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Lawsuit seeks to block possible closure of Reid-Hillview Airport

A San Jose resident has filed a lawsuit in an effort to block Santa Clara County from studying other uses for Reid-Hillview Airport and force it to accept federal funds designated to improve airports.

The 180-acre airport located near Tully Rd. was built in 1939 and purchased by Santa Clara County in 1961 when there were much fewer homes than there are today.

A number of residents over the past 15 years have called for its closure, citing noise and air pollution while some lawmakers have their eye set on the site for proposed affordable housing.

The lawsuit argues that the county is obligated to operate the airport "in perpetuity" as a result of accepting various federal grants over
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Silver Oak Students strive for perfection daily.

Cadwallader, Silver Oak named 2020 California Distinguished Schools

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Cadwallader and Silver Oak Elementary Schools of the Evergreen School District are being honored as 2020 California Distinguished Schools by the California Department of Education.

The program, sponsored by the California Department of Education, recognizes outstanding education programs and practices. Schools are awarded for closing the achievement gap and for achieving exceptional student performance.

"The California Distinguished School award is one of the highest honors a school can receive and we are extremely proud of both Cadwallader and Silver Oak Element-

ary School for this recognition," said Dr. Emy Flores, Superintendent of the Evergreen School District. "This recognition is a strong indication of the exemplary parent and community involvement, academic achievement, and commitment of teachers and school staff at these schools."

A component of the California School Recognition Program, the Distinguished Schools Program recognizes schools based on performance and progress on the state indicators as specified on the California School Dashboard. Indicators include test scores, suspension rates, and conditions and climate. Elementary schools and middle and high schools are recognized
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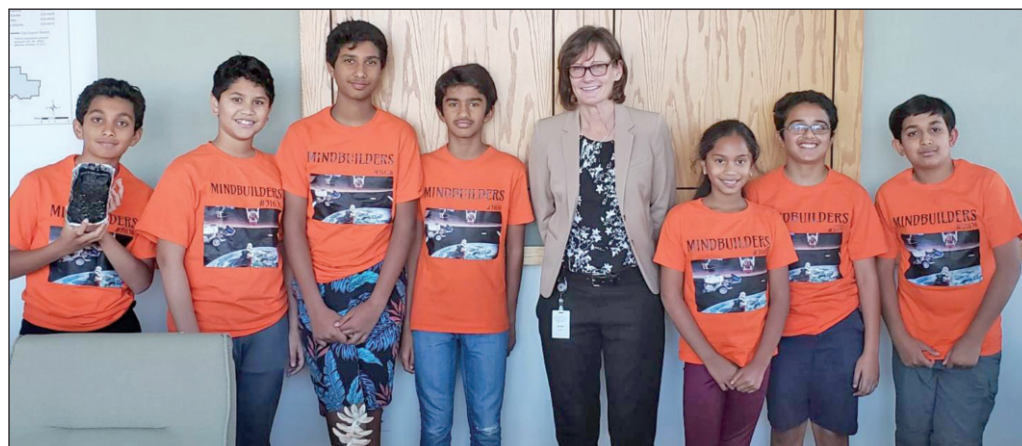
Two school closures to be announced following committee meeting on January 22, 2020

Committee to make decisions behind closed doors

Two schools in the Evergreen School District will be announced for closure at the January 22, 2020 Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee Meeting.

There will be a public Input Session from 4-4:30 p.m., ESD Board Room (Educational Services Bldg.), 3188 Quimby Rd., San Jose, followed by the Committee Meeting from 4:30-6 p.m. At this meeting, the Committee is expected to determine which specific school closures/consolidations to recommend to the superintendent.

Employees, parents, families, the community and the news media will be notified following the committee meeting. Staff and families of the affected schools will be notified of the date and time that the superintendent and district office administrators
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Mindbuilders Team with Dr. Kerrie Romanow, Director environmental Services, City of San Jose.

SCVCC middle schoolers working to solve the 'plastic problem'

Working on the feasibility of using recyclable household plastic for laying roads

By William Bellou
Publisher

Silver Creek Valley Country Club Home-based Robotics team, Team Mindbuilders, have been diligently working thru the Robotics season by trying to solve the plastic problem.

In each of the yearly challenges, the first aspect for any First Lego League (FLL) team is the Robot Game, where the challenges are mat based and need to be solved using team built robots and EV3 programming.

The second aspect is Project, where a challenge is given for which the teams need to come
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Zito always ready to help

Dear Editor,

As a longtime resident of District 8 and an active community member, I recognize all there is to appreciate in our own backyard of Evergreen; from the beautiful rolling foothills to the distinguished schools and educational opportunities for youth.

At the numerous events I've attended and participated in, Jim Zito is always there to help out. He's spent years putting up the movie screen, staying late to clean during the Evergreen summer movie events, attending land use meetings, and serving on the Evergreen School Board. No matter what, Jim is always there.

Because of his commitment to the Evergreen community and his deep understanding of the issues we face — as a District and as a City — I wholeheartedly endorse Jim Zito for City Council.

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Quimby Oak wrestlers win County Championship

Quimby Oak wrestlers continued their excellence this season by winning their League Championship for the 19th year in a row.

Coach Sam Spengler believes this season is the hardest the team has worked collectively in his 20 seasons at Quimby Oak.

Lobo wrestlers also won their 3rd straight Section Title and finished the season with a JV and Varsity Santa Clara County Championship.

Six varsity wrestlers that qualified for County Finals were Aden Zeballos (3rd), Captain Justin Encarnacion, who just lost once all season finishing 2nd at County Finals, James-Daniel Morimoto (County Champion), Joseph Coronado (County Champion), undefeated Captain Sean Najjar (County Champion) and Marcos Lozano (County Champion).

Spengler praised Madison Heinzer and Mateo Carino for several tournament titles in two difficult weight classes. Lobo wrestlers finished the season with 43 wrestlers, which included eight girls on the team.

"Principal Ryan Hansen-Vera and her school administrators let me be creative with ways to fundraise and are extremely supportive and great to work with," Spengler said. "Anything that was needed to improve the program for the kids seems to get done. I couldn't be happier at Quimby Oak."

"The parents of the wrestlers have been a big part of this season's success along with Coaches Ray Jimenez and Jacob Palomino,"



Spengler said. "Former Quimby Oak Lobos, Eli and Rudy Sanchez, owners of Smash Gyms, have also been a critical part of the Lobos suc-

cess on the mat. Several of the wrestlers start there with fantastic coaching and continue their wrestling curriculum at Quimby Oak."



Library gets new benches

Comfortable smooth metal benches have recently been installed at the Evergreen Library located on Aborn Rd. The new installation replaces landscaped bushes that attracted a rattlesnake. The landscape was removed as a safety precaution.

Fairgrounds manager gets 20-year extension despite poor showing

The struggling Santa Clara County Fairgrounds non-profit has been granted a new 20-year contract to continue running the 158-acre property.

The 20-year contract with Fairgrounds Management Corp. allows the county to terminate the agreement at any point with 90-day written notice. The non-profit must also submit a draft master plan by the end of April outlining its vision for revamping the property, including reports about its finances, maintenance and upcoming projects.

