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Carbin wins triple jump at Boise track meet

By Sean Eastwood *Times Staff Writer*

t. Pleasant senior Darius Carbin, representing Cardinal Track Club in Evergreen Valley, won the triple jump with a leap of 45-1 at the New Balance Track Meet at the Boise Ford Sports Center in Nampa, Idaho on Feb. 5-6.

Carbin also placed fourth in the 60-meter hurdles in 8.46 seconds, his person best, and the long jump with an effort of 21-2.25. The meet is conducted under USATF rules. "Since coming back from the track meet in Cali, Columbia, I



have been more motivated to do better and train harder," said Carbin, during an online interview. "I keep in contact with the athletes I met in Columbia and watching them breaking records."

Carbin has signed with the University of Georgia as a high jumper.

Evergreen High School senior earns perfect score on Advanced Placement Exam

One of only twelve students in the world

By William Bellou Publisher

E vergreen Valley High School junior Anton Cao has earned a perfect score on his Advanced Placement (AP) Exam.

Anton, who took the test last year in tenth grade, is one of only 12 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Calculus AB Exam. AP Exams are based and reported on a 5point scale, where a five is equivalent to a grade of A in the corresponding college course. Cao received the top score of five.

"Anton processes constructive criticism well and is always willing to go the extra mile in order to take his work to the higher level, said Anh Thieu, Cao's AP Calculus AB math teacher. "He is constantly challenging himself," he said. "Most importantly, he is always willing to help his classmates, and is therefore, respected, loved and admired by *See ANTON, page 2*



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Great Dane "BB" won last year's Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club show. Courtesy MyDogPhoto.com

Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club Dog Show to be held Feb 20-21

he Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club | will hold two all-breed dog shows in San Jose at the Santa Clara Valley Kennel Club, located at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds.

More than 1400 dogs and 150 different breeds will complete for the coveted Best In Show Trophy as well as over 100 dogs competing in Obedience. There will be back to back Toy shows, Dachshund specialties, Cairn and Collie specialties will be held on Friday, and Akita specialty will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The show will start at 8:00am and run most of the day. Junior Showmanship, a competition for those aged 9 - 17 is at 12:30PM on Saturday and 11 a.m. on Sunday. Best in Show is scheduled at approximately 5:30 pm.

Admission is free, parking is \$10.

Missing person Addisone 'Peep' Piper found safe

ddison "Peep" Piper, 88, was safely located Feb 6 by the Contra Costa Sheriff Office and has been reunited with family after being reported missing by Piper's family the day prior.

The San Jose Police Department asked for the public's assistance locating Piper when he was last seen at approximately 1 p.m. driving away from his home near The Villages Parkway in Evergreen Valley

Fortunately, the story had a happy ending for the Piper family.

Anton

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"AP courses and exams are college-level, and require hard work and focus on the part of students and their teachers," said Trevor Packer, senior vice president of AP and instruction at the College Board. "On behalf of the College Board, we congratulate the students and community members who make challenging coursework and focused practice a priority, and who motivate and encourage all students to capture their academic potential."

The College Board is committed to ensuring that students have access to the opportunities they have earned. Students who succeed in AP are not only more likely to succeed in college, but have the chance to save a significant amount of time and money by earning college credit or placement.

In 2015, more than 4,100 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process, with many colleges and universities in the U.S. offering credit in one or more subjects for qualifying AP scores.

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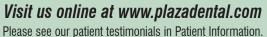
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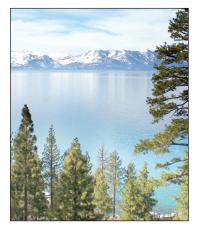
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Silver Creek High School cheerleaders participate in Super Bowl 50

By Paula Thomas Special to the Times Uses who was moving all of those vibrant flower-shaped umbrellas on the field for the Super Bowl 50 Halftime Show? The Silver Creek High School (SCHS) Cheerleaders!

During the first week of January, The Silver Creek Cheerleading Team was notified by a Super Bowl 50 executive that they had been selected to participate in the Super Bowl 50 Halftime Show: "We are thrilled to have you participate in the Super Bowl 50 Halftime Show staring Coldplay! We are very excited about the show this year, and you will play an important part!"

Being a part of the halftime show took a lot of commitment from the girls. Each of the members had to commit to 100 percent attendance at every rehearsal, with more than 10 rehearsals leading up to the event — most lasting at least six hours, some outside in the freezing cold.

The test of all time: Both the team and their parents were under a strict confidentiality agreement, and were not allowed to tell anyone about their participation until the day of the show. Can you imagine how excited they must have been?

All their hard work paid off the week before the big event. Not only did they have three private rehearsals at Levi stadium alongside Coldplay lead singer Chris Martin, Bruno Mars and Beyoncé, but Jay-Z and Blue Ivy also came to watch!



