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#### City Council member Sylvia Arenas announces campaign kick-off: Oct. 17

an Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas (inset) has announced her campaign kick-off event will be held on Thursday, Oct. 17, 6 p.m. at Sophie's Mediterranean Grill in the Evergreen Village Square.

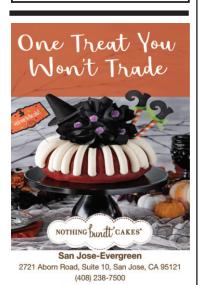
"Since announcing my reelection campaign, it's been incredible to see the



support from our community and south bay leaders, but the support I need the most is yours – that's why I hope you'll join me on October 17th for our campaign's community kick-off," said Arenas.

"I'm thrilled that Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Supervisor Dave Cortese, and Councilwoman Magdalena Carrasco have agreed to host this event," said Arenas. "Since announcing my reelection campaign, it's been incredible to see the support from our community and south bay leaders."

Editor's note: Sophie's Grill is located at: 4035 Evergreen Village Square Unit # 20, San Jose, CA 95135





Fall Family Festival is even bigger and better this year, featuring the popular free BBQ and pumpkin give-away at the pumpkin patch while supplies last.

### **DAY IN THE PARK - FREE PUMKINS, BBQ**

# Fall Family Festival at Lake Cunningham: Oct. 12

By William Bellou

Publisher

un and excitement await festival yal goers at The Fall Family Festival which will be held at Lake Cunningham Park on Saturday, Oct. 12.

The Fall Family Festival will feature fun for all ages from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

"Fall Family Festival is even bigger and better this year, featuring live entertainment, a zipline and rock wall, interactive children's ac-

tivities, enticing ethnic food trucks, and the ever-popular free BBQ and pumpkin give-away at the pumpkin patch while supplies last," said San Jose City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, representing District 8.

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

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# After a hard battle, East San Jose wins a seat on the planning commission

**By Nadia Lopez**Article courtesy of

San José Spotlight
drawn-out, months long
battle over racial representation on San Jose's Planning Commission came to an end
Tuesday, Oct. 1 after two new appointees were chosen by the City
Council, following hours of intense debate from both sides of the political aisle.

After a lengthy interview process, Rolando Bonilla and Mariel Caballero were appointed to one of the city's most powerful commissions. Caballero had the most votes, securing 10 from the City Council, while Bonilla secured 6.

The four candidates competing for two seats on the commission were Caballero, a Santa Clara County deputy director at the probation department; Louis Barocio, vice principal at the East Side Union High School District; Bonilla, a business owner; and real estate attorney George Casey.

Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmembers Sylvia Arenas, Mag-



Two new appointees were chosen by the City Council on Oct. 1, ending a drawn-out, months long battle over racial representation on San Jose's Planning Commission.

dalena Carrasco, Dev Davis, Lan Diep, Maya Esparza, Pam Foley, Sergio Jimenez and Raul Peralez voted for Caballero.

Arenas, Carrasco, Esparza, Jimenez, Khamis, and Peralez voted for Bonilla.

Khamis was the sole councilmember who voted for Casey, while Davis, Diep, Foley, Jones and Liccardo voted for Barocio. Candidates needed to receive six votes

to be appointed.

The vote Tuesday came after demands from East San Jose community leaders for representation on the commission, as well as concerns about adding a fourth candidate to the finalist pool at the last minute. Bonilla's appointment now makes him the only representative from East San Jose — a lower-income, community of color on the 7-person commission.

"I'm left with huge concerns the way this process was handled," said Carrasco, who rallied for equal representation last week as the community faces growing rates of displacement due to a spike in new development. "The concerns really arise from what feels like a real lack of transparency."

The East Side councilwoman, along with SOMOS Mayfair, called See COMMISSION, page 5 Join Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas for a FREE EVENT:

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### Big turnout for California Coastal Cleanup Day in Santa Clara County

e're proud of the big turnout by our volunteers for today's Coastal Cleanup Day," said Valley Water Board Chair Linda J. LeZotte.

"The volunteers in the South Bay demonstrated that people can come together to keep Santa Clara County's streams clear of harmful pollutants, which in addition to contaminating water, and harming birds and wildlife, can block our creeks and cause flooding," said LeZotte.

Cleanup at 47 Santa Clara County sites on September 21 was organized by the Creek Connections Actions Group, a consortium of public agencies and non-profit organizations, chaired by Valley Water.

Valley Water said that this year's event was a huge success. In Santa Clara County, a record-breaking 2,131 volunteers participated in the cleanup at 47 different sites. They collected more than 51,000 pounds of trash and cleaned 53 miles of creeks. Overall, 60,000 volunteers responded to the call to action, gathering 469,100 pounds of trash from California's waterways. The cleanup event attracted scores of high school students.

The group, formed in 1995, includes Valley Water, Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation, and the City of San Jose. Since the group's inception, thousands of volunteers have participated in hundreds of clean-ups, removing thousands of pounds of trash each year from creeks, rivers, and lakes in Santa Clara County.

"I'm thrilled with the many volunteers who took the time to help beautify our city this morning and am grateful for our partnership with Valley Water and their efforts to help keep our waterways clean!", said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo.

The Mayor, along with members of the Valley Water Directors, joined hundreds of volunteers to participate in the cleanup at several Santa Clara County sites.

