70 million in 2019 general obligation refunding bonds in a carefully planned fiscal action taken by San Jose – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD).

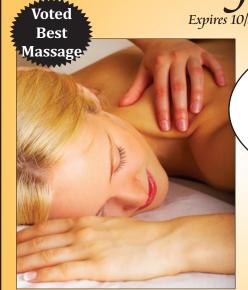
"We are committed to responsible fiscal stewardship of the tax dollars we are entrusted with," said Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland, SJECCD chancellor. "We continually monitor the local and global economy in order to identify opportunities and, due to the historically low interest rate environment, this proactive approach has result-

ed in substantial savings."

According to Jorge Escobar, SJECCD interim vice chancellor of administrative services, "as part of the refinancing process, we secured very strong credit ratings of 'Aa1' from Moody's and 'AA+' from Standard & Poor's." Both ratings are one level from the highest possible credit ratings of AAA. In letters to the District regarding the credit rating, the rating agencies noted the District's robust local economy, stable financial profile, and good management.

"Our strong credit rating and overall fiscal health starts with leadership from the board of trustees and permeates throughout all levels of the District," Chancellor Breland said. "I'm very pleased to be able to pass along these savings to the taxpayers that have supported and allowed our District to serve thousands of students every year."

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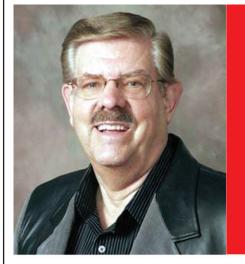
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Times Your Community



Cyrus the Great resigns

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

yrus the Great has a great legacy in the community of Evergreen. He was a survivor!

Cyrus is not a stranger to the pages of the Evergreen Times. Readers of this newspaper may remember the time that Cyrus was locked in a resident's garage for six days without food or water. He was found on the seventh day as one of the residents walked their dog.

Cyrus was reported missing by his owner, John, on the second day he did not show up to be let into their home. The resident, Lisa, heard meows coming from her neighbor's garage and as she had been told that Cyrus was missing, she put two and two together and came up with, Cyrus! A joint effort was made to force the neighbor's garage up enough to slide water and food to Cyrus keeping him alive until the neighbors returned from a vacation trip. Cyrus escaped an untimely death at that time! It was thought that Cyrus would have internal damage from the ordeal, but he lived several fruitful years afterwards.

Cyrus always carried some scars on his back from having and encounter with a coyote a few years back. He had come home, bedraggled and bleeding from fighting the coyote off and had to be taken to the vet to be sewn up. After a few days, Cyrus was as good as new and began circling his court looking for vermin of any kind. After all, he was the greatest mouser any of the residents of his court had ever seen!

All open garage doors were an open invitation for Cyrus to go browsing everything in the garage, sniffing out any alien intruder then leaving the garage as soon as he found out there were no vermin there. It was not uncommon for residents to lock Cyrus in their garage if they did

not know he had run inside as soon as he heard the garage door open. To their surprise they were greeted by an angry looking cat upon their return.

Cyrus would even go into houses on his court if a resident left their door open for any length of time. One of the past stories written about Cyrus was that he entered one resident's home and ambled up the stairs, ensconcing himself in the upstairs closet, which was slightly open, and falling asleep on the warm carpet. The husband of the house was shocked by noises of a door rattling behind him as he sat in the upstairs room where Cyrus lay. He thought that someone had entered the house to wait and rob them! Upon opening the closet door, out rushed Cyrus, who was not in a hurry to leave the house and had to be shooed out by the owners. It seems that the wife of the house had brought up clothes from the laundry room to the closet where the sleeping Cyrus lay. Not knowing he was there she closed the closet door. Thus, enhancing the legend of Cyrus the Great!

Cyrus was fed and watered by several residents of Yerba Hills Court. As a result he grew fat and lazy in his last days. His favorite spot to sleep in the sun was smack in the middle of the busy driveway between the units. Residents, knowing his reputation, would need to drive around him or over him. Cyrus did not fear the automobiles that skirted him gingerly. He just lay there licking his paws contentedly! It was believed by most residents that Cyrus had grown tired and was enjoying a well-earned rest.

On Friday, September 13, 2019 Cyrus resigned his commission as Village Cat! He entered the realm where all good cats go when they have exhausted their nine lives! He will be missed greatly by all the residents of Yerba Hills Court!

Bon Voyage, Cyrus the Great!

Times Your Community

EVC in Berlin

Evergreen Valley College Music Faculty Maryam Farshadfar is pictured in Berlin at the European Conference of Iranian Studies (ECIS), one of Europe's largest conferences in Iranian Studies - which takes place every four years. Maryam presented the History of Piano in Iran and was invited to be the chairperson for the music session. This is the ninth edition of the conference and is hosted by Freie Universität Berlin, Germany, 9–13 September.



