

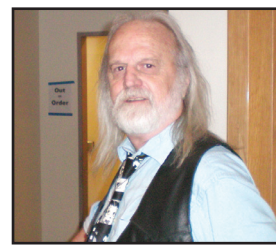
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## HELPING HANDS



Karen Addato brings life-changing help to the homeless, connecting them with social services, jobs, housing and technology. Photo courtesy of Karen Addato

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### Chaboya students to compete in National High School Math League championship

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Chaboya students Allen Chen, Siddharth Das and Allen Ma, have qualified to compete in the national level tournament of the High School Math League championship.

Math League is an annual series of high school math contests to determine the state champions in several states, as well as national champions. This is a three-tier tournament, starting from the local level and finishing at the national level.

Chen, Das, and Ma competed in State-level Math League com-



Allen Chen, Siddharth Das and Allen Ma

petition in the High School level and secured 8th, 9th and 10th places in California, respectively. With that, they are now invited to compete in the national-level  
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### Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network: A helping hand for those in need

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Karen Addato brings life-changing help to the homeless, connecting them with social services, jobs, housing and technology through her Hi Tech Rover Mobile 1st Response Unit.

Equipped with computers and printer, shower, grooming station and Career Closet, Addato and her volunteer staff offer a range of services aboard the RV, including email and internet training, job and housing searches, relocation, detox and recovery referrals and family reconnections. Those who step aboard also receive encouragement, emotional support and

unflinching advice.

"I wanted to be part of the solution," says Addato, Executive Director of Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network. "By building on existing social services and bridging the gaps, we provide a deep level of care to help those facing homelessness restore their lives."

Addato and her staff bring a high-impact, triage approach to their work, providing four to five services in two hours. The entire time, they talk with their homeless clients, asking them if they want to get off the streets and whether they have any children. They collaborate with the Social Services

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## Times OpEd

## Evergreen Times: Pat Waite the best candidate to represent District 8

District 8 needs a smart financial professional to represent us on the San Jose City Council. City services are not free, they require our tax dollars. We want those who ask for our dollars to have the knowledge and judgment to manage resources wisely and not repeat the mistakes of former mismanagement.

Pat Waite is a person we can trust to insist on financial responsibility while meeting the needs of every citizen of San Jose. Pat and Ginny have lived in our community for more than three decades. He has demonstrated his commitment to Evergreen and San Jose through community service and supporting important local issues for more than 30 years, which makes him uniquely qualified to represent Evergreen and serve the public as an elected official.

Pat is a good listener. He hears varying viewpoints and then makes decisions to benefit the most good. He can work as a valued team member to reach the best solution to problems. He realizes compromise is often necessary, but maintains principles of integrity. Articulate, he communicates clearly and concisely his views on issues. His



Pat Waite

financial acumen came from his education with a B.S. Economics, Magna cum Laude, Northern Illinois University, and he received his MBA from Willamette University.

Pat developed a reputation as a straight shooting and dedicated results oriented executive with a broad range of knowledge including customer service, manufacturing, information technology, process improvement and strategic planning. His experience is proven by

successful management in the tech industry with extensive achievements at numerous Silicon Valley companies, including Memorex, Unisys, Lam Research, Tandem Computers and Seagate Technology.

Pat and wife Ginny have long been involved in our community. They are members of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church where he serves as chair of the finance committee. His interest in helping others is also evident in his work as treasurer for of the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County.

The Evergreen Times believes that Pat Waite is the most qualified candidate to become our next councilmember representing District 8.

On June 7, vote for Pat Waite.

## Reverse mortgage laws protect homeowners

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

Laws have been created and passed by Congress to insure that widows, senior citizens and the disabled do not fall victim to predatory reverse mortgage practices by banks and lenders.

FHA and HUD laws require Reverse Mortgage lenders to set aside taxes and insurance funds for widows, senior citizens and the disabled over the age of 65. FHA and HUD laws state that it's the responsibility of the reverse mortgage lenders to set aside enough funds to provide taxes and insurance for the entire duration of the reverse mortgage.

A number of large banks have recently agreed to a \$25-Billion-dollar settlement agreement for fraudulent reverse mortgage practices and breach of contract against widows, elderly and disabled.

A lawsuit was recently filed in El Dorado County Superior Court, Case number: PC 20160181, on April 20, 2016 for predatory reverse mortgage practices against a senior citizen who is a widow and disabled. Defendants name in the suit are Financial Freedom, a division of CIT Bank, N.A.

Senior Funding Corporation and the Trustee Corps, the Original Trustee.

### Background

Prior to Mr. Ristau passing away in 1999, he purchased a home for his wife Janet L. Ristau at 1552 American River Trail, Cool, CA.

In 2006, Mrs. Ristau, who is a widow, a senior citizen and disabled, was approached by Financial Freedom, a division of CIT Bank, N.A. Senior Funding Corporation and the Trustee Corps, the Original Trustee. They related that they could provide a reverse mortgage to Mrs. Ristau and that she could stay in the house rent free for as long as she lived. Financial Freedom paid off the deed of trust in the amount of \$146,000, and today the Deed of Trust according to Financial Freedom has a face amount of \$544,185.00.

Financial Freedom, a division of CIT Bank, N.A. Senior Funding Corporation and the Trustee Corps, the Original Trustee (Defendants) claim that the subject deed of Trust is a reverse mortgage that became all due and payable on September 9, 2015 for the following breach: Failed to pay the

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championship, to be held in Kansas City, Missouri.

The test in each level takes more than four hours to complete with several different

styles of problems and testing. Based on the performance in local qualifying tournaments, qualified students are invited to compete at the state championship.

Based on performance at the state tournament, several students are invited to compete at the national level.



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# Valley Currents

cur·rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

## Chaboya's Rutvik Gandhasri to compete in Scripps National Spelling Bee

By Sandhya Iyer  
Times staff writer

Chaboya Middle School student Rutvik Gandhasri is getting ready to compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington D.C. on May 22.

Rutvik, a seventh grader, won 2016 CBS Bay Area Spelling Bee after competing with 49 spellers in 14 rounds that took nearly 4 hours and received a gold medal and a dictionary. Rutvik won second place last year.

The winning word? Jarabe — it's a Mexican dance.

"I feel really awesome about representing the Bay Area at the Scripps National Spelling Bee, especially after placing second last year," said Rutvik. "It makes me feel a lot better."

The winner of the Scripps National Spelling Bee will receive \$30,000 in cash, \$2,500 for online study and a free online subscription to the Encyclopedia Britannica.

KCBS radio anchor Stan Bunger gave the 9 to 14-year-olds easier words at first, but they got progressively harder.

Rutvik's favorite book series is the popular *Fable Haven* by Brandon Mull. He loves to work with Lego



Bruno Cohen, President & General Manager at KPIX TV (left), presented a gold medal to Chaboya School student Rutvik Gandhasri. Also pictured is KCBS radio morning co-anchor Stan Bunger, who served as the official pronouncer.

Robotics.

Rutvik Gandhasri was born with an innate talent to spell. At five years old, he entered his first spelling bee and garnered third place. Even though that competition was informal, and simply encouraged young children to develop speaking skills, it set a trend for Rutvik's success.

From second grade onwards, the young champion participated in spelling bees organized by the North South Foundation, consistently performing with excellence.

Being selected to the Scripps bee (the ultimate honor for any speller) has been a dream for Rutvik ever since he was seven years old.