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# Valley Currents

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# **Live animals and reptiles come to Matsumoto Elementary School**

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

IldMind Science Learning, presented the students at Tom Masumoto Elementary School in the Evergreen School District, with a very informative live animal school assembly recently.

This assembly was due to one student's vision, Jash Parekh, a junior at Evergreen Valley High School.

Readers of the Evergreen Times may remember Jash as having started the Green Heroes Environmental Club at Laurelwood Elementary School. As leader of the club he conducted a weekly workshop for elementary school students. Jash organized fun activities that taught the adverse effects of climate change and discussed various opportunities for students to take care of and improve the current environmental situation. As a result of these various activities, Jash spread awareness about the harmful effects of climate change on endangered species.

Under the auspices of Dr. Hong Nguyen, second year principal at Tom Matsumoto, Jash invited the WildMind Science Learning Team to conduct an assembly at Tom Matsumoto Elementary School.

Josh raises \$1000 for assembly

In order to pay for the Wild-Mind assembly, he organized a fundraiser where community members participated in an engaging Paint Nite event, hosted by



WildMind Science Learning representatives show an alligator to the students at Tom Masumoto Elementary School.



Principal Dr. Hong Nguyen (left) and Jash Parekh (right)

Vaidehi Creative Arts. The fundraiser was a huge success, and it ended up bringing in more than \$1000.

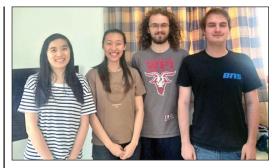
The WildMind Science Learning Team brought animals such as American alligators, boa constrictors, lizards, tarantulas, and tortoises to teach the young students of Tom Matsumoto how to take care of and coexist with endangered wildlife species. This was a fun learning experience for students from Transitional Kindergarten through 6th grade. The assembly was informative and engaging for the Tom Matsumoto students.

Jash is an extra-ordinary student and community member.

# **Evergreen resident Tiffany Ta returns following research project**

Tiffany Ta of Evergreen Valley, a member of the class of 2021 majoring in mechanical engineering at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI), was a member of a student team that recently completed an intense, hands-on research through the WPI project center in London. The project was titled Evaluating Kensington Palace.

"The WPI project-based curriculum's focus on global studies brings students out of the classroom and their comfort zones and into the global community to apply their knowledge and to solve problems," said Professor Kent Rissmiller, interim dean of the WPI Interdisciplinary and Global Studies Division. "Students are immersed in all aspects of a different culture, from the way people live and work to the values they hold to the foods they eat - all valuable perspectives for surviving and thriving in today's global marketplace. They also learn the meaning and magic of teamwork; make a real and meaningful difference in their host community; and gain a competitive edge for any resume, or graduate or professional school application."



William Cooley, Yingbing Lu, Philip Lund, and Tiffany Ta joined to complete the research project. *Photo: https://wp.wpi.edu* 

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### **Commission**

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for more equity, transparency and racial representation on the commission after a fourth finalist – Attorney George Casey – was added to the pool after three other finalists were already chosen.

The move raised eyebrows in the Latino community, who criticized city leaders for including Casey when City Clerk Toni Taber had previously said no new contenders would be added. Taber said she was directed to include a fourth applicant during a council committee meeting at the suggestion of Khamis.

Taber confirmed that up to five candidates can be considered for the two vacancies. There were originally 26 applicants.

At the meeting Tuesday, Carrasco made a motion — which failed — to exclude Casey from the pool of existing applicants, citing concerns that he was not vetted by the entire City Council, unlike the other three candidates.

"I mean no disrespect to the fourth candidate, but it's the process that I'm having an issue with," said Carrasco. "We already have three well qualified candidates that have moved forward to the final process."

Carrasco and Liccardo faced off over the decision to include Casey. She questioned why there was a need for a last-minute applicant, but Liccardo fired back, denying a lack of transparency and saying it's within the work of a city committee to make those decisions.

"There was no nefarious conspiracy," said Liccardo. "This was in a public hearing and the city clerk suggested rather than go through an entirely new process — we already have a pool of candidates. Let's simply add to the pool so that we can choose among them."

Khamis said he initially wanted to avoid the conflict of adding the fourth finalist by reopening the second vacancy to a new set of applicants. But to expedite the process, Khamis expressed support to include Casey, calling it a "compromise" given the time constraint.

"My original intent was to only appoint one person and then open it up all over again to have a whole new vetting process for this new opening," said Khamis. "I was hoping to avoid this exact discussion we're having. I don't want to be accused of doing something unethical. It was a compromise we thought would be well appreciated."

The appointments of the new commissioners tempered fears from East San Jose that the community's voice won't be heard on the influential decision-making panel.

Barocio is also from East San Jose's District 5 and Caballero is from District 3 in downtown. Casey is from affluent District 10, much like former San Jose Councilmember Pierluigi Oliverio, whose appointment initiated the highly-politicized fight in April. East Side leaders denounced Oliverio's appointment as they were hopeful that former commissioner Ada Márquez's newly-vacant seat would be filled by a person of color.

Oliverio became the fourth commissioner on the 7-person panel from affluent District 6. Since then, the resignations of two more commissioners — Namrata Vora and John Leyba — followed soon after. Now, both former commissioners were effectively replaced by Caballero and Bonilla.

Before the vote, each candidate pled their case to the lawmakers, answering questions on solving the region's housing crisis, while also acknowledging the need for more jobs, curbing the effects of displacement and gentrification to protect those communities that are most vulnerable, building affordable housing and preventing the use of discriminatory practices such as redlining to mitigate the effects of inequity and poverty.