The Board of Supervisors approved the contract at a time when the county also is contemplating redevelopment plans for the fairgrounds on Tully Rd, which includes a 55-acre public park, a family entertainment center, hotel and sports facilities for the San Jose Giants, and San Jose Earthquakes.

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Traffic congestion: a solvable problem – a teenager's perspective

By **Snikitha Banda**
Evergreen resident

For the past eleven years I have had to leave an hour early to reach my school which is merely 8.9 miles away.

Imagine having to wake up at 6 a.m. for 180 days out of the year just to be able to arrive at school two hours later.

My parents have been victims of traffic congestion for the past 20 years. They spend three hours each day in traffic just dropping me at school and driving to and from work. They could have used those 14,040 hours more efficiently ((180 school days x 3 hours x 11 years) plus (81 non-school working days x 2.5 hours x 11 years) plus (261 working days x 2.5 hours x 9 for the years before I entered school)).

Traffic congestion has been a major issue for decades, resulting in staggering costs to society, the environment, productivity, and public health.

There are 17.5 million people employed in California. The California average of those who drive to work alone is 76%. This translates into 17.5 (M) x 76 / 100 or 13.3 (M) cars used to commute to work in California alone each day. About 5.3% of Californians use public transit (bus, rail, trolley, and ferry service) to work, 2.8% walk, 1.1% bike, 11% carpool, and 3.4% work from home at least half the time. The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that Californians spend an average 58.8 minutes roundtrip commute each day. In addition, researchers determined Californians waste 103 extra hours a year in traffic delays.

Professor Prithwiraj (Raj) Choudhury at Harvard published research on a possible solution in the August 14, 2019 issue of the Harvard Business Journal. His study shows that implementing work from anywhere (WFA) increased productivity for patent examiners by 4.4%. Akamai and SAP have already developed WFA programs, and others should follow soon. According to American Community Survey (ACS), 50% of the workforce holds a job that is compatible with at least partial telework.

On November 4, 2019 Apple pledged, to donate \$2.5 billion to fight California's unsustainable housing crisis (50,000 new homes). This move was followed by Google's June 18, 2019 pledge to invest \$1 billion in building affordable housing (20,000 new homes), and Facebook's October 22, 2019 commitment of \$1 billion towards fighting the housing crisis (20,000 new homes). Unsustainable housing costs have caused many to leave metropolitan areas. The long hours spent commuting from suburbs have contributed further to traffic congestion. Affordable housing for employees near their workplaces provides a long-term



Traffic congestion continues to increase in Bay Area. (Photo by David Paul Morris)

solution that will help lower traffic congestion by reducing the number of cars on the road.

Four day work week increases productivity

This summer Microsoft introduced a four-day workweek in Japan. The program called the "Work Life Choice Challenge" shut down offices every Friday for the month of August. While the amount of time spent at work was cut dramatically, productivity went up by 40% while also helping to alleviate traffic. By implementing the program in California, it eliminates 13.3 million cars in one day ((13.3 (M) cars x 5 working days) minus (13.3 (M) cars x 4 working days)). A growing number of smaller companies are adopt-

ing a four-day workweek which could also work for even the biggest businesses.

On October 14, 2019, California Governor Gavin Newsom signed a law that bans California middle schools from beginning classes before 8 a.m. and high schools from starting the day before 8:30 a.m. When this law is implemented for the 2022-23 school year, the staggered starting timing will help to decrease the number of cars during peak hours thereby alleviating traffic congestion.

Autonomous cars cut gridlock

Automated pilot systems in cars will result in fewer accidents during peak hours because of lane centering, adaptive cruise control, and their ability to automatically change lanes. They have quick reaction times, can potentially coordinate over long distances, and their braking and acceleration patterns can reduce congestion. Proper deployment of autonomous vehicles (AV) should minimize gridlock, decrease total energy consumption, and maximize the capacity of our roads.

These short-term and long-term solutions must be implemented. Research indicates traffic congestion and accidents can be significantly reduced and road capacity can be increased by removing just a small number of cars from the road. Work from anywhere, defeating the housing crisis, four-day workweeks, staggered school hours, and building automated pilot systems and autonomous vehicles will help to reduce traffic. The 15-20% reduction that could be achieved by using the suggested measures will remove 1.995(M)-2.66(M) cars from roads. Obviously, blame for the severity of the current traffic congestion issue cannot all be placed on authorities, but it is a continuously increasing and nefarious situation. The public, local and state officials and NGOs (Nongovernmental organizations) must be alerted that change is necessary and imminent.

By my senior year, I pray and hope to be able to reach school without spending an hour of my time on the 101 Freeway.

Editor's note: Snikitha Banda is an Evergreen resident. She is a sophomore at Notre Dame High School.

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Times **Features**

Gilroy shooting survivor receives car donation

Four months after the Gilroy Garlic Festival shooting, the local community continues to rally and support survivors.

On Giving Tuesday, earlier this month, one of the survivors, Barbara Aguirre was presented with keys to a newly refurbished car from Caliber Collision and GEICO to help ease her family's transportation needs.

The car donation is part of a national program to repair and donate cars to individuals in need of reliable transportation. GEICO donated a 2015 Hyundai Sonata which was refurbished by technicians at Caliber Collision who volunteered their personal time to refurbish the vehicle with parts and services donated by other local businesses.

Aguirre's six-year-old grandson was one of three people who died in the shooting. Aguirre and her daughter, Elberta Aguirre, Stephen's mother, also suffered gunshot injuries.

The car donation provides Aguirre who

helps take care of her grandchildren, with safe and reliable transportation. She was nominated for the car donation by the Gilroy Foundation.

Over the past seven years, Caliber Collision and its industry partners have donated nearly 350 vehicles valued at over \$4.5 million to military service members, veterans and others in need of reliable transportation.



Shooting survivor **Barbara Aguirre** is presented with a newly refurbished Hyundai Sonata. Aguirre will use the car to take care of her grandchildren.



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Kristi Yamaguchi reads to young residents during the holidays

Olympic gold medalist **Kristi Yamaguchi** (above) read to some of San Jose's youngest residents at Downtown Ice to engage them in a day of reading and skating fun.

This enrichment activity was made possible thanks to SJ Learns and a generous partnership with Alaska Airlines and San José Public Library to make reading fun this holiday season.

SJ Learns is an after-school and summer learning program that provides high-quality enrichment opportunities and offers K-3

students a supportive, safe place to spend their afternoons and summers.

Masuda Jahan of Evergreen awarded grant from Stan State SERSCA Program

Masuda Jahan of Evergreen Valley has been awarded a grant from the Student Engagement in Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity (SERSCA) Program at Stanislaus State.

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Times **Features**

New Year's Eve fireworks safety tips for your pet

By Dr. Raj Singh
Special to the Times

New Year's celebrations throughout the month of January will undoubtedly bring celebrations with flashes of fireworks which can upset pets with loud noises.

Here are some recommendations to keep your beloved pet calm and safe.

Anxiety

Loud noises can cause serious anxiety and stress for both cats and dogs. If your pet is outdoors, he may well make a run for it, so keep him inside for the duration of any fireworks.