His current success has inspired his younger brother, Rishik, a fourth grader at Silver Oak Elementary, to follow in his footsteps. At only 10 years old, Rishik came in 9th place at the CBS Bee this year.

Both brothers are voracious readers and enjoy browsing through both fiction and nonfiction stories. Their mother, Usha Gandhasri, says that

reading a variety of books is what helps them develop their vocabulary the most. Every week, Rutvik spends one to two hours studying words, but the time devoted to review is cranked up to four hours before competition.

To prepare for Scripps in particular, Rutvik is planning to focus more on the origins of obscure words. His favorite word, 'omphaloskepsis,' which means meditating while looking at one's own bellybutton, and is derived from Greek roots.

And while Rutvik masters new spelling techniques, he continues to be involved at Chaboya and in the community. He frequently participates in Math Olympiad competitions and helps underprivileged children gain a grasp on Lego Robotics, another thing he's extremely passionate about.

Rutvik is an incredible speller, competing in a famed, national spelling bee before becoming a teenager; and he remains humble, and is grateful for all the support he's received over the years from faculty at Silver Oak and Chaboya and for the constant encouragement from his friends, family, and the community.

# Mailbox



## Campaign mailer a disappointment

Editor,  
I am deeply disappointed in the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber-PAC's recent campaign mailer attacking Josh Barousse. Such hit pieces have no place in our local politics. We should focus on the issues affecting our quality of life and who we believe is best suited to deal with them, not on overinflated accusations of disregard for our laws.

Hysterically decrying traffic violations as making a candidate unfit for office? I suspect that many candidates would fail that litmus test. Attacking someone for supporting tax-payer funding of bodyguards for politicians? Maybe not the best use of our tax dollars, but certainly

not evidence of attempting to build a wall between government and the electorate.

I am honored to call Josh my friend, and will not tolerate such specious attacks on his character. I do not condone the behavior identified by the mailer, but I don't believe that it is indicative of Josh's true character or his dedication to our community.

I have returned the contribution that the Chamber made to my campaign, and will no longer use their endorsement in my materials. I urge voters to look past the ChamberPAC's petty mud-slinging, which gives lie to their tag line of "Advocates for Jobs & A Better Community." We should all be focused on determining who is best qualified to represent our interests on City Council and capable of creating the vibrant community that

we all deserve.

Pat Waite  
Candidate, San Jose City Council

## EVC not living up to mission statement

Editor,

The mission statement of Evergreen Valley College reads in part: "... to empower and prepare students from diverse backgrounds to succeed academically ... through a wide spectrum of educational experiences ... and support services for our students."

It is a noble mission but unfortunately only on paper. By leasing 27 acres for commercial development, the board of trustees is subverting the purpose of the San Jose-Evergreen District.

The telling statistics that the authors cite should outrage every Evergreen resident, most of which is the 18,500 students forced to take classes at Foothill DeAnza or West Valley College because they are not offered at San Jose-Evergreen.

Recently the district has threatened to cancel any classes at either of our colleges which have less than 15 students.

The desertion rate is likely to increase when traffic congestion and other problems intrude on the hopes and dreams of a good education for local students. Let's put the interests of our students above the interests of trustees collaborating with the commercial developers.

Nasreen Rahim  
Chair, Staff Development  
Faculty & Coordinator,  
Distance Education

## Waite is a leader

Editor,

San Jose residents in District 8 need Pat Waite's leadership. Having been raised in Evergreen Valley, I know the importance of placing new priorities in this growing suburban region of our city.

Mr. Waite is uniquely qualified to serve as San Jose City Councilmember. Our city govern-  
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Times **OpEd**

Evergreen Valley College is often overlooked by the community. Photo: CrosbyGroup.com

## Study examines reasons why students living in Evergreen bypass Evergreen Valley College

By **Neharika Bandaru**  
Times staff writer

Residents of Evergreen School District are very proud their elementary, middle, and high schools as they are exceeding expectations in almost every aspect. However, many overlook Evergreen Community College, better known as EVC.

Over the past few years, studies have shown that more than 18,500 students located in Evergreen and Silver Creek Valley have decided not to enroll at Evergreen Valley College, and attend Foothill College, De Anza College or West Valley College instead...but why?

Brenda and Lauren Serpa of Friends of

EVC set out to find out the underlying reasons local students have elected not to re-enroll in EVC. Their mission began a year ago researching the creation of the four out of six of the colleges that comprise the South Bay Six: San Jose City, Evergreen Valley, Foothill, De Anza, and West Valley Colleges.

From their studies, they concluded that The Evergreen community is at odds with the San Jose Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD). Some of the key aspects of their study are:

The community does not want any commercial development of the 27 acres of EVC land. Instead, the community wants a

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ment is a complex enterprise. Mr. Waite's proven leadership and executive background make him the ideal choice.

From Lam Research and Tandem Computers to Memorex and Seagate Technology, he's the only District 8 candidate with experience in finance and large organiza-

tions. His hands-on involvement with countless local nonprofits is impressive and solidifies his commitment to community.

In short, Mr. Waite is focused on making San Jose a better place for all residents. He'll play well with others, get real work done and serve the public with respect and humility. I'm proud to endorse Pat Waite.

**Nicholas E. Adams**

President

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## Reverse mortgage

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principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the failure to pay taxes and/or insurance. Mrs. Ristau believes that the foreclosure was based on fraud and breach of contract in direct violation of FHA and HUD laws.

Financial Freedom claims that the Deed of Trust, recorded May 26, 2006, as instrument No. 2006-0035627-00, of the official records in the Office of the Recorder of El Dorado County, California; secures the payment of and the performance of certain obligations, including but not limited to, the obligations set forth in a Promissory Note with a face amount of \$544,185.00 and that a breach of, and default in, the obligations for which said Deed of Trust is security has occurred in that the Trustor(s) has failed to perform obligations pursuant to or under the Note and/or the Deed of Trust, specifically: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the failure to pay taxes and/or insurance and that by reason thereof, the present Beneficiary under such Deed of Trust, has delivered to MTC

Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, said Trustee, a Declaration and Demand for Sale and a Foreclosure on the home located at 1552 American River Trail, Cool, CA 95614.

Bank of America just settled for \$16.5 Billion dollars for homeowner relief. Mrs. Ristau received an NOD or NOS within the last 3 years which entitles her to damages in the amount of \$10 million dollars. Even if she is in default of her reverse mortgage, the loan is considered "current" because of a special provision in her FHA mortgage note/deed. Her home was foreclosed on under a noncompliant process that violated her legal rights. Mrs. Ristau received a temporary Loan Modification and didn't have a single point of contact to try and help her stay in her home. She was foreclosed on while a loan Modification application was in process.

Laws AB 1950, SB 1474 extend the statute of limitations to file claims for fraud and breach of contract in violation of FHA and HUD laws. These laws were created and passed by Congress to insure that widows, senior citizens and the disabled do not fall victim to predatory reverse mortgages practices by banks and lenders.



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- Santa Clara County Water District • The District 8 Community Round Table
- Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County

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See the full list of Pat's qualifications at [www.PatWaite.com](http://www.PatWaite.com)



## Times News

## Addato

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Agency of Santa Clara County, signing people up for food stamps and Medi-Cal health insurance, as well as ID cards and birth certificates. “We’re doing the best we can to give back to our communities,” she says.