On the day of Super Bowl 50, police escorted more than 40 buses from the staging area to Levi stadium, completely shutting down highways 87, 101 and 237 before making their arrival.

At the start of the halftime show, the group participated on the field by holding up red, white and blue boards to create the famous Pepsi sign before running off to collect their flower-shaped umbrellas and ribbons. As the music began, the team glided across the field in a whirlwind of color, raising and lowering their umbrellas and swinging their ribbons in a choreographed routine to resemble a kaleidoscope of beauty dancing to the music of Coldplay. Coach OJae Balgos praised his cheerleaders, "I cannot thank you enough for your hard work and dedication the past 15 days! I am so proud to have picked y'all to be a part of this once in a lifetime experience. You all gave up so much time and energy, and endured long and cold practices."

In addition, the team chaperones also deserve praise for devoting many long hours in order to make the Super Bowl 50 event memorable for each cheerleader!

For more information about SCHS Cheer please contact Coach Ojae Balgos at schscheercoach@hotmail.com.

See more photos, next page

Mailbox

Proposed development raises questions Editor,

Thank you for your February 5 update on the San Jose Evergreen Community College District's "closed committee" which is planning development of 27 acres at San Felipe and Yerba Buena. This committee consists of board members and representatives of the developer Republic Urban Properties, but no members from Evergreen College or the community. An architect for Republic told me that their goal is to "build a community which will revitalize the college." In fact, Evergreen

nity members who have been protesting this high density development. It will not revitalize the college but instead limit campus growth and erect ugly walls of multi-story apartments which will block the college and Evergreen hills from residents' view.

Republic claims its apartment and strip-mall tenants will "complement" the college, including for-profit businesses such as "a study center that will be open all night for students, an aquatic center, and a culinary academy." The majority of Evergreen students attend college on fee waivers or financial aid. Why would our students pay thousands of dollars for a private culinary school when they can go to Mission College's

culinary program free? If the aquatic center is such a great idea, why do all of Evergreen College's physical education faculty members oppose it? How will a forprofit business fund a study center? Taxpayers have already funded a bond measure for Evergreen's college library, although the district limits its funds and operating hours. Once again, the district and Republic Urban Properties are ignoring the community's needs and the support Evergreen residents have already given to the college for nearly 50 years.

In the next few months, the Board of Trustees will be planning for a bond measure to fund their new plan for the Evergreen campus, which our Academic Senate has already warned is too small to accommodate our projected growth in students and programs. Even the college's hill trails, well-used by community members, will be cut under the new plan, because the back hills of the college will be converted to parking lots in order to maximize space in our shrinking campus. However, Republic has promised to build "bike and walking paths" through the strip mall and apartment blocks, claiming this will be a big improvement!

After hundreds of Evergreen residents have seen their concerns dismissed and ridiculed during last year's meetings with the Board of Trustees, do you think they will be voting yes on any district bond measures? NO. And neither will I. I refuse to give any more money to this district's administration until they remember they are accountable to the taxpayers and students of Evergreen.

Robin Hahn Member, Evergreen Valley College Academic Senate 40-year Evergreen taxpayer



OP ED Rubbishy roadways are an irritation

By Frank Shortt

Special to the Times omehow it just doesn't seem right, looking from a Taxpayer's point of view, why our streets and roads in California are in such trashy condition?

We once had sweepers come by every so often to remove the rubbish from the gutters. Drains used to be cleaned before winter rains as a preventive measure. Trees used to be trimmed along roadways so one could see traffic signs.

VTA is hard put to provide even the least service to our community. They do not have the funds to also remove graffiti and the roadway trash that is unwittingly thrown out by passing motorists. It seems that there is no pride of community anymore. We pay taxes to have the trash removed, left there by careless citizens, but it remains in the gutter until it rots or rusts away.

Suggestions have been made, to the powers that be, to use incarcerated individuals to clean up the trash and graffiti. It is for certain that most folks who are locked up in our many places of detainment would rather be outside cleaning up than be inside a stuffy cell. From the taxpayer's point of view, why not? Would we rather they be 'working out' in exercise rooms building up their muscles for their next escapade? It is for sure that there are some very talented souls who are locked up in our jails. There must be gardeners, painters, and almost any profession that

could be named. These questions beg for answers.

Do we not have deputies who could be with the 'incarcerated ones' to insure they do not escape? Are there not enough funds to buy water and food for these individuals? Or, is it a union matter?

Taxes keep going up on everything we use. More is spent on jails and prisons than for the upkeep of the communities, including education.