Keep your pet in their most familiar surroundings indoors. You may want to place your pet on your lap to keep him calm. You may want to turn the volume up on your television, radio or other device to distract your pet's attention from the booming sounds of fireworks.

You may also want to distract your pet by throwing a ball or squeaking your pet's favorite toy. Not only will you distract your pet, but you may help him associate the noise with a positive reinforcement.

Communication

Sending calming messages that there is nothing to worry about will help your pet relax. While humans communicate with

words, dogs communicate with energy, so they will look to their pack leader, you the pet owner, for clues on how they should behave. If you're not making a big deal or showing excitement about the fireworks, then your pet will learn to be less concerned as well.

Tire your pet out

The more tired a pet is, the calmer he'll be—and thus less bothered by the loud booms of fireworks. Be sure to take your dog out for an extra-long walk in the morning and also factor in some extra play-time.

Also, feed your pet about one or two hours before you expect fireworks to begin. They'll feel more relaxed and content after a big meal.

Make sure your pet is ID'd

It's not a coincidence that missing pets' cases spike when pets are spooked by fireworks that they try to escape, and many sadly succeed.

A collar and tag with identifying information can help your

pet be returned to you more easily should the worst happen. If your pet does run away, the Humane Society recommends getting the word out to local animal control and surrounding shelters immediately.

Talk to your veterinarian

If you have a particularly anxious pet, consult with your vet for further ideas. He or she might suggest body wraps, treats or even anti-anxiety meds in order to help your pet cope.

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



Your Pet and You
By Dr. Raj Singh
Veterinarian

PG&E bills expected to increase \$6

PG&E is expected to increase monthly power bills by nearly \$6 under a new deal with regulators and consumer groups to help fund the utility's wildfire-prevention efforts.

The increases for electricity and gas would show up in customers' bills sometime in 2020 if the state's Public Utilities Commission gives final approval to a settlement. The money would be used for programs that PG&E and state officials hope will reduce the possibility of another disastrous wildfire. PG&E's equipment has been determined to be the cause of wildfire catastrophes in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

Monthly bills for the average customer who receives gas and electricity from PG&E may rise \$5.69, up 3.3% from the current monthly bill of \$172.52 for the average customer who is not in the utility's low-income program for discounted rates.

Electricity customers would see an average increase of \$4.90 a month, up 4% from a current monthly bill of \$121.12, according to estimates provided by PG&E. Gas customers would see an average increase of 79 cents a month, a 1.5% increase from a current monthly bill of \$51.53.



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Evergreen School District School consolidation community information meeting summary

School closures will be announced in January 2020

At the School Consolidation Community Information meeting on Dec. 19, Evergreen School District Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores provided an overview of the school consolidation process, the reasons for the school closures, and answered participants' questions.

During the meeting, Dr. Flores emphasized the following:

- Consolidation of schools is one of many approaches the district is taking as part of its fiscal stabilization plan to close a \$12 million deficit.

- The district is projected to lose approximately 1,500 students over the next five years, primarily due to the high cost of living, including housing, in the Bay Area. This is a trend that is occurring throughout the Bay Area, and other districts are also consolidating schools.

- Statistics on school choice outside of ESD:

- * Private Schools: We have found that about 10% of the families that left our district during the past year are choosing to enroll their children in private schools, a decision that families often make based on religious beliefs and values, and not because of perceptions about the quality of education offered by Evergreen School District.

- * Charter Schools: We have also found that about 10% of the families that left our district during the past year went to charter

schools. Unlike other areas around us, there are no charter schools in Evergreen. The truth is that in general, our families are very pleased with the high quality of education in Evergreen and overall chose to stay here.

At this meeting, Dr. Flores also announced that four schools will not be included for consideration for closure due to factors that would create additional expenses that would outweigh the benefits of closing the schools.

Middle Schools - Chaboya, LeyVa, and Quimby Oak: Closing these middle schools would be considered too disruptive, as there are many elementary schools that feed into each middle school. If we closed any middle school, we would have to incur a high cost of transporting students to the two remaining middle schools. The amount of transportation (busing) that would need to be added if a middle school were closed would also create a need for bus drivers that cannot be filled due to a shortage of bus drivers (which is also a statewide problem).

Schools with Dual Language Immersion programs - Holly Oak: Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten restroom spaces were required to be constructed at the Holly Oak Elementary School, which houses these programs. Making these facilities improvements at another school is a \$500,000 additional expense.

Will boundaries be changed? The district will be revising school boundaries of impacted schools as part of this process which will be presented to the Board of

Trustees when making their decision. Revising boundaries is necessary given that students at schools being closed will have to attend another school.

What impacts will school closures have on programs, including PTA-funded programs? The principals of the schools that will be closed will work with the principals and PTAs of the accepting schools on how programs will move or change at the new schools, including program equipment and supplies.

What is the timeline and when will the key decisions be made? Dr. Flores provided an overview of the School Consolidation timeline. Will the superintendent make a final recommendation to close schools that differ from those recommended by the Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee? The superintendent is working closely with the School Consolidation Advisory Committee, and will be supporting their recommendation of which schools to close.

Where can I find the data that is being reviewed by the Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee? This information can be found on the Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee webpage: eesd.org/page.cfm?p=4829

Will teachers at schools being closed be given priority for selecting open positions at other schools? The Human Resources sub-committee (includes CSEA and ETA bargaining units representation, principals, and HR director) is looking into this and the contractual language for each bargaining unit, and will also be looking at other factors, such as retirements and non-renewal of contracts.

Will co-principals occur at school sites, or what will happen with principals of sites that are closed? The district will be moving away from the co-principal model at the elementary schools as part of addressing the district's \$12 million deficit.

Will families of schools being closed have priority with school choice? The district will look at each school choice application on a case by case basis. Also, the district cannot provide transportation for students attending a school outside of their attendance area for school choice.

Which students are transported by bus? Transportation services are provided to students with special needs as well as students whose assigned school of attendance is a larger distance away from where they live.

What will happen with the district's Corporation Yard? This facility houses the buses, along with maintenance and other equipment, so the Corporation Yard will remain as one of the district's facilities.

What will the district do with the land/facilities of closed school sites? Once the schools are identified and approved by the Board of Trustees for closure, then the Board will appoint a 7-11 committee to identify the ways that the closed facilities will be used, which could include leasing the property. However, the district will not be selling the property.

How will the district use schools that will be closed? When will the district decide what to do with empty schools. Moving for-

ward, how can this decision be made more quickly? A previous Facilities Advisory Committee—as a 7-11 committee—made recommendations for schools to close and how the properties will be used. If those same schools are approved for closure, then the approved uses of those properties will move forward. However, if different schools are approved for closure, then a new 7-11 committee will be appointed to determine how the facilities and properties of those closed schools will be used. The exact use of empty schools will be determined at a later time.

Will additional grade levels/classes be added to schools accepting students from closed schools? Student to teacher ratios will be maintained, how schools may be split up to different schools may impact which grades/classrooms will be at the accepting schools.