Addato, with her 9-year-old son Dylan by her side, first started helping the homeless by bringing them bag lunches and clothing. One day, she met a woman who lived under a bridge. “She was my age, but looked much older,” she says. “She shared her story with me, but I had nowhere to bring her; there weren’t any shelters available. All I could do was give her some boots and sweaters.” The woman died a few months later on the steps of a building in downtown San Jose. “My heart was broken and I thought I had to do more,” says Addato. “I care about people and awareness is needed of what resources are not being met, such as sustainable solutions. We found that when there’s an oversupply of food or clothing, people with drug addiction sell the food and clothing for cash.”

In April 2014, she developed ‘Hi Tech Tuesday,’ providing the homeless with access to computers to find employment and/or search for housing, as well as resource connections. “We found the need for our hi-tech services to be so great that we secured a community center facility and added an additional day within months of starting the program,” she says.

Next, Addato had the idea of going mobile, driving her SUV to homeless encampments. She started ‘Hi Tech Thursday’ at the Jungle encampment at Story Road, creating a makeshift office space outdoors. “We set up in the parking lot with 20 chairs, Wi-Fi and computers,” she says. “It was mind-blowing seeing hundreds of people living in those kinds of conditions. I felt like I was in a Third World country.”

On Tuesday mornings, they currently serve the homeless at St. James Park, downtown. On Tuesday afternoons, they visit various homeless encampments throughout the city, including those under bridges. “We love what we do and would like to be able to help more people,” she says. Their next vehicle, Hi Tech Rover 2, which is 90 percent sponsored, will be larger and include a shower trailer.

When Addato came up with the idea for a Hi Tech Rover in July 2015, she raised 70 percent of its sponsorship through knocking on doors for in-kind donations. She’s hoping to have Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network’s operational budget funded so they expand their geographic reach and schedule of services. “We are not government funded,” she says. “We are looking to secure sponsorship and private funds to help keep our Rovers roving.”

In addition to the Rovers, by posting profiles of homeless individuals and families online, Addato seeks e-sponsorship on a case-by-case basis from her network of 350 organizations and churches. “We connect those who have, with those who don’t and are in desperate need,” she says. “If there’s a family living in a car and the shelters are full, they have nowhere to go. I fight for those little kids and try to get them help.”

In one situation, a mother living with her children in a broken down RV faced homelessness if they couldn’t pay for its registration. Following Addato’s request, a church contributed \$500 towards the \$750 needed. “It could be the difference between life or death for them,” she says.

Through her network, Addato was able to arrange funding for Paul, a homeless man in a chronic state, to stay in a hotel rather than on the street for the last few months of his life. She also helped Juan Nava (43), an Army veteran wounded in Afghanistan and suffering from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder turn his life around. Nava was living in the trunk of a broken down Toyota until Addato arranged a stay in a shelter for him. “We got him off the street and now he’s working as a security guard,” she says. “He’s healed and he has a spring in his step.”

Breakthrough Outreach/Shelters Network works with service providers in and out of state to find homeless people beds at shelters, even if they’re across the country, and arranges for their transportation. Addato encourages those struggling financially to relocate to more affordable areas while reviewing their budgets with them. “If someone receives \$900 a month in disability, he’ll never be able to afford an apartment here,” she says, “but Stockton has studios for \$375.”

She also tries to reconnect families, providing a



In April 2014, Addato developed ‘Hi Tech Tuesday,’ providing the homeless with access to computers to find employment and search for housing, as well as resource connections.

safety net. In one case, she raised \$800 to transport a family to Texas where their relatives were living. “There’s lots of one-on-one to find a solution to get them off the street,” says Addato. “It’s a gratifying thing to be able to help somebody, and sometimes in the same day they meet us, they’re on a Greyhound bus with someone waiting for them on the other end.”

Addato, who comes from a poverty-stricken background, says she gets her strength from her mother, who kept their family off the streets when they were young. “She was a divorced single mother with five kids,” says Addato. “It was a real rough start in our lives. We knew what it felt like to have no money and not know where the rent was going to come from. We had to beg the landlord to let us stay and the gas company to keep the heat on. It’s humiliating to be surviving on government rations and made fun of by other kids.”

To make matters worse, one-by-one she saw her brothers fall into addiction and two were homeless. “It was heartbreaking,” she says. “We didn’t know what was going on. I prayed to God to help me find my younger brother, Stevie. We were very close.”

One day, Addato received a phone call that someone thought they saw Stevie in Massachusetts, their home state. He started drifting when he was 19- or 20-years-old and it had been about 12 years since she last saw him. “I went on Google Earth and saw a homeless camp behind a liquor store and I just knew my brother was there,” she says. She put an ad on Craigslist, crying while she typed it, saying, “I’m 3500 miles away and I just know my brother’s there. I was wondering if anybody could be so kind as to go behind the liquor store and call out my brother’s name for me.” By the next day, a fireman and his friend went to the site and called out Stevie’s name. “You don’t know us, but your sister from California sent us here to find you,” they said. Stevie was there and they put Addato on the phone with him. “It was amazing to connect with him so far away,” she says. “We did the best we could to help him,” she says. Although they got him into a program, they lost Stevie just months after finding him as they were unable to get him a bed in a detox facility. He was 45. “It



From grooming to a Career Closet, the Hi Tech Rover helps the homeless start anew.

was a bittersweet thing,” says Addato. “But if we hadn’t found him, he would’ve passed away and we would have never known. It was a miracle we were able to connect with him. I know that when he took his last breath, he felt the love we always had for him. If it wasn’t for this connection, that wouldn’t have been the case.”

A homeless friend of Stevie’s found him and called Addato, crying. He had the clothes on his back and \$4 in his pocket. Addato went there and asked his friend to show her where Stevie had spent his days. She wanted to know who had fed and helped him and thank them. They showed Addato where Stevie slept beneath an abandoned tractor-trailer in a pile of donated blankets. She crawled underneath it and found his reading glasses resting on a cinderblock. “I asked who brought him these glasses,” she says. “They took me to a shop on the plaza where he used to panhandle. I put on his glasses that were all cracked and scratched and walked in the door. I look just like my brother, and when the shop owner saw me, she just knew they were his glasses. I hugged her and thanked her for giving my brother the glasses and she sobbed on my shoulder. She told me stories about him and it was as if I’d been there with them.”

As Stevie was homeless, he wasn’t allowed to go in the grocery store because of how he smelled and how he looked, says Addato. One day, hearing this, the shop owner took him on her arm and the two of them walked into the market together. Addato was moved hearing how this woman and others had been there for her brother.

“It was a day that changed my destiny,” she says. “From a complete brokenness of losing my family, there was a clearing in my mind and heart and I knew what I had to do. I couldn’t bring my brother back, but I could reach out to those in my own backyard and try to make a difference in their lives. When I tell the story of my brothers, I say, ‘I may not be in your shoes, but I’ve been in your sister’s shoes and I understand. Let’s try to connect with your family so they know you’re okay.’”

Addato says that the subject of addiction and homelessness runs very deep in her and is at the core of everything she does. She also understands that some addicts may not be ready for recovery and rejoining society. “But that doesn’t mean we don’t try,” she says. “If a Rover had pulled up to my brother’s encampment and somebody like me and our volunteers came out with an extended hand, a hug and genuine care, maybe my brother would still be alive.”

She recalls a homeless man who had been a professor at San Jose State University before hitting a rough patch. He walked by the Rover on several occasions, and one day as they were packing up, he came aboard. “We got him into a recovery program that night,” says Addato, “and he’s been sober for more than 3 months now. He’s happy and he looks great. We connected him with his family and we are his family here. He said it saved his life. We don’t chase people, but we also don’t give up just because someone isn’t ready. We know that maybe they’re not ready today, and maybe not the next time, but maybe the time after that. I’ve heard heartbreaking stories about innocent children being abused and they grew up with addictions because they couldn’t face it. It has to start with unconditional love no matter what they look like or act like.”