Just driving from San Jose to Los Angeles on Highway 101 is an appalling experience. There is everything from shopping carts, to produce boxes plastic bags, etc. lying in our gutters. There is graffiti on every wall and overpass between the two cities.

Are any graffiti artists ever caught redhanded? If they are caught, is there a penalty for their pre-meditated crime? A law without a penalty is NOT a law. Would it not make much more sense to sentence these individuals to paint the whole section that they were so willing to deface, and a little besides?

These are just a few questions which cross the minds of law-abiding, caring citizens. What is the answer? Who is being held responsible? Any manager, boss, etc. has someone to answer to. Are there not certain departments appointed to these details? It seems there is a great lack of accountability. Maybe our esteemed candidates for public office would care to answer these and other

questions from our weary taxpayers.

Coldwell Banker raises \$100,000 for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital

oldwell Banker Residential Broker-age Community Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Coldwell Banker real estate services company, announced today that it raised approximately \$100,000 for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford during the company's recent fundraising campaign.

The donations were the result of a monthlong community-wide raffle held throughout Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's 42 Bay Area offices. Entitled "Give Health. Give Hope" this was the company's first annual fundraiser for Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

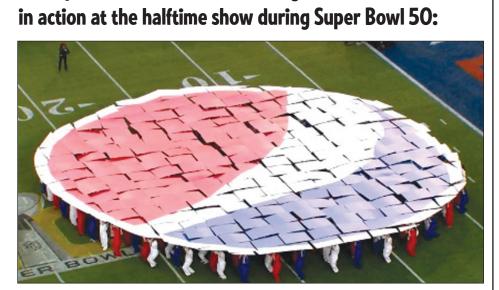
The non-profit hospital treats any child or expectant mother in the community who needs specialized care, regardless of their ability to pay. Each year, more than 71,000 children and expectant mothers throughout the Bay Area come to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital for expert medical care.

"Thousands of our affiliated agents, managers and staff, along with generous supporters in the community, rallied together to make this inaugural fundraiser for Lucile Packard a spectacular success," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage. "Through their tireless efforts, Coldwell Banker is helping to create healthier, happier futures for Bay Area children in need."

As part of the fundraiser, more than 3,000



independent sales associates, managers and staff from the North Bay to the Monterey Peninsula purchased \$2 raffle tickets on behalf of their clients, family, friends and themselves, which were in turn entered into a drawing for a number of prizes. Offices also organized individual fundraising events, many open to the public, to raise additional funds.



More photos of the Silver Creek High School Cheerleaders





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Times Schools Notebook

Chaboya 8th Graders win Silicon Valley District First Lego League Championship Tournament

By William Bellou Publisher

nish Parmar and Allen Chen have won the Northern California Silicon Valley District Firs Lego League Championship tournament held at Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill on Feb. 13.

The Champion's Award is the most prestigious award that any FLL Team can win. It celebrates the success of the First Mission and FLL Values.

Teams must perform well in all aspects of the challenge: Robot Performance, Core Values, Project and Robot Design. More than 40 teams qualified after the first round which took place last November.

Parmar and Chen, called Team Avengers, are 8th grade students at Chaboya Middle School in Evergreen. The team also won the second place Champion's Award for this year's Challenge Theme – *Finding Better Ways to Manage our Trash!*

The completion measures how the team members inspire and motivate others about the excitement of science and technology, solve problems, and demonstrate respect and gracious professionalism.

They won the Best Robot Design Award in the first round and qualified for the Silicon Valley District FLL Championship



Anish Parmar and Allen Chen have won the Northern California Silicon Valley District Firs Lego League Championship tournament held at Sobrato High School in Morgan Hill on Feb. 13.

Tournament. After the first round team continued researching their project and fine tuning the robot game missions.

The team worked very hard and made good progress in their project about the safe disposal of pharmaceutical products. They presented it to Dave Cortese, President of the Board of Supervisors, Santa Clara County.

The team's project was appreciated by them and was directed to County's Director of Environmental Health Jim Blamey. The team met and discussed their project with several of County staff members who are experts in the field of waste management and received good support and encouragement to implement their idea.

"We want to thank Santa Clara County for all their support, time, and help," said Parmar and Chen. "We want to continue working with them on this project. They also want to thank the FLL organization which has inspired them to come up with creative solutions to real world problems."

Team Avengers philosophy is simple: "If you play to win, you won't learn, but if you play to learn, you will win."

Chaboya Middle School Science Fair to showcase key scientific methodologies

haboya Middle School's district level science fair participants will showcase key scientific methodologies currently being learned by students that represent semester long scientific inquiries at this year's Science Fair in April.

Teachers will select students who will rep-

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resent Chaboya at the district fair. Final products will be presented at the school's Open House in April.