Amazon Web Services collaborates with community colleges to launch cloud technology curriculum

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tium will launch a

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In collaboration with Amazon Web Services (AWS), a group of Bay Area community colleges, along with their K12 and California State University partners, came together to officially launch a regional consortium that will prepare students for jobs in one of the fastest-growing, and highest-paying, areas in the technology field: cloud computing.

Through its AWS Educate program, AWS has joined forces with: City College of San Francisco, Canada College, De Anza College, Evergreen Valley College, Foothill College, Las Positas College, College of San Mateo, Mission College, and SIATech High Schools.

The regional consortium will launch a Cloud Computing Certificate via out-of-the-box resources that will allow colleges to efficiently

develop and launch cloud technology coursework.

By responding jointly to this quickly-evolving regional workforce need for cloud technicians, the consortium of K12 school districts, community colleges and universities will have the resources and agility to scale these programs as quickly as possible while providing the highest-quality education to students.

"It is our job to stay one step ahead of industry trends so that our students will be prepared to enter this ever-changing and dynamic workforce," said Maniphone Dickerson, Ph.D., M.B.A.,

Division Dean for Business and Workforce Development "One of the most effective ways we can do this is through partnerships with businesses and corporations who are hiring our student population. This partnership with Amazon Web Services and the collaboration with other community college colleagues is going to help prepare Silicon Valley's future workforce. We are proud to be a part of this founding consortium."

In addition to the tools that facilitate curriculum development, the consortium will also provide students with access to some of the Bay Area's largest employers. By expanding the program's framework to include high school students and four-year colleges over the next two years, the goal is to develop a diverse pipeline of students for tech jobs.

"Through our Community College to Career Initiative, the Silicon Valley Leadership Group partners with community colleges and industry to strengthen and diversify our regional STEM talent pipeline," said David Palter, Workforce Development Director for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. "California Cloud Workforce: Bay Area aligns with this goal, and more broadly offers a thoughtful ap-

proach - prioritizing coalition building and leveraging shared resources - to address our region's workforce challenges."

"With this expansion of AWS Educate's Cloud Degree program in California, we look forward to providing Bay Area students with an on-ramp into the cloud economy," said Ken Eisner, Director, Worldwide Education Programs, Amazon Web Services, Inc. "We're particularly excited about the reach of this consortium into underserved communities across Silicon Valley and into the cities, to help students prepare for opportunities at some of the most innovative and entrepreneurial companies in the world. We commend Bay Area consortium members for building on the foundational work of the California Cloud Workforce Project in Los Angeles and for extending opportunities to students across the state of California.'

More information about the AWS Educate and Bay Area community college collaboration can be found at bit.ly/cacloudbayarea

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Times Local News

Annual Bridge the Gap Gala a benefit for **Hunger at Home** Saturday, Oct. 12

unger at Home, a Bay Area non-profit organization that ▲ is working to end food insecurity and homelessness in Silicon Valley, is Hosting its 6th annual Bridge the Gap Gala with Martha's Kitchen on Saturday, October 12 at the San Jose McEnery Convention Center in downtown San Iose.

The event brings together more than 1,000 of the South Bay's who's who and is not an ordinary, "sit-down dinner" Gala. This event features a dozen renowned chefs, including, "Sushi Randy" from popular Bay Area restaurant, Sushi Confidential, who create an eclectic array of savory and sweet delicacies that guests enjoy at tasting stations throughout the Ballroom. The culinary creations are paired with wine, and craft spirits are served throughout the evening. Unique experiences and one-of-a kind finds are up for grabs during the silent and live auction.

This year's band, All Star Jukebox, is sure to get guests on the dancefloor as they dance the night away to popular dance tunes. The "Bridge the Gap Gala," is Hunger at Home's annual fundraiser. The organization operates solely on the contributions made by donors as it does not charge partners a fee for service.

Hunger at Home is an innovative nonprofit that bridges the gap between surplus and need by creating partnerships with hotels, sports venues, and convention centers to collect excess food which is then donated to local nonprofit organizations serving those experiencing homelessness and food insecurity. This service allows the charities to focus on carrying out their respective missions. The service also has a significant positive impact on the environment as it keeps fresh, high quality food and other surplus items out of landfills.

Since 2015, Hunger at Home has saved 1800 tons of food from Bay Area landfills and donated it to over twenty-two partnering nonprofits. This translates to 3 million meals served to those in need and more than 7.8 million kg of CO2 emissions not emitted into the atmosphere.

Hunger at Home also coordinates the donation of china, linens, gym equipment, televisions and countless other items. These items are given to people moving from homelessness into housing who need furniture and home goods.