"The best ideas come from the people who are impacted," said Caballero, acknowledging how displacement is affecting residents throughout the city.

"The best ways to mitigate come from those folks. I spend a lot of time in meetings listening to what people have to say and trying to figure out and find a way to come to a reasonable resolution where all of the stakeholders can benefit."

Bonilla also expressed support for more development while also tapping into the need for more equitable representation.

"Decisions get made in the background which is why representation matters," Bonilla said. "Conversations are only enriched, decisions are only better when all perspectives are taken into account. You have to understand the vision of that community before you say, 'yes that's great.""

Caballero will be appointed to a term ending in June 2020, while Bonilla's term ends in June 2023.

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### **Festival**

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The Fall Family Festival will also feature interactive games and activities along with food booths/trucks, a beer garden, and entertainment to celebrate the community.

"It's an honor to invite everyone to District 8's Annual Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park," Arenas said. "The Family Festival is made possible with the support of Lake Cunningham Park, city departments, local organizations, local businesses and community volunteers."

The event features an informational resource fair where the community can gain beneficial services and learn about valuable opportunities offered by local non-profit, government and community-based organizations. Stop by the resource fair's tent to get local information, support a PTA, or find amazing promotional give-aways.

Performers will entertain all ages and bring joy with dance, song and insights. The entertainment this year features cultural performers and local favorites including San José State University Vietnamese Student Association, Jayendra Kalakendra, Bytes & Notes, San Los Panaderos, Mondinga and Perez Puppet

Show, Magic by Gerald, Evergreen Community Center Ballet, Grupo Folklorico Los Laureles, Daniel Ordonez and Family, and Son de Kali.

The National Anthem will be performed by the Evergreen Studio of Music & the Arts.

Family fun activities include a climbing wall, zorbs, extreme air jumpers, inflatable slide, sumo wrestling, obstacle course, trackless train, a zipline, a photo booth, classic car display, and more. The San Jose Public Library's Marker[Space]Ship innovative mobile workshop will also be on-site with maker equipment and robotics, including a 3D printer, laser & vinyl cutter, a robot petting zoo, and a full suite of laptops and tablets, the Maker[Space]Ship provides the perfect way to blast off into STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) orbit!

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

Editor's Note: Volunteers are always welcome and one can phone the office of Councilwoman Arenas (408) 535-4908 or email: district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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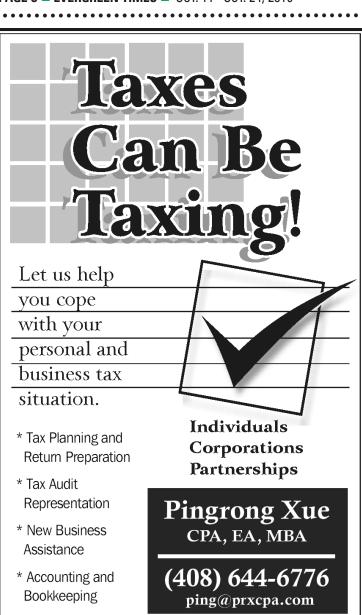


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**Times Feature** 

# Rose Herrera not running for San Jose City Council; drops out of supervisorial race

Rose Herrera says she has dropped out of the supervisorial race and is not running for her old seat on the San Jose City Council.

"This was not a decision I came to lightly, but it is the right one to make for my family at this time," said Herrera. "Thank you so much to those who offered their support to my candidacy

whether financial or personal endorsement. I am grateful and humbled."

The announcement came as a disappointment for her longtime supporters and business leaders. However, Herrera said she won't rule out a run for public office in the future. "I won't completely close the door on elected office in the future, but this is not the right time," Herrera said.

Herrera said she was approached to run for San Jose City Council many months ago before she announced she was running



for supervisor. "They asked me again recently. It was at the time I was already deciding not to run for supervisor. This is the time to put family first. I will not be running for any office at the present time."

Herrera, who got her start working in Santa Clara County government, entered the supervisorial race because she believed she could tackle the homeless problem and other countywide issues with some innovative ideas.

Sylvia Arenas, who succeeded Herrera in 2016 after she termed out, recently announced her reelection and has scheduled a campaign kick-off event on Thursday, Oct. 17 in Evergreen. She recently announced endorsements from California Sen. Jim Beall, Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese and Evergreen School Board President Bonnie Mace. "I have their support because I stand up for Evergreen," Arenas said.

Herrera said she will continue her work on veterans issues and serving as vice president of the United Veterans Council of Santa Clara County and president of the neighborhood group Involved Evergreen.

"I will continue to be an active and vocal advocate for affordable housing, expanded public transportation and public safety. These are the issues I centered my campaign around and will continue to fight for. As always I will continue to be an advocate for Veterans and Veterans' causes and a booster for our Evergreen area."



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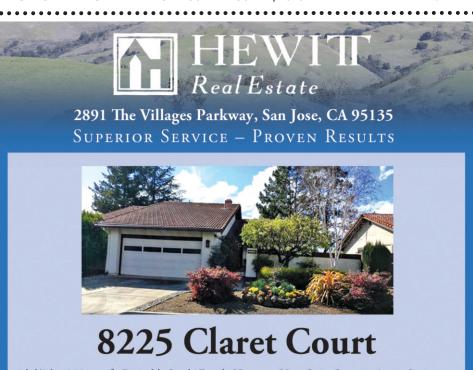
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#### **Times Community**

## **Big turnout for the SJVRC charity race at Almaden Lake Park**

larger than anticipated turnout was appreciated by race officials for the San Jose Viet Running Club SJVRC 3rd Annual OneMile4OneChild Charity Race at Almaden Lake Park Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. -11 a.m.