Other projects in the works include Rover mobile villages made up of military style tents built to withstand high velocity winds. Each village would take a month to set up, cost \$150,000 and help 330 people. “I’m hoping the Rover mobile villages will bring to fruition our ability to help many people right away,” says Addato. Another idea is an innovative e-center, which would house 29 programs and up to 700 people on two acres.

Addato is meeting with hi-tech companies in the hopes of creating a Rover Outreach Vehicle App (ROVA) for homeless people as well as smart phones. “We want to help homeless people find out how to get food, clothing, toiletries, transportation and shelter,” she says. “If they need a ride, we’ll take them. Maybe if they go to the Salvation Army, for instance, they’ll get involved with their programs.”

“With our growing fleet of Hi Tech Rovers, combined with our ROVA mobile app, e-sponsorship programs, e-center affordable housing plans and Rover mobile village concept, we are on a mission to collaborate with community partners to eradicate homelessness, transform lives and reconnect families,” says Addato. “It’s a lot of work, but it’s worth it.”

For more information online, go to [www.hi-techrover.org](http://www.hi-techrover.org).



Times Community News

# Teacher Appreciation Week celebrated in the Evergreen School District

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

Teachers play an important role in every community. Each day teachers face verbal abuse and sometimes physical abuse from someone displaying a lack of discipline. Sometimes they make a supreme sacrifice, with their very life.

In December of 2012 and April 1999, six teachers gave their lives protecting children. These teachers: William David Sanders died at Columbine High School in Colorado in devotion to his students. Victoria Soto, died at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut, shielding her first grade students. Lauren Rousseau died while protecting students at Sandy Hook. Anne Marie Murphy died protection students. Rachel D'Avino died at Sandy Hook. She was a temporary teacher there. Dawn Hochsprung was the principal at Sandy Hook, she died trying to stop the assailant.

Teachers in the Evergreen School District are very devoted and sacrifice many hours over and above their regular work days setting up talent shows, Career Day events, Open House, Spelling Bees, and on top of all that they must prepare lesson plans each day, on their own time.

It would take many volumes to write about all things teachers do in a sacrificial way. To highlight the strengths of each teacher would



Penny Brown

also take volumes. Instead, it will be easier to allow a couple of outstanding teachers to represent the entire district.

**Penny Brown**

Penny Brown has been a teacher at Laurelwood Elementary School for 19 years as a Special Day Class teacher. She teaches primarily second and third grade class, and occasionally a one, second and third grade class. Prior to teaching at Laurelwood, she worked at the county office for 13 years. She is a devoted elementary teacher, a tremendous educational leader, and a strong advocate for

all students. She has been a great asset to our school and community.

Brown is a well-respected teacher and colleague who is an inspiration to others. She has a heart of gold and always looking for the best way to improve her teaching practices. She builds a classroom environment that is challenging academically while incorporating strong elements of teamwork and integrity. Differentiation occurs seamlessly in her classroom. Her dedication to the field of *See TEACHERS, page 8*



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## EVC

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replication or near replication of what is at Foothill and West Valley College at EVC. The community thinks that because \$7 out of every \$100 of their property tax dollars plus a bond measure payment goes to the (SJECCD), the level of service at Evergreen Valley College should be better. The 18,500 City of San Jose students opt out of attending EVC or SJC because the level of service is better at Foothill and De Anza Colleges. The community is correct about those above, but the problem is that Local Revenues do not give the SJECCD the budget to add the numerous academic programs currently offered at other school districts, including abundant sports and sports fields, such as football and aquatics.

Evergreen Valley College Educational Master Plan 2015, when it was published in early November 2015, was compared with the other colleges' Plan as was each college's budget. Ultimately, they came to the conclusion that the City of San Jose is a large city and has large city issues mainly associated with insufficient Local Revenues to offer an adequate level of service, be they public education K-12, community college education, police or fire services.

The study, alongside many other supporters, believe that the

land should be used for education and college purposes and in support of the students, but the district's modest budget is insufficient to recreate the well-facilitated campuses or comprehensive academic programs of Foothill, De Anza or West Valley Colleges.

Essentially, it all comes down to this: Other colleges, such as Foothill, were supported at their inception and throughout with generous local tax and bond support. The community of Evergreen wanted EVC, but the City of San Jose voters refused to support its first bond measure. Foothill's budget is three times that of EVC's budget. Foothill sends more students to UCs while EVC sends more students to CSUs.

In summary, the study finds that EVC is in an area that garners less tax revenue. Thus, the scope of academic programs is less.

Brenda and Lauren thought: "What can we do to fix it?" Well, they decided to send an email to decision-makers (Councilmembers, Assemblymember, and Senator) and the petition signers of the Change.org petition, "Save our EVC College Land," along with the attachment to the community asking for any ideas of increasing the Local Revenues that support the college district. So, there may be part two to this story coming soon. Friends of EVC is not affiliated with 'evergreen friends' or 'All4Education'.

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Times Features

## Van Le: Splashing forward for progress and service

By Jim Barker  
Special to the Times

The life of Van Le is a radiant portrait of self-reliance, unswerving determination, and a deep passion for community service. Growing up in a close and nurturing family as a teenager in Saigon Vietnam with the idealism and dreams of a typical teenage young lady, Van's world literally became swept away in April, 1975 as South Vietnam fell under the crush of advancing communist forces. With their lives imperiled by the bombing of their city, the family had to flee in the final moments as boat people. A brother serving in the Army remained to resist an overpowering force with their highly lethal armaments.

School and graduated as a Senior. Still with only nascent language skills, she went on to De Anza, but after exhaustive efforts to upgrade her English, she had to drop out. Van went to work finding two jobs in order to help support her family and improve her language skills. She began night school and persisted over a twenty year period in the context of her employment life to graduate with a Bachelor's degree in Business. During this time she also devoted herself to taking care of her paralyzed grandmother, who died in 1994. Van finally found her first job at City of San Jose as an Accounting Clerk, then being

dedicated her full energies to work, and achieved the distinction of being the top 100 Sales Agent in the USA for both companies and successfully operated until now. It was a challenging journey for her not knowing how hard and how much sacrifice she devoted to build up her business but she did it and loved her work. In 2004, at the age of 44, Van's courage was to be tested on the ocean once again. To bring visibility and support to the Asian Women's Program for battered women, Van was challenged to swim from Alcatraz to the San Francisco Marina. With scant swimming practice at the local YMCA and no ocean experience, she braved the frigid temperatures and shifting tides of the Bay to




Forum, helped organize fundraisers for the Vietnamese Community Center, and has collaborated with other organizations to support community events. Focal issues for Van in her candidacy for State Assembly are **Educational Reform and Jobs. This includes more education choices, increased pay for good teaching students, teachers, parents and administrators more accountable. She is fighting to simplify the tax code and eliminating conflicting regulations that are chasing high paying jobs to other states, and work to barriers to innovative investment.** Van is pushing hard for infrastructure investments to insure repair of California roads, and to protect the state's resources. She wants to restore redevelopment to spur more affordable housing. To safeguard neighborhoods, she is fighting repeal AB 109, which has had the unintended consequence of increasing neighborhood crime. One accomplishment with deep sentiment is the annual support event dinner for students who have remained in school despite no stable housing.