"As Mayor of San Jose, it is my honor to thank organizations such as Hunger at Home for the critical services they provide our community day in and day out. I am proud of their efforts to help our communities in need by providing meals to the homeless and the hungry," said Mayor Sam Liccar-

About Hunger at Home

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Tickets are on sale now for this year's Gala. For more information about Hunger at Home and to purchase tickets or the Gala please visit: hunaerathome.ora.





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Cortese calls on local governments to respond to climate crisis at U.N.

Supervisor speaks at first Climate Restoration Forum in New York

ddressing the first annual Climate Restoration Forum at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City, Supervisor Dave Cortese on Tuesday, September 17, called on local governments across the country to follow the lead of Santa Clara County and declare a climate emergency now and take action to respond to the environmental crisis.

Referring to President John F. Kennedy's question of 55 years ago, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," Supervisor Cortese said we face a new question now for another generation: "Ask now what your planet can do for you, ask what you can do for your planet, and humanity itself."

The global implementation required to respond to this humanitarian crisis, he said, "will occur one individual at a time; one town at a time; one city at a time, one county or province at a time, until we have knit together a global movement that is unstoppable."

Supervisor Cortese was the only elected official invited to speak at the forum, which was hosted by the Foundation for Global Climate Restoration as an event leading into the 74th Session of the U.N. General Assembly. The event was supported by the United Nations Office for Partnerships in partnership with Earth Day Network and Future Coalition.

Specifically, he called on local leaders to take the action that Santa Clara County has, by pledging to use every resource, every tool available to address this crisis. Santa Clara County is the only government in the U.S. to declare a climate emergency with a restoration component.

Cortese asked other governments to:

- Declare a climate emergency now. (The Board of Supervisors declared a climate emergency on August 27.)
- Pledge to make your own government 100% renewable.
- Shift your procurement to green fleet vehicles.
- Start a Youth Climate Club in your community, empowering your children to change the world.
- Create green energy utilities and enroll your local households and business customers leading them away from fossil fuels. (The County created Silicon Valley Clean Energy).
- Adopt policies that will reduce vehicle miles traveled and vehicles idling on roadways.
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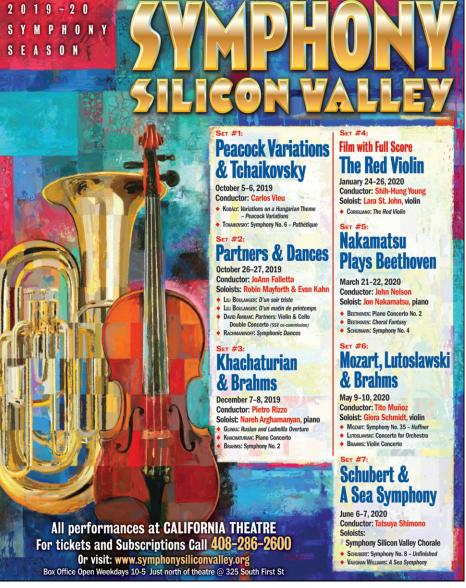
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Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale presents 'Carols in the California' Saturday, Dec 14

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale presents "Carols in the California" on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 7 p.m. at the California Theatre.

A family holiday tradition

The Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale under the baton of Elena Sharkova presents the 14th Annual "Carols in the California", an exciting and festive program of holiday cheer. Come for a traditional sing-along of your favorite carols with choir and brass ensemble and prepare to be dazzled by performances of classical works by members of Symphony Silicon Valley and the SSV Chorale all in the warm glow of the beautifully restored California Theatre.

The program includes such popular and traditional songs as: Bright Morning Stars are Rising, Cantate Domino, Go Tell It on the Mountain, Christ Was Born on Christmas Day, O Little Town of Bethlehem, Sing Hallelu! and much more.

And while downtown, enjoy Christmas in the Park, The Holiday Ice Rink Under the Palms, and Winter Wonderland rides and games just two blocks from the theater. San Jose comes alive with the Holiday Season, with activities and memories for the entire family! All-day parking is available for just \$5 at the city-owned garage on Second and San Carlos Streets.

PRICES: \$36 (\$26 for attendees under 26 years old.) BOX OFFICE: 408.286.2600 or www.symphonysiliconvalley.org Or visit the Box Office between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday at 325 South First Street in downtown San Jose, between San Carlos and San Salvador Streets just one-half block from the California Theatre. Easy, inexpensive parking just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.

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Silver Creek Valley:16th highest household income in California

nitedStatesZipCodes.org has released the California Zip Codes with the highest household income based on the latest Census Bureau data for cities with a population of 60,000 or more.

Silver Creek Valley is listed as the 16th highest household income (\$159,311) for the State of California.