The objectives of school and district science fairs are to encourage and highlight the use of the "scientific" process and the fundamental principles of science. Students are guided in their development of a topic, complete the required research, and then conduct an experiment or engineering project that demonstrates their understanding of the processes of science. The experience also provides an opportunity to recognize "student" scientists and draw the Evergreen community together.

While the district's science fair brings the Evergreen community together to support the students, the school also wants to make sure the work presented also provides a glimpse into what students are doing in class. In recent years the English Language Arts and math curriculum transitioned to the Common Core Standards. Along with these subject areas making a shift, a shift is occurring in science.

This year Chaboya's science teachers are diving into the new NGSS and STEM standards. As teachers make the shift from California Science Standards to NGSS, they are infusing this material into their curriculum this year.

While the students have had opportunities to perform experiments and engineering projects throughout the year in class, which align with the objectives of the science fair, the science department wants students to simultaneously continue learning about the new NGSS concepts, and the projects reflect these new concepts.



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San Jose's participatory budgeting process detailed

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

Special to the Times ne of the most important things we do as elected officials is to deliberate and vote on the city's annual budget. During our Annual Budget Process, we develop budget priorities for the City based on input from the Community, City Staff and the City Council. Our city's fiscal year begins July 1st and ends June 30th of each year. The City's annual budget is \$2.9 billion (as of the 2015-2016 Proposed

Budget) and the City has 5,945 positions. The Mayor and City Council are currently working toward our 2016-17 Budget. This will be my 8th and final city budget that I will vote on and because of an improving economy and the tough budget decisions we made during those years when we faced 100 million dollar plus budget shortfalls, we have been able to restore some services that were cut during the recession such as increasing library hours from 4 to 6 days a week.

We still have a long way to go to return services to the 2010-2011 levels promised in the fiscal reform plan. Earlier this year, the budget office was looking at a potential of \$5-7 Million shortfall, but indications now seem to point to a break even budget. The city manager's budget office is preparing to release the General Fund Five Year Forecast by the end of February and that document will show a more formal calculation of the 2016-17 budget projections. The reality is a "tight tolerance" for any room to move the needle on having extra capacity in the funding of services. The council will have to decide whether to support bringing in new revenue in the form of a possible sales tax which could bring in an additional \$40 Million if it's a 1/4 cent sales tax and \$80 million with a 1/2 cent sales tax of ongoing revenue to the general fund for public safety and other critical services. At this time, we have very little capacity to add anything to our budget with a big influx of cash to make significant contributions to our infrastructure needs on our roads and water treatment facility.

I want to encourage you to become part of this budget process, beginning with the attending the upcoming **Budget Priority Setting Session on Saturday, February 20, 2016 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Parkside Hall (180 Park Ave., San Jose, CA 95123).** Unlike previous years, this event is open to the public and not solely neighborhood association representatives.

By attending this event, you will learn more about the City budget and have the opportunity to discuss and provide input on community priorities. I will be attending this event and I'm eager to hear your feedback and ideas on the budget. This year, participants will participate in a "Zerobased" budgeting exercise designed around programs and services that impact our neighborhoods. "Zero-based" budgeting reverses the working process of traditional budgeting by approving every line item in a budget, instead of just the changes made in a budget. Budget requests are evaluated thoroughly, starting from the zero-base. To fully understand how we go about developing a city budget, we have to know where the money comes from. Almost half of the revenue in the General Fund is generated from property and sales taxes. Other sources of General Fund revenue include: utility taxes; franchise fees; departmental fees, licenses, and permits; funding from other agencies (local, state, Federal); transfers and reimbursements; and other revenue.

The City's special and capital funds (e.g.,



District 8 Report By Rose Herrera Vice Mayor y's special and capital funds (e.g., Airport, garbage collection and recycling, water pollution control plant and sewer system operations) are generally supported by revenues specified for those purposes, such as user fees, designated taxes, and grants.

The General Fund accounts for approximately 32% of the City's budget with 68% associated with the City's special and capital funds. The General fund provides the money for all of the services commonly associated with the city such as Police,

Fire, Parks, community centers, streets etc. A significant portion of the General Fund is non-discretionary which means already decided or specific revenues that support that particular service. Examples include debt service costs on City-owned Facilities and grant reimbursements. This also includes pension and benefit payments. This leaves a smaller amount as a discretionary part of the budget gets prioritized through the budget process by the mayor and council and directed towards priorities.