When the school closures are announced in January, will parents and staff also be informed which schools the students will be moved to? Yes, this information will also be provided.

How will school communities be brought together and transitioned? Kim Kianidehkian, Director, Educational Services is the co-facilitator of the Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee, and has prior experience with school closures, including leading the school transitions, including shadow days, school tours, open houses, parent opportunities to see school activities, carnivals, and worked closely with the PTAs on events to welcome the students and celebrate the merging of the schools. She also worked with the schools on closing events, to help students, families and staff to transition to the next step, so that on the first day of school the following school year, everyone felt comfortable and excited about going to their new school. This helped to create an environment of inclusiveness of all students and a stronger school community. The district will be seeking parent volunteers to assist with this process.

Pushing off the naming of the third school would create another wave of transition, could the board consider approving the third school (to close at the end of 2020-21) at the same time it is considering the other two? The consideration of multiple transitions for students and staff is important. The Board of Trustees asked for two schools to recommend for closure, but if the process leads the committee to recommend three, then the Superintendent may determine to recommend all three schools for closure at the February 20 board meeting.

The next Community Information Meeting is scheduled on January 16, 2020 at 6 p.m. in the Quimby Oak Gym (3190 Quimby Rd., San Jose), and the next Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee Meeting is scheduled on January 8, 2020. The Community Input Session for this meeting is scheduled from 4-4:30 p.m. in the ESD Board Room (Educational Services Bldg.), 3188 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Questions and additional feedback and input can be sent to schoolconsolidation@eed.org.

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New Year's Resolution: The Importance of the Bhagvad Geeta

By Hiral Mehta
11th grade

One may wonder what is the use of spreading the Bhagavad Gita to people in the present day. How relevant is it to modern life, and what value does it add to one's life?

I think spreading the message of the Gita is necessary for us to live our lives more effectively. Many people seem to think that Gita has only one central message, which is, Lord Krishna is asking Arjun to do his duties, during the Mahabharat, also known as the dharma yudh. Dharma does not mean good vs. evil, but rather a battle between two different mindsets and what is considered dharm to you.

People may consider that they already understand the importance of performing duties and are already doing so in their daily life. They then conclude that they need not study Gita any more.

The Bhagavad Gita is a book of teaching which makes us explore areas such as: what is the real reason or purpose of my life? Who do I belong to? What is one's relationship with the cause of the universe? We are



taught this every Sunday in Bal Sanskar Kendra (Swadhyay), a wonderful effort given to us by Pandurang Shastri Aathavle, whom we call Dadaji out of love. We are Dadaji's rays, and we will do as Geeta ji says.

Just as Dadaji casts his sunlight in our lives, the same way Geeta ji illuminates our path by its divine messages. In our lives there are many moments where we are struggling and stumbled upon, that is when the morals

from Geeta ji shines upon us, and gives us the right track to proceed.

The Bhagavad Gita shows a path to the lost, answer to the confused and wisdom to all. The primary purpose of the Bhagavad Gita is to illuminate for all of humanity the realization of the true nature of divinity; for the highest spiritual conception and the greatest material perfection is to attain love of God, and Dada ji. Our fellow humans may not care for us or support us or may even leave us in our bad times, but Lord Krishna is always there for us, just as Dada ji and Geetaji are. Through Geeta Jayanti we all learn as an individual that the same way Bhagavan narrated the Geeta to Arjun, he is somewhat narrating this to us, so we can use the teachings in our lives as well. I seek the help of Gita whenever I face a problem and cannot really find its solution. It's teachings have never disappointed me. Whether old or young, everyone has their own meanings and teachings to derive from this classic! This year my resolution is to spread the knowledge of Geeta to my loved ones and show them the importance of living by it.

San Jose Woman's Club celebrates 125 years of empowering women and families

The San Jose Woman's Club celebrated their 125 years of empowering women and families and enriching the fabric of our community on December 8 at their historic landmark clubhouse in downtown San Jose.

During the Progressive Era from the 1890s-1920s Woman's Clubs across the nation flourished starting out as social and literary gatherings, eventually becoming a source of reform for various issues in the U.S.

Woman's Clubs addressed important issues including ending child labor, juvenile court system, kindergartens, Indian Welfare Act, Pure Food and Drugs Act, environmental protection, free library creation, family planning and the women's right to vote.

On December 1, 1894, The San Jose Woman's Club was founded when nine women gathered in downtown San Jose, with a population of only 19,000, at Fannie Estabrook's studio to organize their efforts

behind temperance and suffrage.

Realizing that a group could achieve far more than one person alone, The San Jose Woman's Club motto became "One for All and All for One." Together they set off on what has become a notable history of accomplishment in cultural, civic, educational and charitable betterment.

Today, the San Jose Woman's club is no longer a same-sex organization, but it continues to focus on supporting women and the community by maintaining an active calendar of events, providing leadership and mentoring for women, scholarships for local students, funding local and women's charitable organizations, preserving its historic Clubhouse and performing charitable work.

Hilleguus Faber, Gayle Frank and Barbara Morrey from Portraits of the Past dress in 1890s attire to commemorate the founding of the Women's Club in 1894. Photo by Jim Watkins



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Loaves and Fishes collaborates with nonprofits to serve nightly dinners for those in need

By **Kevin Larsen**
Special to the Times

All are welcome. No questions asked.

Founded in 1980, Loaves and Fishes began with a simple meal of bread and fish for eleven adults and 15 children. Since then this organization has teamed up with many organizations to feed over 6.5 million meals.

Loaves and Fishes nonprofit has steadily increased and streamlined its services to support the growing number of local residents needing nutritious meals and support services and now partner with 55 nonprofits at 79 locations throughout Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties to provide meals at low-income senior retirement centers, community centers, schools, shelters, transitional housing and afterschool programs. Hot meals are always provided at no cost.

Monday through Friday at many locations such as Catholic Charities' Eastside Neighborhood Center, Goodwill Industries and San Jose Vietnamese Seventh Day Adventist Church, low-income individuals and families as well as disadvantaged individuals are a focus along with a special concern for children, families, seniors, veterans, students, disabled, and the homeless.

Today, Loaves and Fishes embraces an extended partnership model. Their website states, "We operate two centralized kitchens in Morgan Hill at the cost of \$1 rent per year plus utilities. Our fleet of trucks including three specialized hot/cold temperature controlled delivery trucks and three refrigerated trucks allow us to deliver an average of 25,000 meals per week across the Bay Area in a sixty mile radius from Gilroy to Palo Alto."

It is also stated that, "The meal programs fulfill the immediate nutritional needs of all the participants and increase food security for individuals which enables them to use their limited financial resources to pay for other basic needs, such as rent, utilities, transportation, and healthcare."

Visiting a dining hall

We visited the Alum Rock Road location that serves dinner nightly, Monday through Friday. Everyone is always welcome to enjoy a free nutritious hot meal. It is reassuring to also know that in many other locations in the Bay Area the same kindness and caring is shown at other dining halls.