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**Teachers**

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education is commendable and students are lucky to have her. In 2012, she was selected to represent Evergreen School District as Santa Clara County “Teacher of the Year.” She is a talented special education teacher and a mentor for all. Ms. Brown is supported in her classroom with a full-time instructional aide, Mrs. Lori Vonderach, her trusty sidekick of 12 years.

Brown is a proud aunt of two nieces. She is a dedicated sister. She volunteers regularly at an animal clinic. She is known as a world-renowned biscotti maker.

**Cindi Handa**

Cindi Handa, a first grade teacher of Dove Hill Elementary School, is a perfect example of fortitude and devotion. Most days she arrives to work at 7am, staying until 7pm. Through music, and other methods, she teaches her first grade class the importance of harmony and all the other necessary qualities they will need to succeed in life.

Handa came to the Evergreen School District twenty-six years ago first teaching at Leyva Middle School in a sixth grade class. In 1994, Handa came to Dove Hill School where she has served as a teacher/leader by teaching everything from first to sixth grade. She is as passionate today as when she first began teaching. Twelve hour days are not uncommon to Handa. She works tirelessly and spends her own money to support the many activities in her classroom where she is loved by students and parents alike. She is the “pulse” of the school.



**Cindi Handa**

She continues to serve on multiple leadership committees connected to Dove Hill or the District. Most recently she has been instrumental in being a conduit between the community at large and the school. Handa currently serves as a social chair, and grade level lead. Prior students return and she thinks nothing of continuing to support their causes as well. With her colleagues, she works collaboratively with all staff. No matter how she might be feeling, her energy remains static! She is an amazing teacher, colleague and friend in the Dove Hill Community. There’s no better time to honor her than during Teacher Appreciation Week.

*Editor’s note: Special thanks to Amy Anderson, librarian at Dove Hill, who first suggested that we honor all the devoted teachers of the Evergreen School District.*

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**Wings of Freedom Tour returns to Moffett Field**

By **William Bellou**

*Publisher*

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The tour features fully restored, vintage World War II aircraft Federal Field in Mountain View, CA for static displays and airplane flights that helped the Allies win the war. Four aircraft will be on display: the Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress "Nine O Nine" WWII Heavy Bomber, Consolidated B-24 Liberator "Witchcraft" WWII Heavy Bomber and P-51 Mustang fighter.

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*See WINGS OF FREEDOM, next page*

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Times **Feature**

## Upcoming events at Evergreen Community Center planned

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

Summer is approaching and with it some great happenings at the Evergreen Community Center. The community center's knowledgeable staff will insure there will be fun for all at each event.

### Evergreen Summer Camps

A variety of camps are being beginning June 13. For all would-be cooks, there will be a culinary camp. The various Summer camps are designed to assure that each participant will be both entertained and gain knowledge for their chosen topic.

Have you ever yearned to learn chess, you may do so at chess camp. Then there will be Video Game Design, Robotics with Lego, Comic Book Design, even Computer

Animation, and the list goes on and on!

Parents can take advantage of these offerings to allow time for shopping, or a rest. One of the instructors, My Nguyen, will be presenting 'Hip-Hop' dancing. This should be an exciting class for anyone interested in such. Community Center administrator, Gerontology Specialist, Ijeoma Eke, says,

What is your greatest performing asset? Maybe you are a dancer, or maybe a juggler! Perhaps you are a singer, or maybe you write and recite poetry! Whatever your unique forte, the spotlight awaits you at the Fifth Annual Evergreen Talent of Stars Showcase! This event called 'Talent of Stars' will take place on Fri. May 20, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Mark your calendars for this important event.

*Editor's note: Evergreen Valley residents are encouraged to become a member of the Evergreen Community Center. The cost is minimal and the offerings are abundant. The Center is located at 4860 San Felipe Rd. Gerontology Specialist, Ijeoma Eke, may be reached at 408.270.2220 for any information you may require.*

## Wings of Freedom

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playing host to the Wings of Freedom Tour, said the event's lure is the history it offers. "It's just really neat to have old airplanes around," he said, noting a Wings of Freedom Tour brings out residents who had flown in the airplanes during World War II and former infantrymen who remember when "a B-17 came over and literally saved their lives. The stories you hear: That is the

neat thing that happens."

Veterans and their families are encouraged to visit and share their experiences and stories with the public. For aviation enthusiasts, the tour provides opportunity for the museum to come to the visitor and not the other way around.

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# Community Calendar

## Upcoming New Seasons Market Evergreen Events

**Fridays, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings.** 5/13: Storrs Winery, 5/20: Tortoise Creek Winery and Jason-Stephens Winery, 5/27: Hahn Family Wines. Complimentary.

**Sat, May 14, 11am-12pm: Kids' Class Lemonade Making Class** for Ages 5 -12 in the Community Classroom. \$5. Registration required.

**Wed, May 18, 6:30-7:30pm: Gluten-Free Store Tour.** Join a New Seasons team member and discover: additional gluten-free options on our shelves, where gluten hides, how to select products, and tips on buying and preparing G-F ingredients. Free. Registration required.

**Fri, May 20, 5-7pm: Music on the Patio with Perrine Duo.** Enjoy romantic, bluesy music during the complimentary wine and cheese pairing. Purchase some dinner from the hot bar, take a seat, sit back and relax. Free.



Enjoy wine and cheese pairings Fridays from 5 to 7 p.m. at New Seasons Market.

**Thurs, May 26, 5-6:30pm: Teen Cooking Class: Italian.** Teens ages 13-18 will be inspired to create in the kitchen. They'll learn how to make delicious, easy Italian dishes and then enjoy a meal together. \$10. Registration required. Register for classes at the Solutions Counter in the store or go to: [www.newseasons-market.com/our-stores/evergreen](http://www.newseasons-market.com/our-stores/evergreen)

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The Advanced String Orchestra performs at the EVHS End of the Year Concert.

## Violin duet well received at Evergreen Valley High School Annual End of the Year Concert May 6

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

The overflowing stand room audience received a special treat with a spectacular violin duet at the End of the Year Concert performed by the Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Band and Orchestra on May 6.

The concert, presented at the EVHS concert stage auditorium, featured the Concert Band, Conservatory Ensemble, Advanced String Orchestra, String Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Wind Ensemble all under the direction of Steven A. Barnhill. Following the performance of Armenian Dances, the Wind Ensemble received a standing ovation.

Advanced Strings group presented Bailes Para Orquesta (For two solo violins and string orchestra) by Richard Meyer which featured Yongqi Gan (senior) and Kyanna Rudolph (sophomore) as featured violin soloists. The audience responded enthusiastically

to the performance which could as well been played at Carnegie Hall with the same enthusiastic response from the audience.

Barnhill announced during the concert that the Wind Ensemble and String Orchestra will be appearing at Carnegie Hall in 2018. He also announced his retirement in 2019. Barnhill has been a music director for more than 32 years in the East Side Union High School District, and this is his tenth year at EVHS.

In April, three unanimous awards were presented to the EVHS Band and Orchestra by the California Music Education Association (CMEA).

*Editor's note: The Evergreen High School Band Boosters are looking for people to help out in a variety of roles, from selling cookies at a concert to loading and unloading equipment at marching band concerts to being a Band Booster Officer.*

*Donations or volunteering your time and talent is always welcome. For more information, contact Steven A. Barnhill at 408.347.7034, or at [barnhills@esuhsd.org](mailto:barnhills@esuhsd.org).*



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Times **Local Sports**



## EVHS hockey team continues winning streak

Evergreen Valley High School's (EVHS) Hockey Team Cougars beat two formidable teams, St. Lawrence Academy and Pioneer High School.