There were more than 1000 runners around the US from Orange County, Washington, Oregon, New Jersey, Colorado, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, Maryland and from Saigon, Vietnam.

The race welcomed everyone from casu-

al beginning runners to active elite runners with different fitness levels and running backgrounds.

"It's all for a good cause where people tackled their favorite distance 5K or 10K!," said SJVRC founder Luong Le. "We appreciate the support of the community for our annual event which helps support orphanages in Vietnam."

SJVRC's primary goals are to encourage and foster physical health, expand community See RACE, page 13

Top	5 Adult Male 5 k

#### OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

Name	Gender	Age	City	State	Gun Elapsed Time	Chip Elapsed Time	Age Place	Overall Pace
Juanjo Marron	М	35	SAN JOSE	CA	20:02	19:58	1	06:26
Alvin Dang	М	14			20:49	20:45	2	06:41
Minh Tran	М	14	PALO ALTO	CA	22:00	21:58	3	07:05
Allen Chiang	М	27	MOUNTAIN VIEW	CA	22:13	22:09	4	07:08
Brian Gunney	М	54	PLEASANTON	CA	22:35	22:34	5	07:16

#### Top 5 Adult Female 5 k

#### C OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

Name	Gender	Age	City	State	Gun Elapsed Time	Chip Elapsed Time	Age Place	Overall Pace
Lan Aubuchon	F	39	SAN JOSE	CA	26:44	26:41	1	08:36
Jasmine Dam	F	15	SAN JOSE	CA	28:02	27:34	2	08:53
Brenda Nguyen	F	45	SAN JOSE	CA	28:02	27:35	3	08:53
Megan Luu	F	14	SAN JOSE	CA	28:37	28:34	4	09:13
Thuy-Tien Truong	F	65	SAN JOSE	CA	29:21	28:39	5	09:14

#### Top 5 Female age 1-12 5 k

#### OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

Name	Gender	Age	City	State	Gun Elapsed Time	Chip Elapsed Time	Age Place	Overall Pace
Thi Britto	F	12	SAN JOSE	CA	28:16	28:04	1	09:03
Amy Torres	F	11	SAN JOSE	CA	35:08	32:04	2	10:20
Madeline Cho	F	11	SARATOGA	CA	39:59	39:58	3	12:53
Naomi Chang	F	8	SAN JOSE	CA	42:33	42:31	4	13:43
Nanette Chang	F	5	SAN JOSE	CA	42:45	42:43	5	13:46
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#### OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

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Darren Do	M	10	CUPERTINO	CA	29:17	29:16	2	09:26
Nathan Tran	М	12	SAN JOSE	CA	30:46	30:45	3	09:55
Jason Quach	М	12	SAN JOSE	CA	32:44	32:28	4	10:28
Ethan Pham	M	11			36:53	32:42	5	10:33

#### Top 5 Female 10 k

#### OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

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ŀ	Kelly Pulizzi	F	27	SAN JOSE	CA	45:56	45:54	1	07:24
,	Helen Polkes	F	54	SUNNYVALE	CA	49:34	49:30	2	07:59
:	Karen Davila	F	33	SAN JOSE	CA	50:29	50:20	3	08:07
,	Jenny Vu	F	50	SAN JOSE	CA	51:39	50:57	4	08:13
:	Lisa Xuan Herbold	F	44	SANTA CLARA	CA	52:07	52:05	5	08:24

### Top 5 Male 10 k OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

Name	Gender	Age	City	State	Gun Elapsed Time	Chip Elapsed Time	Age Place	Overall
Don Wang	М	37			34:19	34:18	1	05:31
Joseph Aubuchon	М	38	SAN JOSE	CA	39:45	39:44	2	06:24
Hoang-Nam Nguyen	М	53	SAN JOSE	CA	42:54	42:50	3	06:54
Todd Su	М	42	SAN JOSE	CA	01:01:10	44:46	4	07:13
Thai Nguyen	М	45			01:01:27	45:04	5	07:16

## Top 1 Female age 1-12 10 k OneMile4OneChild Charity Run

Name	Gender	Age	City	State	Gun Elapsed Time	Chip Elapsed Time	Age Place	Overall
Tracy Nguyen	F	10			01:08:02	01:07:34	1	10:53

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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 1(408) 717-5552 weekdays or 1(408) 238-4580 week-

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 Teach ers 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 parosei@ shcglobal 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

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**Evergreen Valley Garden Club** 

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

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

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Assn: 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

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.

LevVa 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.

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

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of oddnumbered 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

San Jose/Evergreen Community College **District Board** 

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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 barbaramcchesney @sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org.

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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**Times Feature** 



Pumpkin carving is one of many features of the 49th Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival. *Photo courtesy Miramar Events* 

# 49th Half Moon Bay Art and Pumpkin Festival October 19-20

World pumpkin capital celebrates the great and almighty gourd

alf Moon Bay celebrates its world-famous Art & Pumpkin Festival, October 19-20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Main Street between Mill and Spruce Streets in Half Moon Bay, CA.