From about 4-5p.m. many faces walk through the doors to create a diverse tossed salad of races, ages, cultures and backgrounds. No one is judged because everyone is equal. As each guest slowly shuffles in they're greeted with a styrofoam cup of juice and all diners are able to socialize and in time, without a rush, find a nice round table to sit at and chat with friends and strangers.

Something wonderful occurs. As each of the 70-100 individuals enter there are no papers to fill out, no identification requested and no questions asked. It's the Loaves and Fishes way. This creates a family friendly atmosphere instead of a bureaucratic environment. Plates of food are transformed to family dinners. Perhaps this transformation of the food presentation occurs due to love. It feels like all are family and everyone is sitting down for dinner. There is something no one can deny. Everyone is connected and live in

the same big ol city of San Jose which still captures a small town flavor.

Different groups and individuals sponsor the nightly meals by arriving with premade hot food in large serving trays which fit neatly into the kitchen serving area. Everything is very carefully planned and thought out so that hygiene is provided in the serving of food and there is proper assurance that the dining hall is clean, sanitary and welcoming to all.

Once a month the nonprofit San Jose Gurdwara volunteers and families pay for all the food on a nightly serving and help serve it too. Many other organizations also do this. Individuals and families joyfully sign up on a list to sponsor the entire meal in the months to come. Beans and greens, rice, potatoes and more are cooked at the kitchens of the Gurdwara (worship area and community center) in San Jose that are delivered in metal trays by Team Members from all backgrounds, races, religions etc. Loaves and Fishes encourage this formula of partnering. It is stated by one volunteer that the food from the Gurdwara kitchen is well liked because it tastes good and there is lots of it so anyone is welcome to have seconds. This makes diners happy! Also it is very healthy and nutritious. This also ties into the Loaves and Fishes philosophy.

Loaves and Fishes serve approximately 20,000 nutritious free meals every week at community centers, shelters, churches, senior residences, and nonprofit agencies. The meals are specially designed to meet both the dietary needs and the preferences of the guests and emphasize a healthy balanced meal which includes fresh fruits and vegetables and healthy protein items, rather than canned or processed foods that tend to be high in sugar and/or sodium. The food is just like mom used to make.

The enchantment of Hyru

Hyru is perhaps the most enthusiastic manager anyone has ever met. Her voice is so happy and positive. She acts as the spark to ignite good things for others and uses good communication for all to feel welcome at this Loaves and Fishes location. She sets the upbeat tone and everyone knows she's the boss and in charge while also displaying kindness and caring. She plans and confirms the calendar days each group can come to offer dinner. One individual states, "Hyru treats us volunteers and the staff the same way she treats any guest who comes here for dinner. She treats all as individuals who deserve respect and of course she is enthusiastic and uplifting to all." It is also unsaid that she is a "Volunteer Manager."

"May I have your attention, thank you for coming," says Hyru at 4:30. I notice that all the diners honor her and give her respect like that of paying attention to an older sister, aunt or mom. She then introduces kindly the organization visiting to offer the delicious dinner. One volunteer describes Hyru this way, "She knows what she's doing and is knowledgeable. As a manager she combines getting things done and acting in a respectful and dignified way to all."

This night she explains that a family from the Sikh San Jose Gurdwara with family and friends is bestowing the dinner. A kind an-

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nouncement is made that the Gurdwara Walk for Humanity raises funds and their organization will work with Hyru to return and make sure everyone who needs blankets will have them. On two separate occasions two families from the Gurdwara voiced the same message that their calling was to “give back to the community.” One person supporting the dinner stated, “We came to this county and we work and we have a business and we buy a home and it’s now our turn to give back!”

Tonight, with the welcome announcement by Hyru comes a surprise birthday song for one of five sisters serving the food as volunteers. After singing, Hyru gives the signal by saying in an upbeat way, “Ok, you can line up now.” With that, in a quick way, perhaps with urgency, fifty diners move to stand in line and be served from the window by volunteers as they move through with their plates. At the end of the line a few young children volunteer with moms to kindly ask each diner if they would like a cookie on their tray.

The other fifty diners wait with patience till the line shrinks and then gradually get up for a nice dinner. While in line I ask one man, “So I guess this food is good.” He responds, “If at times you don’t make it here on some days you go hungry for the night.” It then occurs to me that some may have a yearning to eat and not enough money in their pocket to buy food. I begin to wonder if the feelings of hunger can at times surpass that of taste. Perhaps the fear of not getting the next meal can also cause some to eat beyond their hunger pains and store up calories.

I grab the styrofoam tray and get in line to eat just about as much as I want. It’s a little noisy so as I reach the window I speak in sign language letting the servers know by pointing and holding up fingers just how many ladles of items I wish. There are beans, rice, special bread, potatoes in a special white sauce, leafy greens and more. I wait a bit as one diner asks for extra leafy greens to be put into a small plastic bag for later consumption. The servers are thoughtful and kind.

The most delicious beans ever cooked in history of San Jose

As I walk back to the table I sit and begin to eat the beans. They are without a doubt the most delicious beans I have ever eaten. Quite large and in a sauce that is simple and plain, my taste buds demand that I take more and more spoonfuls of them. I am so taken by the delicious beans and the way they comfort me that I walk up to the five sisters in the kitchen window and ask, how did you make those beans so flavorful, is it some kind of special recipe or secret, to which one responds, “They are always delicious because they are cooked in the Temple (the Langer of the Gurdwara) and so they are blessed.”

When the five sisters were asked why they spend the time to come here to serve the meals once a month they said, “We appreciate people and we feel blessed to spend time here.” One says, “It was good I was here serving on my 70th birthday today.” I nod a yes and ask each of the five sisters for one adjective of what they feel when they come here to volunteer to which they each say, “Satisfied, rewarded, happy, unconditional love and content.”

Volunteers are motivated

One volunteer is heard to say with a smile, “Como Estas,” to a diner she sees arrive almost every night. It is heartwarming that all are treated as family! I also hear in different languages other welcoming words by volunteers to guests such as *neih hóu* (nay hoh) (Cantonese) and (nǐ hǎo) is “you good” (Mandarin). The nightly dinners have brought about cherished interactions.

I see two ladies with children from different cultures both working together with their children assisting. The youngsters range in age from 6 years old to 14. I ask mom why she brings her children along to volunteer. She responds, “It helps to give back. They can help too and be aware of their neighbors. It helps them to think of others rather than just themselves.”

Another volunteer states that she likes to help out each night living just 15 minutes away by car. She says that she loves the staff at Loaves and Fishes and when I ask why, she says, “Here everyone is kind. We never make anyone feel bad so when anyone visits their self-respect is kept intact. The staff cares about the people they serve and are diligent about the work they do, you’ve got a job to do here.”

With metal cane leaning next to his chair, a slim tall man with gaunt face and a tired look holds his cup in the air and beckons the walking youngster who’s making rounds refilling styrofoam cups with orange juice. It is delivered to all by pouring it out of a clear plastic pitcher filled with orange juice and ice. I notice that the kind gentleman has requested several refills and I can see that he seems to be living rough and the juice is reinvigorating him. I think to myself, he needs that juice to



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recharge his energy for the day. As the same man eats, he pulls off the salad greens and places them daintily on the round laminated wood grain table top to rest beside his white disposable styrofoam tray. I ask him why he does that and he says with a slight grin, “Don’t much care for greens.”