The Cougars beat St. Lawrence by a score of 8-4 on May 6. Teamwork was the key to the win, as several assists provided some spectacular quick goals.

The Pioneer game was hard fought with scoring with-

in a point until the third period, but in the end, the Cougars were triumphant over the Mustangs with a score of 3-2 on April 29.

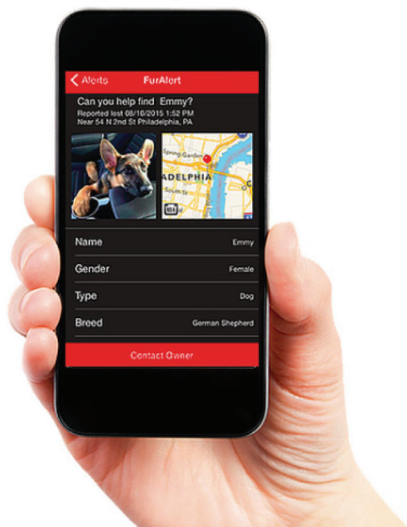
The Cougars are now headed for the playoffs which will take place at the Sportsplex, next Friday, May 13.

The Silver Creek Sportsplex is located at 800 Embedded Way in San Jose.

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Del Mar	8-4	605	588	11-11	1117	1144
Independence	5-9	627	673	8-16	1113	1243
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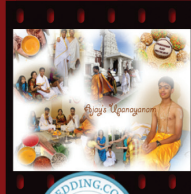
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Times Feature

# Traffic mitigation efforts: Slow down to save lives

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera  
*Special to the Times*

One loss of life is one too many. In January of 2015 a young jogger named Kira Pabla was struck and killed by a speeding motorist along Yerba Buena Road. While we cannot undo the loss of life and tragedy that occurred in 2015, we must do what ever can be done to make this stretch of Yerba Buena Road safer for pedestrians and vehicles. The immediate mitigation measure that went into place right after this tragedy was a speed radar feedback sign to warn drivers of their downhill speed. I also asked that the Department of Transportation begin to focus on this particular stretch of road and evaluate it for possible mitigation measures. Working with my office, the Department of Transportation conducted the following activities:

- A review of traffic safety issues along Yerba Buena Road to make sure safety elements are clear and in place.
- A site review of crash scene and street corridor.
- The repair of damaged guardrail and other infrastructure damaged by crash.
- Ongoing coordination with the Police Department on traffic enforcement and past response to racing concerns.

As a result of these studies, the Department of Transportation has begun a series of

improvements beginning last week along Yerba Buena Road. The improvements starting from Nieman/Silver Creek Valley Rd down to Edenwood Dr will accomplish the following:

- 30MPH curve advisory speed sign – This sign will warn motorist to slow down through the upcoming horizontal curve in the roadway
- Bumps Ahead sign - This will warn motorist of the rumble strips ahead
- Rumble strips – The three rumble strips will provide motorist with a visual, audible and physical (in the form of vibration) cue to slow down.

• The second 30MPH curve advisory speed sign – This sign will warn motorist to slow down through the second curvature in the roadway near Edenwood Dr.

• Chevron Arrows – The additional signage will help reinforce the existing signage and highlight visually the curvature in the roadway.

You may have seen the work already in progress. I am assured that these measures will be completed over the next few weeks.

During my entire tenure on the City Council I have been a strong advocate for traffic and pedestrian safety. As a member of the Transportation and Environment Committee, I have voted to approve funding for traffic studies, traffic calming, and road improvements which have led to increasing safety on our roadways. Currently, traffic calming services include traffic engineering, traffic and parking enforcement, and traffic safety education services.

I have advocated for “safety first” and the



## District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera  
City Councilmember

implementation of Vision Zero, which I have mentioned in previous articles upon its launch last year. I whole-heartily agree with the core principles that guide Vision Zero which include: traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable; the safety of all roadway users takes precedence over mobility; the design and operation of the transportation system should account for human error; speed is a fundamental predictor of crash survival; safe behaviors, education and enforcement are essential for a safe roadway system; and policy alignment is needed at all levels of government to make safety the highest priority.

Some outcomes of the Vision Zero program includes analysis that is being done to identify patterns of collisions and injuries, and the work to prioritize safety improvements, including a plan to implement improvements over time. In May 2015, San Jose became the fourth city in the nation to formally adopt a Vision Zero transportation safety initiative, which aims to eliminate fatalities and reduce severe injuries caused by traffic collisions. The Vision Zero San Jose (VZSJ) plan identified a series of actions centered on continuing and enhancing efforts related to Evaluation, Engineering, Education, and Enforcement, with emphasis also placed on Technology, Policy Alignment, and Partnerships.

During the summer and fall of 2015, I co-hosted a series of outreach meetings with the Department of Transportation (DOT) to introduce Vision Zero San Jose to the community, with a focus on identified Priority Safety

Corridors. The meetings provided an opportunity for the community to learn about Vision Zero and to share their input about improving transportation safety on the Priority Safety Corridors. Representatives from DOT, the Police Department, California Walks, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, and the County of Santa Clara attended each of the meetings.

With the support of the City Council, the Police Department is making efforts to increase the presence of traffic enforcement in San Jose by deploying patrol officers on an overtime basis. Similar to the data approach being taken by the Traffic Enforcement Unit (TEU), overtime patrol officers are focusing on high crash areas. Additionally, the Police Department will be providing lidar speed gun certification training to 15-20 patrol officers in the use of these devices. The first certification training is scheduled for this Spring, with additional training planned to be provided on a semi-annual basis. Once trained, patrol officers will use available lidar speed guns to provide supplemental enforcement when possible. Fifty-six lidar speed guns are currently available for use by patrol officers due to the reduction in TEU staffing.

With all this said, one of the most important things we can all do to help is to slow down, especially going downhill. I hope you will join me in encouraging all drivers to slow down, watch your downhill speeds, and observe the rules of the road for all of our sake. While traffic engineering and enforcement can help with this, it is ultimately the driver behind the wheel who must comply with traffic speed limits and drive safely.

*As always, my office is open to input or questions by e-mailing [district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov), or calling 408-535-4908. I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to [www.sanjoseca.gov/district8](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district8).*

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Times Features

# Boat person overcomes opposition for success

By Frank Shortt  
Times staff writer

Successful Vietnam immigrant and print shop owner, Minh Thien Nguyen, better known to his many customers as just plain 'Henry' was a part of the 'boat people' movement to escape Communism in the 1980's.

Nguyen's immediate family consists of his parents, his siblings, as well as, his wife and two children. They make their home in Evergreen Valley.

Henry's parents escaped by fishing boat six months prior to Henry's departure, ending up in an immigrant camp in Malaysia. Henry was caught and detained by the Communists for his escape attempt.

Nguyen escaped in September 1980 when he once again obtained enough money to pay for his passage on yet another fishing boat. Eventually, he was picked up at sea by an American Oil vessel Henry, and was taken to Japan. After leaving Japan, he was reunited with his family in America in 1981.

Henry was born in Bien Hoa, province of Vietnam. After the Communist takeover in post war days, his whole family decided to try to come to America. Their motives were that America had more to offer in terms of freedom, individuality, education, and business opportunities. Even with all the struggles to attain these ideals, Henry is convinced that he made the right decision to come to a strange new land.