As an example, last year's 2015-2016 Proposed General Fund Budget is broken down as follows:

Public Safety: 49%

(Police and Fire)

Community Services: 13%

(Library, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, and Planning, Building and Code Enforcement)

Capital Maintenance: 7% (Public Works and Transportation)

General Government: 8% (Information Technology, Finance,

Human Resources, City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk, City Auditor, Economic Development, and Mayor and City Council)

Non-Departmental Expenses: 23% (reserves, city-wide expenses that support multiple departments, capital expenditures, transfers to other funds, debt service)

For the City's special and capital funds, the largest expenditures are associated with the operation and capital improvements for the Mineta San José International Airport, the water pollution control plant and sanitary sewer system, the storm sewer system, the municipal water system, and the convention and cultural facilities, as well as the delivery of housing services, and capital investments to maintain the City's roads, parks, community centers, libraries, and fire stations.

Throughout the years of my service to District 8, I have entered the budget season with a determination to do what's best for our district as well as the city as a whole. When the opportunity or need is evident for funding a program or capital project in our district, I push hard to make sure that your voices are heard and that the funding is secured. One example is the summer swim programs at Silver Creek and Overfelt High Schools. They began as special, one-time funding requests but after such successful attendance by local kids and families to the programs, they have been included in the regular budget year over year. As far as capital projects go, one of the final projects I am working on is to make sure the Thomas Creek Trail between Quimby and Capitol is completed. In spite of some obstacles I'm happy to say, the trail construction will be started soon and our residents will enjoy a beautiful and health-promoting amenity!

The final budget will be voted on mid-June but the following are events leading up to that date where you can participate in the process. Look for communication from my office on the specific times and days of these upcoming meetings.

February 20: Budget Priority Setting Session. Parkside Hall – 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

May: City Council Budget Study Sessions: a series of Budget Study Sessions are held annually to discuss the Proposed Budget for the upcoming fiscal year. The date and location for our District 8 meeting will be decided in late March.

May/June: Public Hearings on the Budget: two public hearings are held annually on the Proposed Budget to gain feedback from the community.

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

I look forward to seeing you out in the community.

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Estrella works on her Organic Mushroom Farm kit.

AVING FUN WITH FUNGUS Organic Mushroom Farm program promotes healthier eating

new program has been implemented as part of a new national effort to teach students the origin of food and promote healthier eating.

The joint program by Back to the Roots and Sodexo, fourth-graders at Mt. Pleasant Elementary STEM Academy were among first students in California to unveil their Organic Mushroom Mini Farm Monday, Feb. 1.

Of the more than a dozen fourth grade classrooms in the Mount Pleasant Elementary School District that received an organic mushroom kit, Mt. Pleasant Elementary STEM Academy will be the first to showcase the mushrooms that students helped cultivate as part of an integrated life sciences school curriculum.

The school will use part of the harvest for continued instruction and donate the

remaining produce to local community food banks.

Background: In September 2015, Sodexo, a Global Fortune 500 leader in facilities management and foodservice operations, and Back to the Roots, a Bay Area food startup and one of Forbes' 25 Most Innovative Consumer Brands, announced a partnership focused on bringing Ready to Grow classroom products, and simpler, more flavorful, and more nutritious Ready to Eat food to thousands of Sodexo locations nationwide. Back to the Roots and Sodexo supplied 2,300 schools across the United States - including at Mt. Pleasant Elementary STEM Academy with the Back to the Roots Garden Toolkit – including the Organic Mushroom Mini Farm, Garden-in-a-Can (organic basil & cilantro), and Water Garden (classroom aquaponics kit).

Evergreen School needs memorabilia for its 60th anniversary celebration

Everytein Elementary School is celebrating its 60th anniversary in May 2016, and the school wants to include memorabilia for the upcoming celebration.

The school is planning at community picnic to celebrate its important milestone in the school's history in the Evergreen School District.

The 60th Anniversary Planning Committee needs volunteers to make the event unforgettable. If you have history with the school, you are asked to please share copies of pictures, homework, textbooks, school memorabilia or stories of favorite memories of Evergreen School.

You can drop off any regalia at Evergreen School 3010 Fowler Road San Jose, CA 95135 or contact the planning committee at evergreen60th@ gmail.com.



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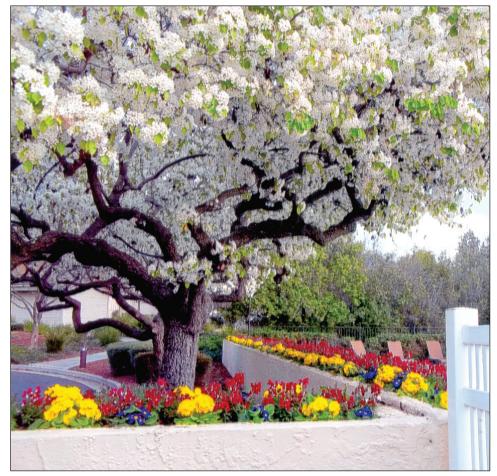
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Times Community News

Street Scene by Sandhya Iyer What was your favorite "Super Bowl 50" TV commercial?