Just then two little boys come walking around the tables carrying a large tray of iced cake with each one holding one side of the tray. One diner surprises them by crouching down between them and with both arms he gives them a hug around their shoulders at the same time while saying, “We love you,” to which the boys look up in the air not knowing if words are in order.

Spinal cord damage

A friendly burly man with white beard and contagious smile was giving a welcomed hug to one of the volunteers the same as a family member would. When asked how he liked the place he responded, “It’s much needed and appreciated. It’s a great place for people to meet and eat and to get to know the community. It uplifts me that there is a place to go so I can go without hunger pains.” As he continued to exit the dining area others stopped him to say hello. I asked how he came upon the dining here and I was enlightened.

He said, “I was riding a motorcycle and that is all I recall. I woke up and had spinal nerve damage and it was an almost fatal situation for it happened in 2005.” With that he pulled back his fluffy beard and showed his scar running from ear to his chin. He continued, “I do not remember much but I know I was on a breathing machine for five days and when I woke up I saw a white ceiling and thought to myself, ‘I’m not in heaven.’ The doctor told me I was hooked up to a breathing machine because my lungs collapsed.”

I reached out to shake his right hand, for I was amazed at what he had been through and was even more surprised at his keen positivity. He was standing and I was sitting. He could not move his arm. It dangled. With an earnest smile he reached over with his other hand and grabbed his unworkable arm from underneath and gently with his hand he pulled it up to mine for a handshake. I could see that his fingers were unable to open so I took my other hand and pulled them back with their long clean fingernails and fit my paw into his. He then said, “go ahead, you can shake my hand,” to which I brought his arm up and down like pumping water from a well. He laughed and said, “that’s good for the circulation too.” I was so moved that he would let me shake his hand and was honored to shake it too perhaps more than anyone I have in my life. He seemed to take life as it was dealt and did not ask for any sorrow. He was a man who was more upbeat than I have almost ever been and I wondered why they did not amputate that arm for perhaps was not workable for the past 15 years. I thought, how does he manage to put on his shirt or coat and other things. I wondered, how is it he has such a wonderful smile and keen attitude. What makes this guy tick and view life in such a grand way, I asked myself these questions with wonder.

He explained he had to go before it got dark outside. I asked him a few more questions anyway. He told me, “So many lives so many stories.” When I asked him about my respect for him dealing with the challenge of his arm, he responded kindly, “Yeah, it makes it tough to find the right job.” Then as he was walking away he turned and added a comment about the

nightly meal by saying, “This place helps when you need it.” I began to understand the importance of the kitchen and the serving of food Monday through Friday and how it offers a sanctuary atmosphere that provides a positive impact to so many.

The next week I would see another man with a non-working dangling arm and he would tell me that he woke up one day and it became like that due to a stroke. He said with beaming eyes and a grand smile that he would not want it removed because, “You got to keep trying.” I began to understand that this was a special outlook of those who face challenges of this kind.

Nutrition is premier

One diner lends me his pen as I misplaced mine and states, “The big thing is it’s hard to cook for oneself. It is hard to make balanced nutritious meals, but here they do it well. You see when I cook for myself I eat too much. Usually too much pasta and I don’t eat right. When I come here I get a balanced meal and that includes vegetables in a daily allotment.” I begin to understand he was alone and this nightly meal was “family.”

As the dinner ended I reflected that the routine of the nightly dinner is that 50 people quickly come in to eat and leave at a record pace. I ask another volunteer if she thinks those that arrive and eat are happy. She states, “I don’t know if happy is the word for it. I do know that each of the diners is very considerate, they like to help, they put chairs up and they wipe the tables. Some are military veterans and they can get into deep discussions on politics with each other at some tables.” I notice that there is an important system in place to ensure all things are done in sanitary ways for the chairs are placed in an exact way with cushions down and legs up in the air on each circular table. Everything is wiped down with cleaners to make the room look better than when the event first started.

In less than two hours before the dinner was served it is now growing dark outside. One can tell it’s going to be a brisk cool night. As I walk outside I wonder where many of the diners sleep.

“They get a warm place to go each night to eat a hot meal and they can live in the moment and take it all in one day at a time,” said a volunteer. Then the individual speaks in a spiritual way by stating, “If it’s dark you learn to appreciate the light.”

Editor’s Note: To donate or sign up your organization for sponsoring a Loaves and Fishes nightly dinner go to loavesfishes.org or @LoavesFishesSJ. To volunteer or donate for the Gurdwara outreach go to; sanjosegurdwara.org. The San Jose Gurdwara is the largest in the United States and inclusive welcoming all people of all religions to volunteer and participate in any program or event.

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Mindbuilders Team presents their prototype to **Dr. Kerrie Romanow**, Director environmental Services, City of San Jose.

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up with prototypes or innovative solutions to real problems affecting their communities. The third aspect is Core Values, which imbues qualities in kids that are critical to developing teamwork and in their professional approach to problem solving.

FLL (First Lego League) theme for 2019-2020 is City Shapers and Team Mindbuilders were asked to work on a problem that will affect future cities. “While one could make a difference on their own, FLL provides us a great platform and themes, helps us work as a team thereby creating a larger impact,” reflects team member Harshil Ahuja.

The team, with zeal and hard work, has been consulting with experts, patent holders and scientists on the feasibility of using recyclable household plastic for laying roads. The team presented their findings to the City of San Jose Parks and Rec, and the City of San Jose Environmental Services.

Team Mindbuilder’s proposal was to efficiently use plastic recycling to help with the immediate problem of almost 91 percent of the household recyclable plastic waste ending up in landfills and oceans.

It was distressing for the team to view images of dead whales filled with tons of

plastic in their stomachs. They understood that the problem isn’t with plastic;

it’s actually with plastic ending up in landfill. Team Mindbuilders called their project “PlasticzGold,” because they believe that there is a golden opportunity to reuse plastic in a much more economical, scalable and eco-friendly manner.

In the process of developing their project, they met with multiple city and industry experts, which was an eye-opening and learning experience. One such expert, Dr. Quinteros, the founder of Qmulus, gave them a demonstration of how to create different objects out of recycled plastic, using a process that includes shredding, melting and molding. They used this learning to research on the use of shredded plastic and conducted feasibility studies to the Patents filed by MacRebur and Prof Vasudevan from India. “We all think about ways to help our environment and it’s issues and don’t know where to go. Now no more excuses,” team member Roshan Amble said.

Once the team was able to recreate the magic in their workshop in Silver Creek, they took their prototypes to City experts. Dr. Kerrie Romanow, Director Environmental Services, City of San Jose, was very impressed and asked the team to make a presentation to the San Jose Parks Department. The team presented at a San Jose Parks Department monthly board meeting and the team received accolades from the staff.

In the near future, the team plans to work with the city to test their prototype out with a small land area and prove its

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Report: 2019 Most Caring Cities in America, according to WalletHub

With the holidays reminding Americans to look out for one another through acts of kindness like charitable giving – Americans donated over \$427 billion in 2018 – the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2019’s Most Caring Cities in America.