He says, "At the time we came here there were many obstacles to hinder us; No money, immigration camps, and language barriers, which resulted in less educational opportunities and employment. High school was free, but there were definite financial problems when college came along. English was always an ongoing challenge."

Henry further states, "Transitioning from a



Henry Nguyen

traditional, strict Asian culture to an open-minded American culture was very different and had its difficulties. I was always open to new ideas, artistic and was an individualistic type of child, so change was not too difficult for me. In fact, I always preferred this way of life."

Henry rose from working in the food industry to owning his own business in a few short years. He began by working part-time at Wendy's during High School, as well as, being a bus-boy at a Pho Restaurant.

Nguyen's next venture was as a typist at a newspaper publishing company which led him to free-lancing, typing for local print shops while attending college. In 1987, he opened his own business called Vietnam Printing, and is currently the owner and operator of his thriving enterprise.

Henry is one of many boat people who have come to America's shores with nothing but a dream, showing what a little hard work and ingenuity will accomplish. His dream, and others, is what makes up the fiber of our nation.



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### Join Vice Mayor Rose Herrera at: A Neighborhood Meeting about Medical Marijuana and Measure C

Please join Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and staff from the San José City Manager's Office at an important meeting on the subject of medical marijuana in San José and Measure C (the citizens' initiative on the local ballot in June). If passed, Measure C would replace the City's current medical marijuana program.

Date: **Thursday, May 12th**  
Time: **7:00 p.m.**

Location: **Evergreen Community Center**  
4860 San Felipe Road, San José, CA 95135

Vice Mayor Herrera will provide remarks and staff from the City Manager's Office will present and answer questions. Topics include:

**Where medical marijuana businesses are allowed to locate**

**The rules medical marijuana businesses must follow**

**The citizens' initiative regarding marijuana (Measure C) that was placed on the local ballot in San José for the June 7, 2016 election**

For more information about the meetings and the City's Medical Marijuana Program, please contact Michelle McGurk at (408) 535-8254 or [michelle.mcgurk@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:michelle.mcgurk@sanjoseca.gov), or visit the City's [website](http://www.sanjoseca.gov).

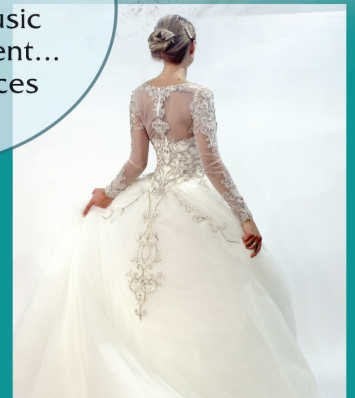
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Dear Evergreen Valley Community:

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As so many local students are relying on our colleges for quality, affordable education, we seek to be a partner in their pursuit of their educational goals. Both colleges are working diligently to offer programs and course offerings to inspire student access, equity and success. We have removed barriers and replaced them with support, mentorship, and access to additional resources.

Our colleges provide an outstanding educational experience to prepare students for transfer to UC and State university systems. At San Jose City College, under the leadership of President Byron Clift Breland, the college was able to secure a federal grant totaling \$3.5 million to enter into an innovative partnership with the University of California at Santa Cruz. The partnership's primary purpose will be to increase student retention and promote excellence in research, while establishing a pathway that will increase the number of students that transfer from San Jose City College to the University of California system.

San Jose City College is currently one of the 150 candidates, from a nationwide pool of over 1,000 candidates, for the 2017 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence, one of the nation's highest achievements for a community college.

At Evergreen Valley College, under the leadership of President Henry Yong, the college recently unveiled a state-of-the-art, automotive technology training facility. At 25,000 square feet, 20 laboratory spaces, and specialty labs, I believe this is the most advanced training facility in the region. With the automotive industry seeking expertise from Silicon Valley for the ever-evolving electric car industry, our students are launched from our classrooms directly to employment at companies such as Honda, Chrysler and Tesla.

Evergreen Valley College (EVC) is also an important partner to San Jose State University. Of 113 California community colleges, EVC has the highest student transfer rate to San Jose State.

In the city of Milpitas, we entered into a partnership with the Milpitas Unified School District by establishing a San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Extension program. At 12,800 square feet, including four classrooms, two lecture rooms, labs, and community collaboration rooms, we have secured a critical presence that will provide high school students with access to college courses, while simultaneously assisting in the development of a local workforce to support the growing employment needs of the region.

While the District has many accomplishments of which to be proud, we continue to enhance the classroom experience for our students. One such example is the proposed development project at Evergreen Valley College. Many people don't know that the cost to attend California's public universities has risen six times that of attending one of our colleges. Proper use of our surplus land will allow us the opportunity to expand quality, affordable programs to increase student success.

I welcome the robust community discussions and feedback that has already occurred on these issues, and I look forward to continuing the conversation with all stakeholders to collectively move our district forward. As always, we appreciate the vision and support of the community on behalf of students.

Thank you for your support of our students over the many generations. We all benefit from collaboration and a willingness to ensure equitable student success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Debbie Budd".

**Dr. Debbie Budd, Chancellor**

*San José-Evergreen Community College District*



Times **Your Community**

# Budget season has arrived in Santa Clara County: Here's how you can get involved

By Supervisor Dave Cortese  
Special to the Times

It's May! Flowers are blooming, gardens are growing and Little League ball teams are on the field. Here at the County Government Center, May means Budget Season has arrived.

Don't think that the recommended \$6.1 Billion 2017 Budget is just for elected officials, their staffs, department heads and number crunchers. It's your money, and you have an opportunity to see how it is being invested.

Of the \$6.1 billion, our General Fund is \$3.2 billion, and pays for most of the services we provide, including the salaries of our 18,000 employees who operate the Santa Clara County Valley Medical Center, the County Jail and Courts, the Sheriff's and Fire Departments, County Parks, our Social Services Agency and many other departments.

For the third year in a row, we don't have to cut services, thanks to a robust local economy and action we took five years ago to cut our costs and increase our cash flow. Over the previous decade, we had to make \$1.8 billion in cuts. Over the past few years, we have been restoring some of the positions and services that were cut during those difficult times. We will continue building back our facilities and workforce in this budget, and also focus on reforming our jails, supporting our efforts to house our homeless residents and increasing our affordable housing stock.

The proposed budget already includes \$16.6 million that the Board approved earlier this year for a Custody Health pilot program, and \$2.2 million for ADA and inmate services. New budget proposals will add to our health services for inmates and provide mental health services during night shifts in our jails. The Board will also consider establishing a reserve of \$2.5 million a year to begin implementing recommendations from the

Blue Ribbon Task Force to Improve Custody Operations, and add 35 positions to our Department of Correction to improve health services, staff levels and inmate programs.

The budget also contains \$7.2 million to invest in a wide variety of Housing Task Force recommendations on affordable housing and homelessness, and another \$10 million to create a fund for housing and services for chronically homeless individuals, housing for homeless veterans and children, a North County Temporary Cold Weather Shelter and funds for temporary shelter and emergency housing.

To start your journey into the County's Budget, visit [www.sccgov.org](http://www.sccgov.org), the County website and click on the link to the Budget under "Hot Items." At the left is an index, which will take you directly to each area you click on. Toward the bottom of the list is the Budget User's Guide, and at the top is the County Executive's Budget Message. Both are helpful places to start. In print, it's 783 pages.