Higher incomes bring more money for school districts, local government services, and more consumer spending for local businesses.

To view the report, visit: unitedstateszipcodes.org/ra nkings/zips-in-ca/median household income

16 zip codes with the highest household income:

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\$220,970 #**3: 94022 (Los Altos, CA)** Previously #4 at \$194,014 \$208,984

#4: 94507 (Alamo, CA) Previously #8 at \$172,414 \$202,336

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Homelessness

Continued from page 4 encounters with the legal system get the help they need – Laura's Law.

Laura's Law was passed in 2002 to help mentally ill individuals occupying the streets by introducing court-mandated Assisted Outpatient Treatment (AOT). For this legislation to take effect, it must be implemented by a county through a vote of the Board of Supervisors. To date, 20 counties in California have done this, including San Mateo, Alameda, and San Francisco. These counties are achieving a high degree of success saving lives and money. A new evaluation of the AOT program in San Francisco shows 91 percent of patients saw reduced hospitalization, 88 percent had reduced time incarcerated, and 74 percent reduced their use of psychiatric emergency services. Further, the 129 participants were costing a combined \$485,000 monthly in city services before entering the program, but with AOT, costs dropped by 83 percent — saving more than \$400,000 per month.

San Francisco also received approval from the state Legislature to use conservatorship as a tool to help the severely drug/alcohol addicted (SB 1045), since this is outside the scope of Laura's Law. Conservatorships allow for court appointment of a public guardian to temporarily make decisions for people who, through addiction, have become unable to make basic life decisions for themselves. They are now seeking legislative approval for stronger, more flexible conservatorships to help more people get off the streets.

Existing conservatorship law in Santa Clara County was established in 1972. It initiated the first statutes for treatment of severely mentally ill people that qualify as "gravely disabled". In 2018, California passed SB 1045, which provides for the formation of a 5-year pilot program consisting of bolstered conservatorship policies in San Francisco and Los Angeles. SB 1045 increases the grounds upon which judges can refer individuals to a conservatorship and includes those who are blatantly troubled, but may not qualify as "gravely disabled". Individuals that fail to qualify as "gravely disabled" often get stuck in a chronic cycle of 72-hour psychiatric holds and become victims of a dysfunctional system. Mandating these individuals into treatment is far better than seeing their mental health deteriorate to life-threatening levels.

It's past time that we focus on the primary causes of homelessness. This health epidemic has become too grave to ignore, and our community suffers the collateral damage. For all these reasons and more, I urge our county to follow San Francisco's lead in implementing AOT – Laura's Law – and seek to join the SB 1045 conservatorship pilot.

Johnny Khamis represents District 10 on the San Jose City Council.

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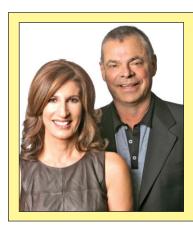
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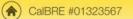


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8468 Traminer Court	\$1,055,000	2	2 0	2,058	2,676 SqFt
2856 Rathmann Drive	\$1,050,000	4	2 1	1,950	7,015 SqFt
2659 Ramsdell Place	\$1,022,888	4	2 1	1,671	3,923 SqFt
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2962 Remington Way	\$975,000	3	2 0	1,463	6,000 SqFt
5310 Knights Estate	\$950,000	3	2 0	1,622	6,000 SqFt

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Street Address	Price	Bds	Bths	SqFt	Lot Size	
1846 Saddle Park Place	\$2,560,000	5	5 1	4,639	15,463 SqFt	
2237 Bentley Ridge Drive	\$2,410,000	5	3 0	2,999	18,555 SqFt	
5737 Algonquin Way	\$2,180,000	5	4 1	3,991	9,091 SqFt	
5838 Cannes Place	\$2,020,000	4	4 0	3,536	7,642 SqFt	
1618 Heritage Bay Place	\$1,520,000	5	4 1	3,188	4,264 SqFt	
1156 Thornbury Lane	\$1,415,000	4	3 1	2,612	7,405 SqFt	
4333 Red Maple Court	\$1,318,000	4	3 1	2,687	3,803 SqFt	
5407 Silver Trail Court	\$1,100,000	3	2 0	2,332	3,293 SqFt	
7012 Goldenspur Loop	\$1,050,000	3	2 1	2,018	2,944 SqFt	
5313 Silver Point Way	\$1,000,000	2	2 0	1,793	2,755 SqFt	
5810 Southview Drive	\$995,000	4	2 1	1,521	5,671 SqFt	
118 Bradwell Court	\$987,000	4	2 1	1,987	5,989 SqFt	
5709 Silver Leaf Road	\$950,000	4	2 1	1,987	5,978 SqF wh	ļ

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