In order to identify the most compassionate places in America, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 39 key metrics. The data set ranges from homelessness rate to share of income donated to charity to special-education teachers per capita.

Most Caring Cities in America

1. Virginia Beach, VA
2. Madison, WI
3. Pittsburgh, PA
4. Lincoln, NE
5. Minneapolis, MN
6. St. Paul, MN
7. Fremont, CA
8. Chesapeake, VA
9. Boston, MA
10. Scottsdale, AZ
11. Aurora, CO
12. New York, NY
13. Denver, CO
14. Plano, TX
15. Gilbert, AZ
16. Jersey City, NJ

17. Irvine, CA
 18. Washington, DC
 19. Seattle, WA
 20. Omaha, NE
- Key Stats

• **Memphis**, Tennessee, has the highest share of income donated to charity, 5.60 percent, which is 2.4 times higher than in Buffalo, New York, the city with the lowest at 2.30 percent.

• **Baltimore** has the most volunteer hours per capita, 56.28, which is 5.4 times more than in Jacksonville, Florida, the city with the fewest at 10.47.

• **Jacksonville**, Florida, has the



Bay Area city Fremont had the lowest child poverty rate in the country.

highest share of residents who do favors for their neighbors, 68.70 percent, which is 1.8 times higher than in Orlando, Florida, the cities with the lowest at 38.30 percent.

• **Buffalo**, New York, has the highest share of sheltered homeless persons, 98.43 percent, which is 4.6 times higher than in Fresno, California, the city with the lowest

at 21.60 percent.

• **Fremont**, California, has the lowest child-poverty rate, 4.58 percent, which is 11 times lower than in Cleveland, the city with the highest at 50.53 percent.

To view the full report and your city’s rank, please visit: wallethub.com/edu/most-caring-cities/17814

Mindbuilders

Continued from previous page durability in real time. The team is attempting to reach organizations and elected representatives who can help and guide them on their environmental goals; working towards a cleaner, greener planet for the future.

Petition

The team has filed an online petition, as a call to action. The petition is titled: Let’s make roads out of household recyclable plastic. Nearly 400 people have signed

the petition so far. The team is focused on seeing changes coming soon. To sign the petition, visit: chnng.it/LGZkBWsrCc

“If you truly care about the planet, then plastic recycling should never become a second thought,” team member Prateek Satish said.

About Team Mindbuilders

Team Mindbuilders was established in 2015, out of the garage of Nandini and Satish Lakshmanan, who are residents of Silver Creek Valley Country Club and are the coaches to this team.

While Satish primarily focuses

on the Robot design and programming aspect, Nandini helps guiding the team on effective time management with Project and Core Values. This energetic winning team consists of 7 students (4th, 7th and 8th graders) : Anish Sayani (8th grade BASIS), Dhara-shan Bellan (8th grade BASIS) , Harshil Ahuja (87th grade Stratford Middle), Prateek Satish (7th grade Stratford Middle) and Roshan Amble (8th grade BASIS), Aum Patel (7th grade BASIS) and Akshara Sayani (4th grade Silver Oak Elementary).

Airport

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the years, according to attorney Jim McManis, who filed the lawsuit, Dec. 19, on behalf of San Jose resident Christine Decker.

The lawsuit alleges that the county has violated federal grant requirements by failing to adequately maintain the airport and

its facilities.

In a letter received by the county, the FAA expressed that it “strongly opposes” closing the airport and told the county to fix outdated signage and other issues that it warned “could result in a potentially catastrophic incident.” The letter stated that signs and markers do not meet current standards and have resulted in increased runway incursions.

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Cadwallader School - a great example.

Schools

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in alternate years; therefore, awardees hold the title for two years.

A total of 323 schools will receive the 2020 California Distinguished Schools Award. Representatives of each school will be presented with their schools' respective award at the California School Recognition Program Awards Ceremony on February 10, 2020, at the Disneyland Resort in Anaheim, California. Presented by the California Department of Education (CDE), the Awards Ceremony is a celebratory day to recognize the schools' outstanding achievements.

"These outstanding schools don't just educate students; they also provide the young people of California the tools they need to be successful after graduation," State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, said. "Thanks go to all the staff at these schools — teachers, administrators, classified employees — and parents, who are working together to provide high-quality educational experiences for all of their students."

Silver Oak School
Howard Greenfield, Principal of Silver Oak Elementary stated, "With consistently high academics already in place, we are using the Habits of Mind (Costa and Kallick, 2000) as a tool for developing life-related skills that benefit all types of learners. We have implemented ten of these Habits: Taking Responsible Risks, Striving for Accuracy and Precision,

Listening with Understanding and Empathy, Perseverance, Applying Past Knowledge to New Situations, Communicating with Clarity and Precision, Managing Impulsivity, Thinking Flexibly, Thinking about Thinking (Metacognition), and Finding Humor.

Our goal was to find a conduit to the Evergreen School District's Profile of a Learner (POL) which strives to make each student a great learner, communicator, collaborator, critical thinker, innovator, and advocate. Crucial to the POL are the 4Cs: Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication and Collaboration. Habits of Mind further breaks down each of these 4 C's so that each student can develop habits that will build a foundation for lifelong learning!"

Cadwallader School
Maureen McClintock, Principal of Cadwallader said, "Cadwallader thrives with a collaborative model for teaching and learning that includes school-wide use of Accountable Talk, Close Reading Strategies in the upper grades, and Sobrato Early Academic Language (SEAL) strategies in the primary grades.

We have implemented strategies in these three areas within the last five years. Cadwallader's intentional focus to improve teacher collaboration and student communication skills is making a positive difference for our students."

Hard work and devotion to duty has paid off at these two school sites in the Evergreen School District. Their education model is something that all schools in the District could emulate!



Silver Oak Students strive for perfection daily

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Lara St. John. Photo by James Farley

Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'The Red Violin', Jan. 24 – 26

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Symphony Silicon Valley presents *The Red Violin* (Film with Full Score, Live On Stage) January 24 – 26, 2020 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose.

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The Symphony will play John Corigliano's musical score conducted by Shih-Hung Young to accompany the eventful bio-pic of a legendary violin, following it from 17th century Italy to the present day. Violinist Lara St. John will perform the solo passages 'in what amounts to a virtuosic concerto.

Starring Jason Fleming, Greta Scacchi, Don McKellar, Sylvia Chang and Samuel L. Jackson, *The Red Violin* follows the intricate history of a mysterious antique violin from its creation by a legendary luthier in 1681 Cremona, Italy, to an auction house in modern-day Montreal where it draws the eye of an expert appraiser. Follow the violin's journey as it travels through five different countries over the course of four centuries, mysteriously impacting all who play it. The performance version of the film score was meticulously reconstructed with the assistance and approval of composer John Corigliano himself.

"There is a kind of ideal beauty that reduces us all to yearning for perfection. *The Red Violin* is about that yearning." — Roger Ebert.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, January 25 at 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday, January 26 at 2:30 p.m.