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(Super India Grocery Store): The Doritos commercial because I thought it was very creative and funny.



Mr. Le (*Lucky's at Aborn and White*): I really liked the Heinz commercial, because it made my entire family laugh.



Nicole Devincenzi

(teacher at Evergreen Valley High School): I enjoyed the Jack-in-the-Box commercial, because one of my friends was featured in the commercial on the boat.



Alex Dao (student at Evergreen Valley High School): I liked the Doritos commercial because I thought it was the funniest one.



Tina Pimentel (*Lucky's at Aborn and White*): I liked the Heinz commercial, because I love dogs.



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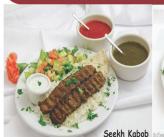
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Fri, Feb 19 & Fri, Feb 26, 3-6pm: Seafood Friday Tasting. Enjoy a taste of a different seafood recipe, freshly prepared each week by New Seasons staff, and pick up ideas for recipes you can make at home. Free.

Fri, Mar 11–Sun, Mar 13: New Seasons Market 1st Anniversary Celebration. Mar



Local sports highlight

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Times Feature

SUMMER '16 EVENTS YMCA partners with National Inclusion Project to create opportunities for children with disabilities

The National Inclusion Project has partnered with YMCA of Silicon Valley to further the creation of an environment where children with and without disabilities can play, learn and laugh together.

As part of the partnership, the National Inclusion Project has awarded the YMCA a grant to implement the Let's ALL Play program model throughout its Day Camp and After School programs.

In addition to the program model, the National Inclusion Project provides training and expertise, with a network of inclusion experts ready to problemsolve and share best practices on ensuring that no child sits on the sidelines.

YMCA of Silicon Valley is one of just 12 new organizations that the National Inclusion Project has chosen to partner with this year. "We are excited to work with the Y to provide more inclusive opportunities for the children of San Mateo and Santa Clara County," says Nick Leisey, National Inclusion Project Executive Director.

Research shows overwhelming evidence that the Let's ALL Play model helps children with disabilities improve self-esteem, social skills and confidence, while those without disabilities improved their leader-ship, problem solving and empathy skills.

The model makes it possible for children to come together and succeed, while participating in recreational activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, community service, physical fitness and more. More

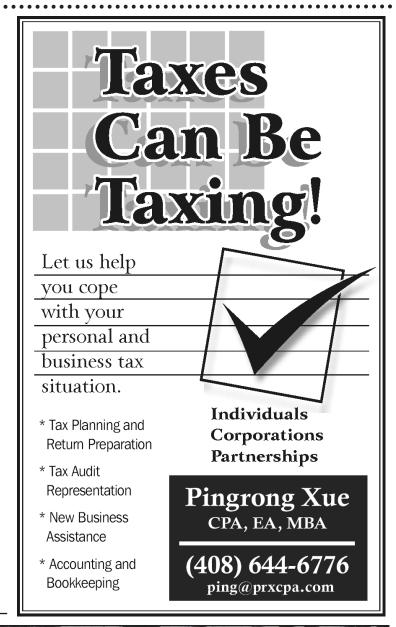
importantly, it allows children with and without disabilities to create friendships that may not have been possible in other parts of their lives.

"We believe that all children have the right and ability to achieve their full potential," said Jennifer Puthoff, Director of Child Care & After School programs at YMCA of Silicon Valley. "Our primary goal for Youth Development programs at the Y is to continually raise the quality and positive impact for ALL participants, while incorporating the Y's core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility."

Children with disabilities participate in all programs and activities at the Y, where they find encouragement and support in overcoming any initial hesitation, so they can simply have fun and learn alongside other children.

During the year, the Y works with schools and parents to run inclusive after-school programs. To ensure success, the Y actively engages a diverse group of students in creating a supportive peer network that welcomes and accepts all students, regardless of their individual circumstances, challenges or abilities. And when the school year ends, children are successfully included in summer camps and programs, receiving one-to-one support when needed.

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- Keep rain gutters and drainage channels free of debris.



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Times Features

Off the Shelf

By Alison de Geus Special to the Times re you a parent or caregiver of a child aged 0-3 years old? If so, Evergreen Branch Library would like to welcome you to join us for Library Plavdate.

We are delighted to be bringing this program back after a long hiatus with the help of a wonderful volunteer. Library Playdate is designed to be a stress-free program where caregivers of little ones can connect with other caregivers while providing young children the opportunity to build their social skills and engage in creative, unstructured play. Evergreen Branch Library provides the toys! Parents and caregivers are encouraged to come in, put down their phones and play! Library Playdate is a drop-in program that meets in the Children's Area Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.