The World Pumpkin Capital of Half Moon Bay celebrates its bountiful fall harvest and autumn splendor with a special display of gigantically enormous heavyweight champion pumpkins, smashing entertainment with four stages of live music, Great Pumpkin Parade, harvest-inspired crafts, fabulous home-style foods, premium wines, seasonal craft beer, pumpkin-infused ales, pie eating contest, costume contests and tons

of kid-friendly fun and games.

Expert pumpkin carver Farmer Mike will be sculpting monster pumpkins into amazing one-of-a-kind masterpieces and there will be photo opportunities with the gargantuan grand champion mega-gourd.

This is also the Sunday-only Great Pumpkin Run – 10k, 5k, Half Marathon and Kids' Fun Run, plus sweet sponsor swag giveaways and samples. The sensational bluegrass band West Coast Ramblers will perform.

Festival admission is free. Pets are not allowed. The event is presented by the non-profit Half Moon Bay Beautification Committee which has raised several million dollars for community service organizations and civic improvements in its 49 year history.



Photo ops a plenty await visitors to the Art & Pumpkin Festival. *Photo courtesy Miramar Events* 

#### **Times Community**

#### Race

Continued from page 10 support, networking, and most importantly raising funds to support orphanages through the One Mile 4 One Child Charity fund. The running club provides foods of nutritional value to orphans, rebuilds schools and orphanages, buys school supplies, sponsors medical procedures to save orphans' lives and provides education.

Awards were presented to the top three 5K and 10K male and female runners. All participants received a timing bib, tech T-shirt



and finisher's medal designed by local artists.

Activities at the Lake included delicious post-race treats and live music hosted the DJ Kcteezy and Singer Victoria Thuy Vi McDowell. Milpitas Mayor Rich Tran and San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis participated in the event.

"On behalf of SJVRC, we would like to say thank you to our sponsors, volunteers, members, friends, families, and supporters across the world for being part of SJVRC and partaking in the One-Mile4OneChild 5k & 10k Charity Run," Le said.

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# **Report shows Silver Creek Valley has the** 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 10th 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/rankings/zips-inca/median\_household\_income

16 zip codes with the highest household income:

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#3: 94022 (Los Altos, CA) Previously #4 at \$194,014

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Previously #8 at \$172,414 \$202,336

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Previously \$175,947 \$186,378

#6: 94563 (Orinda, CA)

Previously #7 at \$174,526 \$185,066

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Previously #11 at \$168,225 \$180,962

#8: 95030 (Los Gatos, CA)

Previously #9 at \$171,688 \$180,222

#9: 95070 (Saratoga, CA)

Previously #10 at \$169,986 \$173,739

#10: 95120 (San Jose, CA)

Previously #12 at \$161,817 \$171,908

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Previously #17 at \$152,402 \$160,542

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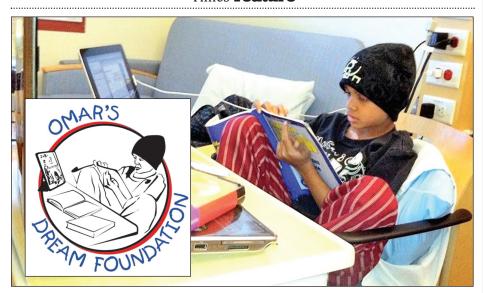
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Previously #18 at \$152,284



#### **Times Feature**



Here is **Omar** earnestly studying, which models for the current Omar Dream Foundation Logo.

# Omar's Dream Run fundraiser connects students in hospital beds with their classmates at school

All welcome to participate (run, watch or walk)

he annual Omar's Dream Run 5K/10K fundraiser for children will be held at Hellyer Park, Sunday, October 20 at 10 a.m. All ages welcome!

If you choose to walk or run the race, all funds in registering go to the charity and you get a special cap, shirt, race number and

Everyone revels in the success young children and adults have gained in fighting cancer and in supporting the unique program that allows hospitalized children to connect with their teachers and friends in school by way of the internet. This charity helps them attend class on computers. Smiles on the screen are sent both directions from their classroom school buddies to the hospital

#### The purpose

It can all happen very unexpectedly. When a child or young adult gets sick sometimes they need to stay for extended times in special hospitals that are far away from the school they attend. Omar's Dream Foundation enables medically supervised children to attend school with a computer remotely while they recuperate. This fantastic use of technology combined with love allows children to stay connected with their teachers and classmates. Services are free of charge for all qualified students and their educators.

#### Giving flight to dreams

We all have qualities of leadership and some can effortlessly educate by example in ways that emanate inspiration to transform our world. Such people elevate and nurture thoughts to build hope and give flight and deeper meaning to our dreams. This harnessed power doesn't diminish over time. Omar reminds us all of this and today hundreds of Omars' take the baton and inspirationally lead us to create positive change in fighting cancer and related challenges that tag along with it. The gallant struggle many face is reflected in the meaning of the words, "Dream Run."

## Why do people wear Omar Dream Run shirts and caps

When you look around at the event you'll see shirts and caps. It's a way all join up together to empower and become one big family. There's no strata of prominence or social status. Everyone's equal! You might

see the Mayor of San Jose or the leader of a Silicon Valley tech giant running or sitting next to you. They may not stand out because they and everyone else including those who do battle with cancer all dawn the same shirt and share the same soft spoken conversations composed of lots of listening.