Tickets: \$50 — \$98; 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 is just one block away at San Jose City Garage on San Carlos Street with entrances on 2nd and 3rd Streets.



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A Coopers Hawk resting on a streetlight at Cribari Lane and Villages Parkway on Christmas Eve morning. Photo by Lou Alexander

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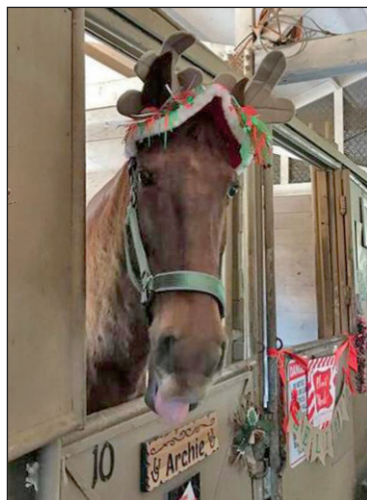
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Vietnamese running club members celebrate at Christmas Party

The San Jose Vietnamese Running Club SJVRC held a Christmas Party for its members on Dec. 15 at the Mint and Basil Restaurant. SJVRC was founded by Luong Le in June 2016 with just four members, and today there are more than 400 members.

SJVRC members meet every Sunday morning at 7 a.m. at the Starbucks parking lot, located near Highway 101 at 5805 Silver Creek Valley Place in San Jose. The morning run begins at 7:30 a.m. "I founded the running as a great way for everyone to have fun and to achieve healthy results and also contribute to charity," said Le. "We look forward to meeting new runners at our weekly run near Silver Creek."



CHRISTMAS AT THE STABLES – The Villages Golf and Country Club stables celebrated the holidays with a Christmas Open House on Dec. 21. Horses were decked out in their Christmas garb and everyone had a wonderful time. Most of the horse owners allowed visitors to feed their steeds special treats. Pictured, above left: "Archie" (photo by William Bellou) and "Cloud," above right (photo by Robert Flesher).

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Sacred Heart Community Service distributes 3,500 holiday food boxes this holiday season

Sacred Heart Community Service has distributed holiday food boxes to 3,300 families as part of its annual Holiday Program.

Since 1964, Sacred Heart has continued their annual tradition that unites the community during the holiday season.

Families come to the organization to pick up a holiday food box filled with items like fresh fruits, vegetables, grains, cooking oil, eggs, bread and other items needed to enjoy their holiday meal. Families will also select either a turkey, ham, or chicken to include in their box.

This year, Sacred Heart's goal has been to distribute 7,900 holiday food boxes to families in the community. To meet this goal, the organization distributed 4,400 food boxes during the week of Thanksgiving.

The holiday food boxes, a key part of their program, help make the holidays more affordable for families living in the Bay Area. Each holiday food box contains approximately \$100 worth of groceries. This is important for many



members at Sacred Heart who spend approximately 80 percent of their income on rent, leaving very little left for food, clothing, utility expenses, and more.

Sacred Heart also distributes toys as part of their Holiday Program. Each year on December

23rd and 24th, the organization distributes 18,600 toys to 6,200 children in the community.

To learn about Sacred Heart's Holiday Program or to make a financial donation please visit their website at www.sacredheartcs.org/holidays.



BIKE DONATION

Blach Construction delivered 100 bikes to Sacred Heart Community Service for their 2019 Holiday Program on Dec. 20. Blach Construction employees have organized this bike drive each year since 2008. Pictured are: **Jay Pecot**, Community Relations Manager at Sacred Heart Community Service, and **Erika Frederic**, Senior Project Engineer, Blach Construction.

EvergreenAreaMeetings

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 weekends.

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 ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhd.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 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:** Home-

owners 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/prms. 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 Barbary Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley: This 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 Assn. 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.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramch-esney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.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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will meet with staff and families to answer questions and discuss transition plans.

The superintendent's consolidation committee is not a Brown Act committee and is not required under ed code, government code or for administrative regulation to be open to the public. However, there is the opportunity for the public to come in the first thirty minutes to ask questions or provide input.

Superintendent Dr. Flores defends closed door process at December 12 School Board meeting

"The decision to close the meetings to the public was made to ensure that the committee — which is comprised of 24 volunteers who are not elected officials — can engage in honest discussions necessary for this process without undue scrutiny from those who are not a part of the committee," said Dr. Emy Flores, Evergreen School District Superintendent. "If any committee members felt the need to censor themselves because of pressure or scrutiny that they sense or receive from an observer, the committee would not be able to engage in the type of thoughtful discourse and decision-making that is imperative for the successful outcomes of this process.

"Now the timeline is very tight and we have our scheduled meetings that are two hours long with 30 minutes being taken for public input, the committee needs the time to engage in dialogue without having to feel scrutinized or having to feel like they have to respond to a member of the audience who might have a question or voice a concern."

Editor's Note: The January 22 announcement of the two elementary schools to close will follow with community input meetings and a February school board action item to approve process to consolidate (move) the children and teachers to other EESD elementary schools at the beginning of the next school year. To learn more go to School Consolidation Process at eesd.org.



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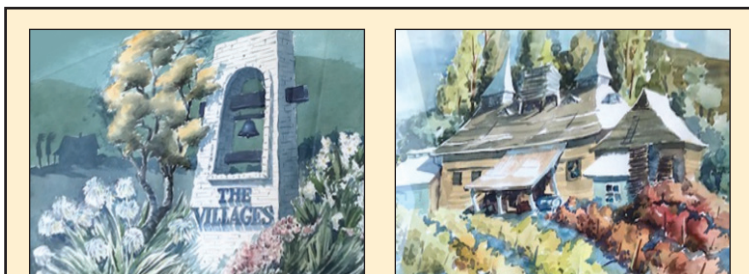
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	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
45	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
46	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
47	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
48	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
49	29	30					

365 December 2020

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
49			1	2	3	4	5
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51	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
52	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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- 1 Jan New Year's Day
- 20 Jan Martin Luther King Day
- 12 Feb Lincoln's Birthday
- 14 Feb Valentine's Day
- 17 Feb Presidents Day
- 25 Feb Mardi Gras Carnival
- 8 Mar Daylight Saving (Start)

- 17 Mar St. Patrick's Day
- 1 Apr April Fool's Day
- 10 Apr Good Friday
- 12 Apr Easter
- 13 Apr Easter Monday
- 5 May Cinco de Mayo
- 10 May Mother's Day

- 16 May Armed Forces Day
- 25 May Memorial Day
- 31 May Pentecost
- 1 Jun Pentecost Monday
- 14 Jun Flag Day
- 21 Jun Father's Day
- 4 Jul Independence Day

- 7 Sep Labor Day
- 11 Sep September 11th
- 17 Sep Citizenship Day
- 25 Sep Native American Day
- 12 Oct Columbus Day
- 16 Oct Boss's Day
- 17 Oct Sweetest Day

- 31 Oct Halloween
- 1 Nov Daylight Saving (End)
- 11 Nov Veterans' Day
- 26 Nov Thanksgiving
- 7 Dec Pearl Harbor
- 25 Dec Christmas Day
- 31 Dec New Year's Eve