Starting in March, Ms. Mary and the Evergreen Branch Library will once again be offering the popular **Baby and Me Storytime & Stay and Play!** This is a special four-week storytime series especially for parents and babies aged 6 months – 18 months. Parents are encouraged to dress comfortably and bring a small blanket. This storytime series starts Saturday, March 5 at 11:00 a. m. Interested parents may sign up either in person or by calling the branch at 408-808-3060. Space is limited to the first 20 families that enroll.

The Evergreen Branch Library will be offering the following events for patrons of all ages: Students aged 11-13 can enroll now in **CodeUCan: JAVA**. This four-week program will begin on Thurs March 3 at 4 p. m. Interested parents may sign-up their child by emailing Nikita Takru at codeucan14@ gmail.com. Space is limited to the first 20 participants.

Families with children are encouraged to attend our **Bubblemania** program on Saturday, Feb. 27 at 1 p.m. Come and explore the science and fun of bubbles. The Bubbologist will create bubbles of all kinds and the grand finale will give kids the chance to be inside of a giant bubble! Adults who are currently job seeking are encouraged to sign up for an appointment with our Job Search Coach. Appointments are available the 2nd and 3rd Saturdays of the month between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Please sign up in person or by calling the branch at 408-808-3060.

Additional Events

You can view Evergreen Branch Library's complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary).

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

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



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Ritu Marwah, Diane Fisher, Abobaker Mojadidi and **Ashwani Dhall** (from left to right) participate in a panel discussion during the the World Culture Festival Bay Area Curtain Raiser event. *Photo: Courtesy Art of Living*

Art of Living unveils World Cultural Festival with curtain-raiser event in Bay Area

The Art of Living Foundation, a non-profit, educational and humanitarian organization, unveiled the World Cultural Festival among intelligentsia, media, government officials and community leaders at the India Community Center recently, with a flagship event in the run up to the main event in India.

The World Cultural Festival to be held in Delhi, India between March 11-13 is touted to be the largest congregation of people in world history with an expected 3.5 million people to travel to India from over 155 countries to celebrate peace by honoring and showcasing human diversity through cultural performances by artists from over the world, holding the largest-ever peace meditation lead by world-renowned humanitarian Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, and engaging in dialogue with world leaders from religious, political and business arenas at the the Global Leadership Forum and World Forum For Ethics In Business to be held on the sidelines of the festival.

The event in Milpitas was a flagship event to introduce and welcome the American community to the international festival. The event was met with awe by distinguished guests from a cross-section of the American society.

The Consul General of India. Venkatesan Ashok, inaugurated the event along with Joshua Kaye, Director of Public Affairs, and Consulate of Israel. The Consul General of India extended the invitation to those present to come to India for the Festival while also speaking about the large following that the Founder of Art of Living, Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, has garnered over the world due to his stressrelief programs that have helped millions and his global efforts for conflict resolution and a violencefree society.

In a discussion among panelists, including Abobaker Mojadidi, a

prominent Muslim leader from Afghanistan, and a lecturer in various speaking circles; and Diane Fisher from the Jewish Federation of Silicon Valley, it was agreed that the arts bring together both the secular and the sacred in the same space, which echoed the very sentiment of Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, "Celebrating our diverse culture binds us together and expands our perspective." To this Ritu Marwah, a celebrated author from the Indian diaspora, added, "Migration through centuries has inter-mingled language, food and much of civilizations.'

However, the same culture that bound humanity together is now being used to divide mankind. This was highlighted by a quote recited by Mojadidi from the Islamic spiritual texts, "O mankind! We created you from a single (pair) of a male and a female and made you into nations and tribes that you may know each other, (and not despise each other)."

Ashwani Dhall, Former Chairman, Art of Living USA, pointing to the uniqueness of the World Cultural Festival, said that meetings are normally held on various platforms when there is a problem, but we seldom meet for celebratory reasons, and acknowledging the spirit of peace, love and unity.

A certificate of recognition was presented on behalf of the California State Assembly by Assemblymember Kansen Chu to the Art of Living Foundation. The office of the Mayor of City of Milpitas also presented a certificate of commendation to the Art of Living for its humanitarian efforts locally especially related to reducing gun violence.

Other politicians, including Ro Khanna, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary, US Department of Commerce, also spoke and supported the event.

For more information on World Cultural Festival visit: www.artofliving.org. Times **Features**

Is the drought over?

By Frank Shortt *Times Staff Writer*

n a recent trip to Minden and Gardnerville, Nevada, to celebrate my wife's birthday at the T&J Basque food restaurant, it was interesting to see the changes that the snow season is making.