## Special Leaders of the Omar Dream Foundation

Ohh, one can get goosebumps watching the videos on the Omar Dream Foundation website of the kids talking about fighting cancer. Here are brief comments from some testimonials.

- Angela: "When I was first diagnosed I thought I wasn't going to complete school. I thought I was going to be held back and held away from my classes," said Angela. The Omar Dream Foundation kindly connected her to computers and acted as a bridge between the school and the hospital to make it possible for Angela to attend school via the hospital setting.
- Nate: "I was having a hard time staying connected with my classes," states Nate. With the I-Pad I was able to stay connected with my teachers, stay connected with my classmates and make sure I didn't miss anything. When I made it back to school it was like I never left."
- Daniel: "It's nice to hear lectures, I have really good professors at Stanford and I like the way they (Omar Dream Foundation) set up the iPad, "states Daniel. As a student attending Stanford he needed to come in for regularly scheduled chemo therapy. The Omar Dream Foundation assisted in helping him connect to be at his lectures via the internet and flow along to complete his college classes.
- Ashley: "I was so happy about Omar's Dream because it allows me to finish high school. It brings a lot of help to kids in different situations and by the sound of Omar he was a sweet person and this is going to help me because I can write my paper and get everything in."

Editor's Note: To registrar for the Omar's Dream Run go to the Omar Dream Run Foundation website: www.omarsdream.org Also, one can just show up for the event at 10 a.m. and register on site to get the hat, race number, and other goodies and walk or run the race course or one can just watch the beautiful event and cheer on the participants.

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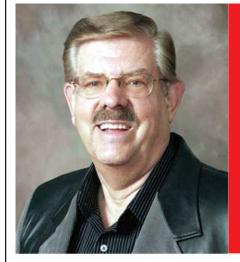
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Times **Feature** 



# **Pets and dementia**

ementia in pets is basically a disease similar to Alzheimer's in humans which affects basic functions like memory, learning or grasp of daily things.

Older dogs sometimes have behavior changes like disorientation, confusion, or irritability. De-

mentia in pets is called "canine cognitive dysfunction" and affects most of the senior pets. Aging pets have these symptoms which have slow onset and lead to senility and dementia.

#### Signs of dementia

Your pet may seem confused and disoriented. Sometimes senile pets forget the place where they sleep

or eat while others may walk up to the wrong door. Staring at nothing or into space is another very common sign of dementia. This all in turn affects a pet's sleep pattern. Senior pets may be restless at night and might vocalize more than usual. There is change in personality, temperament, enthusiasm and less affection for their owner. Symptoms start slowly and gradually get worse over time. This can also be made worse by other medical issues like deafness, blindness, kidney problems etc.

#### What causes dementia?

No known causes of dementia have been identified but it might be associated with decreased production of a neurotransmitter (dopamine), a chemical which helps in proper functioning of nerves and brain.

#### Treatment for dementia

Any senior pet having any symptoms of dementia should be seen by your regular vet for an exam. Your family vet will thoroughly examine your pet after discussing your pet's health history. Your vet might recommend doing diagnostics such as blood, urine test, x-rays, etc. to check for any underlying health issues. After doing all the tests, it can be determined if a pet has health issues or dementia or both. Most of the senile pets can live happy, healthy lives with proper care and atten-

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tion. Keep in mind there is no cure for dementia; it's a progressively degenerative disease. There are things you can do to make your pet happier, and more comfortable. Make a daily routine for activities like feeding and exercise Your senior pet should be exercised daily which

helps to manage anxiety and hence sleep better. Music therapy and good aroma works well for some pets. Don't leave your senile pet home alone for long periods of time. Avoid changing or moving your pet's belongings or rearranging your house hold items like furniture. Keep the living environment the same. Senior pets can be given some dietary supplements such as fish oil, vitamin e, melatonin or herbal supplements like CBD oil which improves cognitive dysfunction. Some holistic vets practice traditional Chinese veterinary medicine and acupuncture which can help in dementia.

#### Can dementia be prevented?

Sadly, there is no way to prevent dementia in pets but try to keep your pet active, healthy and mentally sharp. Try to teach your pet tricks and brain challenging games. Feed your pet high quality food with a good exercise routine.

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

#### **Times Opinion**



#### **OP ED**

# **Evergreen Presbyterian Church addresses pool safety**

Sometimes the gravity of an issue isn't felt until you see the statistics; at least, that's how it felt for us at Evergreen Presbyterian Church when we started talking with the East Valley Family YMCA about pool safety and the leading causes of death among children.

Evergreen Presbyterian Church has been a part of the East San Jose community for over thirty years. We're a Christian church whose members have raised our families together, and we are now in the empty-nest stage of life or enjoying retirement and grandchildren. We may be small (15+ active members), but we love spending time with each other. For the past few years, we've been meeting in the Inspiration Room at the East Valley Family YMCA on Sunday mornings for worship services. We've developed relationships with the Y staff and love being in the heart of the community as we use space in the building. Occasionally, we'll find a way to help support the Y through donations; typically, it's a tangible item that's  $% \left( \frac{1}{2}\right) =\left( \frac{1}{2}\right) \left( \frac$ needed for one of the community classes.

Recently, we were made aware that the Y needed swimsuits for their children participating in the SAW Program; Safety Around Water. The Program is designed to build confidence and self-esteem, while teaching swim strokes and safety skills. If you know how to stay safe in and around water, swimming can be a lifelong source of fun and exercise.