We took Hwy. 50, from our place in Grizzly Flats, intending to take Hwy.89 South to Hwy. 88, thus ending up in Minden, Nevada. As our friend, Manuel, had never viewed Lake Tahoe, we decided to take the long way on to Carson City via Hwy. 50.

As we proceeded to Lake Tahoe, we noticed, even at lower elevations, the deepness of the snow. The American River, which traverses along Hwy. 50, is rising higher and higher as melted snow runs off the surrounding hillsides. Newscasts from Sacramento have stated that Folsom Lake is being drained down to a lower level because it is feared that should the snow banks melt too suddenly there could be flooding in the lower elevations.

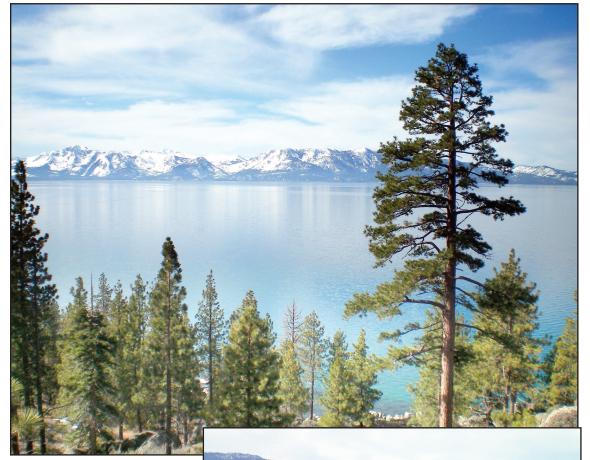
As one proceeds on 50 toward Lake Tahoe, there is one landmark that is a must to see, especially at this time. Bridal Veil Falls, down to a trickle in recent years, is now a beautiful cascade and promises to be even larger as feeder snow melts in the hills above.

My wife's rejoicing resounded down the American River Canyon as she witnessed this awesome sight. There were warm feelings all around, even though chilling winds prevailed down the Canyon.

Older water marks, around Lake Tahoe, tell a tale of higher water at one time. It appears that the lake is filling up nicely as snow melts from the surrounding terrain. Temperatures there have remained in the freezing stages at night. Daytime temps have not risen high enough yet to cause flood panic.

It seems that Lake Tahoe is just about normal for this time of year. There are predictions of more snow in the higher elevations of California and more rain to come in the lower elevations. Ski resorts are proclaiming a much better year than previous years of drought. Our friend, who is from the Shasta Lake region reports that Shasta is about half full.

Heading up past the Nevada line we made several stops along the way to the forks of Hwy. 50 and 395 South. The splendor of Lake Tahoe from the Incline Village



turnoff area would be difficult to match. Blue water, reflecting the surrounding mountains, presented many photo ops of postcard quality. We almost had the beauty to ourselves as few tourists were present on this day.

The grandeur was unbelievable as we proceeded south on Rt. 395. The whole Carson Valley was surrounded by snow covered peaks with the Eastern Sierra slopes on the west side and the Pine Nut Mountains to the east. Cattle grazed lazily in grass brought on by the spring-like weather along the Carson River. Minden and Gardnerville enjoyed a boost this day in tourism and ranchers coming in from the outlying areas that have been shut in by snowdrifts.

After enjoying a wonderful lunch at T&J's Basque Restaurant



we attempted to return on Route 89 to learn, after driving several miles, that the pass between Minden and Lake Tahoe was closed due to deep snow. It's a good thing we had decided to give Manuel a tour of the lake deferring to take Route 89 to Minden. All in all, Sharon enjoyed a very, happy birthday.

We were happy to see, that with a few more storms, we will have plenty of water for the summer season. However, we should never be careless with our water supplies!

How to Avoid Costly Housing Mistakes Before and After a Divorce

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

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Probably the first decision is whether you want to continue living in the house. Will the familiar surroundings bring you comfort and emotional security, or unpleasant memories? Do you want to minimize change by staying where you are, or sell your home and move to a new place that offers a new start? Only you can answer those questions, but there will almost certainly be some financial repercussions to your decision process. What can you afford? Can you manage the old house on your new budget? Is refinancing possible? Or is it better to sell and buy? How much house can buy on your new budget?

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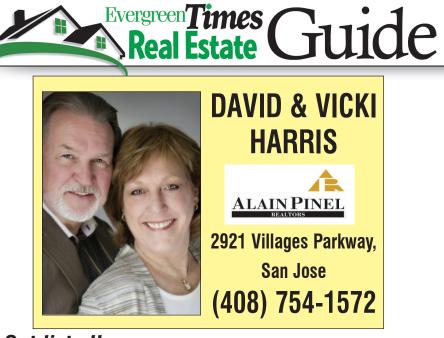
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Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnershin The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting schedule will be posted in August.

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 114

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

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