So at first, donating swimsuits seemed like just a nice gesture to enable more children to fully participate in the SAW Program. However, as the Y talked with us further, we realized the benefits of the partnership went much deeper than that. In children four years and younger, drownings are the number one cause of death. Every day, about 10 people die of drowning

in the U.S. Drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 to 4 years of age and is the second leading cause of death for children from 5 to 14 years old. Drowning can occur anywhere. The familiarity of a backyard or neighborhood pool can often provide a false sense of security. It's an upsetting statistic to think about, and something that in many cases is preventable with water safety training. The Y has taken the issue to heart and is providing these water safety classes to try and bring that statistic down in our East Valley neighborhood. Evergreen Presbyterian Church was able to donate 166 swimsuits to help support this endeavor. Being able to partner with the Y in this opportunity was fun and meaningful for us, as well as deeply appreciated by the Y.

If you're not yet a member of the Y, I would encourage you to take a look at the classes and the facility they have to offer. They have great programs for children, families, and individuals to incorporate exercise and activity into their lives. Also, if you're looking for a place to worship that will encourage your faith, we hope you come visit Evergreen Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings at 9:45 am in the Inspiration Room.

We're a church with a heart for mission work and outreach. We'd love to have you join us!

If you would like to Save lives and continue to teach youth how to be safe around water, you can donate directly through the Y link: us.commitchange.com/ca/santa-clara/ymca-of-silicon-valley/campaigns/east-valley-family-ymca---annual-campaign--summer-swim-amanda-morrill\_000

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Times Community



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# The invisible epidemic in the Bay Area

By Raeena Lari

Special to the Times

ay was Lyme Awareness Month. Yet, for my family - like hundreds of thousands of families across the country - every waking minute is a constant painful reminder.

Bay Area Lyme Foundation, a national non-profit organization that focuses on funding medical research to "make Lyme disease easy to diagnose and simple to cure," provides some astounding information: Lyme disease has been detected in 42 of 58 California counties, tick season is yearround in California, the greatest incidence of Lyme disease is among school age children, and a single tick bite can transmit many other diseases besides Lyme. commonly referred to as coinfec-

In recent years, media coverage of Lyme disease has expanded because of the growing number of people affected, but, sadly, funding for research lags significantly behind this growth. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there are over 400,000 new Lyme disease cases every year in the U.S., 232,570 new breast cancer cases, and 50,000 new HIV cases in the U.S. annually. Yet in 2018, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) awarded \$30 million to Lyme research, while awarding \$721 million to breast cancer research and \$3 billion to HIV research.

Everything about this disease is complicated, making patients feel like they live in an alternate, unreal, and surrealistic universe. It can take many different doctor visits over many years to obtain a diagnosis, mainly because not everyone gets the tell-tale "bull'seye" rash, or even recalls being bitten by a tick.

In a survey of more than 12,000 patients, lymedisease.org, a national advocacy group, reported that over 51 percent of respondents waited more than three years for a diagnosis, and 72 percent were misdiagnosed before receiving the Lyme diag-

Lyme can be caused by the bite of infected ticks, tiny arachnids that can be the size of a poppy seed and are almost impossible to detect. Some people get immediate acute symptoms, while others have a gradual slow deterioration in health. In addition, the myriad symptoms may often mimic many different diseases, earning Lyme the moniker "the Great Imitator."

Anecdotal evidence suggests that doctors and others involved in helping patients recover are primarily those that have been personally impacted. U.S. Rep. Chris Smith of New Jersey introduced legislation in January (H.R. 220 - "National Tick-Borne Disease and Accountability Act") to create a new national strategy on Lyme disease and is an outspoken supporter. His own family has apparently been affected.

Lyme is a disease that is unfathomable to people who are untouched by it. Mothers have been accused of Munchausen by Proxy syndrome because they are the ones who tend to advocate the most vociferously for their children. Families have been torn apart at a time when they most need to be united, because of a lack of awareness and understanding caused in most part by an abysmal failure of the medical system.

So how do we correct this egregious medical failure and reverse a disease that has all the manifestations of becoming a pandemic? Please begin by visiting the website bayarealyme.org for education, and by calling and/or writing your U.S. House Representative to support HR 220, which includes the creation of a national

See LYME, next page

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# Financial aid tip from KHEAA

A s high school seniors and their parents begin the college financial aid process, they may find themselves faced with unfamiliar terms.

Here's a short glossary from Kentucky Higher Education Assistance Authority (KHEAA).

**Conversion scholarship/loan.** This type of scholarship requires students to provide certain services. If they don't provide the service, the scholarship becomes a loan.

**Cost of attendance.** The total cost of one year of college: tuition, fees, room, meals, supplies, transportation and personal items.

**Expected family contribution (EFC).** This is the amount the student and family are expected to pay for the student's education. It is based on a formula set by Congress.

**FAFSA.** The Free Application for Federal Student Aid must be submitted by students applying for federal and state aid. The best way to do so is at www.fafsa.gov.

**Financial need.** The difference between the cost of attendance and the EFC.

**Institutional aid.** The scholarships, grants and other financial aid programs provided by the college.

**Verification.** The process of making sure the information submitted on the FAFSA is correct. The federal government requires colleges to have certain students' FAFSA information verified.

KHEAA is a public, non-profit agency established in 1966 to improve students' access to college. It provides information about financial aid and financial literacy at no cost to students and parents. For more information, visit www. kheaa.com.

#### Lyme

Continued

tick-borne disease strategy, related to prevention, diagnosis and treatment of tick-borne diseases.

So far, Zoe Lofgren is the only representative from California cosponsoring the Bill. It is important to remember that no one is immune.

Raeena Lari is a former economist and has been a resident of San Jose for nearly 25 years. She has an MBA from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business and a BA from Bryn Mawr College.



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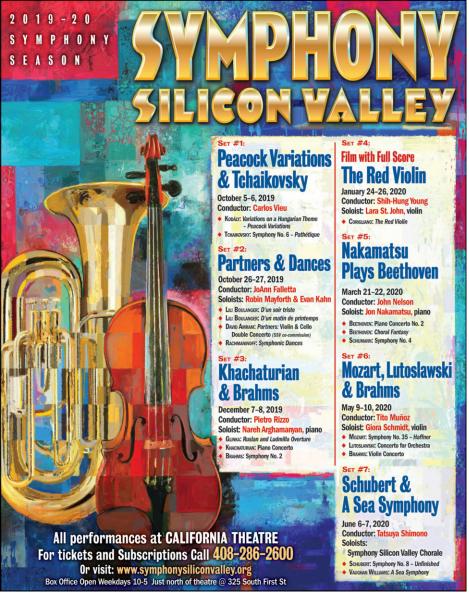


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#### **Times Community**

### **BACKPACS** offers alternative to privatization of education

#### By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

s more and more public education is being taken over by private concerns, a new group in the bay area is pushing back.

This group is called: BACKPACS. They are comprised of members from the local school districts. They are bringing together advocates from across the Bay Area to promote the values of our public schools and defend them from the privatization industry. This collective was created because the founders were concerned about all public school children being used for corporate profits.

The founding members of this group are: Lori LoBue, Board of Directors BACKPACS, Brian LoBue, Trustee Oak Grove SD, Board of Directors BACKPACS, Nick Cortez, Vice-President CHSTA, Co-Chair SBPA, Board of Directors BACKPACS, Claudia Rossi, Trustee Santa Clara County Board of Education, Brian Wheatley, President Evergreen Teachers Assn. Trustee San Jose Unified SD, and Rosie Zepeda, Education Co-Chair SBPA, Communications Director BACKPACS.

Their mission Statement: The Bay Area Collective Keeping Privatizers Away from Community Schools, BACKPACS, is an organization dedicated to strengthening and protecting public education. We believe students are best served in publicly funded schools that are overseen by elected members of a public school board. We want ALL students to receive an excellent and equitable education. We shall defend these values from the attacks of the school privatization industry.

The GOALS presented by the organization include:

#### **Educate:**

Actively promote the values of publicly governed schools in support of children, parents, and communities.

#### Support:

Identify, endorse, and support candidates for public office whose values and actions truly empower public educational communities.

#### **Activate:**

BACKPACKS is the voice in the community revealing the misleading claims of school privatizers and standing against the systemic inequities and injustices promoted by the charter school system.

#### Grow:

Identify and join with allies in the Bay Area and beyond. We bring together organizations and individuals to further our goals and together we work to end the destructive practices of the privatization industry.

Anyone wishing to connect or support this group can visit: www.backpacs.org or on facebook at Facebook@Backpacseducation



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stressful. Make sure your kit includes (at a minimum) a blanket, a flashlight with fresh batteries, extra batteries and some extra food and water.

Keep a copy of your car's warranty, insurance and contact information for your emergency roadside assistance service in the glove box. Whether you have roadside assistance through your car's warranty or insurance or you belong to an auto care club, make sure you have the emergency contact number with you at all times. We recommend keeping these documents in a poly project jacket or travel organizer for extra protection from accidental spills and damage.

Lastly, bring along a spare set of keys to your car and put that spare key in a magnetic car key hider somewhere on your vehicle in case you lose your keys.

Few things spoil a family vacation more quickly than car trouble far from home. Following these pre-trip maintenance tips will ensure that your car is ready for the long road-trip ahead!

If you're concerned about your vehicle for whatever reason, stop by at: 3519 San Felipe Rd, in Evergreen. We'll be happy to assist you. If you have a question regarding your vehicle email us at sosautore-pair2004@gmail.com, if your question is published you'll receive a free oil change!

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# Marine Toys for Tots 2019 Christmas Campaign kick-off

official kick-off for the Toys for Tots 2019 holiday campaign running through Christ-

U.S. Marines and volunteers will be conducting 812 local toy collection and distribution campaigns in all 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam and U.S. Virgin Islands.

Marines and volunteers engage with local businesses, media and individuals within their communities collecting new, unwrapped toys and distributing those gifts to less fortunate children allowing them to experience the joy of Christmas.

There is an estimated 15 million children living in poverty in the U.S. The mission of Marine Toys for Tots is to bring the joy of Christmas to less fortunate children with the goal to deliver a message of hope that will inspire youngsters to grow into responsible, productive, patriotic citizens. The objectives include having a positive impact on the development of children, creating or restoring self-esteem, and bringing all elements of communities together in a common cause for three months each year.

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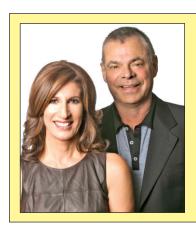
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