If you'd rather hear and watch a presentation on each budget area and listen to the Board's discussion on it, you can visit [www.sccgov.org](http://www.sccgov.org) again and click on View Board Agendas. The budget workshops are on May 16, 17 and 18, beginning at 1:30 p.m. The agendas and links to a live feed or a recorded video of a budget workshop will be posted on that page. You're welcome to attend the workshops in person, as well, and let us know what you think of our spending plan. The meetings will be in the Board Chambers at the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose.

The Board will conduct budget hearings on June 13, 14 and 15, with final adoption scheduled for June 17.

If you have any questions or want help navigating the budget, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).

## "SOLE," the Soul of Gurukulam

Raji Menon, for long, harboured a dream. A dream to provide quality education to students of all ages. This dream materialized when she founded Gurukulam, formerly known as AIM, in 2004. Her desire to give exclusive attention and individualized instruction to each student took concrete shape when she quit her job to devote her full time to building an excellence driven enrichment center.

"I established Gurukulam with an aim to provide a Self-Organized Learning Environment (SOLE)," says Mrs. Menon. "During the wide span of my interaction with students, I have come to realize that most individuals possess either a fixed or a growth mindset." "Those with a growth mindset make great progress in academia and do not encounter a developmental plateau at any stage of life. My aim is to use the six Cs, Character, Concentration, Comprehension, Critical thinking, Concepts, and Confidence, to transform my students' thought orientation from a fixed to a growth mindset," she adds.

Many wonderful opportunities are presented to the students at Gurukulam Enrichment Center due to the efforts of Mrs. Menon as well as a team of dedicated and highly experienced instructors in various areas.



2016 Math Kangaroo National Champions

Top Row (left to right): Amulya Dussa, Aksithi Eswaran, Raji Menon, Meghana Pavuluri, Nikitha Kerudi, Sanjit Shirol  
Bottom Row (left to right): Shreyas Avula, Sreekar Baddepudi, Saharsh Kamma, Zain Aslam,  
Not Pictured: Nishanth Tharakan, Anchal Bhardwaj

Gurukulam math students continuously place in the nation's top 20 rankings. Mrs. Menon provides special training for Math Olympiad, CML, Kangaroo, and Math Bee. Many students take the exams every year and progressively move up in the national ranking.

Students are also taught to command the skills of effective public speaking and debate, which are to be used in the academic environment and beyond. They are currently training for their upcoming Speech and Debate tournament, on May 21st, at Burnett Middle School, located in San Jose.

Harker Invitational Speech and Debate Winners  
Left to Right: Raji Menon, [Meghna Ambalathingal, Amy Elzarka (Instructor), Nandini Bangalore, Nikita Arun



Burnett Middle School Speech and Debate Tournament Champions

Left to Right: Akhila Ayyadevara, Ali Aslam, Srita Kothuri, Kaaya Sharma, Aanvi Singhani, Raji Menon, Meghna Ambalathingal, Anwita Satapathy, Aastha Nethi, Aahana Chowdhuri. Students remain undefeated champions at most tournaments and regularly take home the director's award.

ARAM SEI Spark 2015 Quiz Bowl Champions  
Left: Sathvik Tammineedi  
Right: Parthib Nag



It is no wonder that the concept of Gurukulam and Mrs. Menon's purposeful approach to tutelage has caught the attention of people and gained recognition in the community. Gurukulam currently enrolls 200+ students in a variety of subjects and programs. The Enrichment Center partners with Excel Test Prep to bring an array of courses, including SAT, ACT and HSPT Test Preparation to the Evergreen community. Gurukulam has also partnered with IntelliScience Institute to offer a robotics summer camp.

After earning her California Teaching credentials in 2006, she started teaching at schools across the Bay Area. Concurrently, she built up the framework and refined the ideas on which Gurukulam was soon to be founded. In 2012, she resigned from her full-time teaching position at Gunderson High School and focused on developing her passion. She then officially inaugurated Gurukulam Enrichment Center in Evergreen and paved the way to realizing her aspirations by launching a variety of classes. This center has since grown by leaps and bounds. She is supported by her husband Vinod Menon, who gives her a lending hand by aiding in the design and upkeep of the company website, and by being her unwavering pillar of strength. Her entire family, not only bolster the sense of purpose she has built for herself, but also dedicate their efforts to furthering her educational philosophies. Her children, Parvathy and Vivek, assist her by taking on roles as reliable and skilled instructors at the center.

Gurukulam continues to evolve daily to cater to the changing needs of each individual student in the best way possible. The Enrichment Center's first annual day is being held on May 26th; it includes the showcase of student talents as well as an awards show to recognize student achievements. Gurukulam's newest venture comes in the form of a Teen Publishing Workshop through which students are able to bring their creative thoughts to life. The end goal of this project is for all students to publish a collective chapter book and select a passion so that they are able to embark onto a larger writing project or a personal explorative journey. Among other opportunities availed to the community,

Gurukulam supplies academic and character developmental counseling to students and parents. Individuals are able to schedule free counseling services and free evaluations for academic class level through the center website, [www.gurukulam.us](http://www.gurukulam.us). Gurukulam also has a variety of enrichment classes open for the Summer 2016 session, including math, english, Summer AP boot camps, public speaking, debate, and computers.

As the center grows and thrives, Mrs. Menon looks forward to emboldening the spirit in each child whom she brings under her tutelage. She is eager, not just to instill academic motivation, but also to spark and animate a sense of unique and distinctive vigor in each student; she wishes to inspire her students to live their future to the fullest and to exhaust every positive opportunity that comes their way. Gurukulam is located at 3248 South White Road, San Jose 95148, CA.

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Times **Local News**

# Evergreen College Poetry Festival ‘Muse of Creativity’

By **Frank Shortt**  
Times Staff Writer

The “Muse of Creativity” was evident as the 40th annual Evergreen Valley College Spring Poetry Festival got underway on April 27.

Festival Coordinator and Advisor, Sterling Warner, set up a program which students, and the public alike, could enjoy. Festivities began with a reception in Montgomery Hall lobby where music and food set the exciting pace.

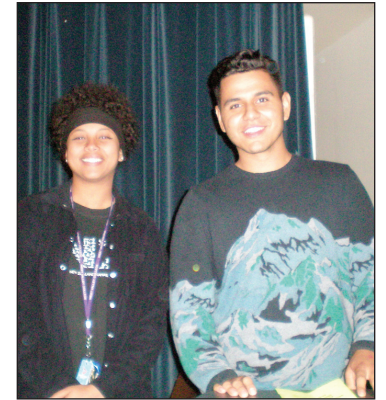
Warner could be seen weaving his way in and out of the crowd, checking on the amount and quality of food and making sure all was set up according to plan. Thanks to student and faculty volunteers all went very well. The refreshment coordinator was Sherry Gilbertson of the EVC Authors’ Guild.

Leaf by Leaf, the award winning annual publication of poetry and short stories, as well as, haiku, was available thanks to the Leaf by Leaf coordinators, Don Lidtke, Beverly Pace, and Michael Hsing. The

Poetry Festival was co-sponsored by the EVC English Majors/ Language Learners Club, the EVC Authors’ Guild, the Journalism Club, the EVC Language Arts Division, and the EVC Associated Students.

Poetry reading got underway under the capable Emcees, Segen Gebrehiwet and Jose Govea. Poetry read was from published poets and authors of Leaf by Leaf. The poetry reading segment was split up into two parts. The second segment was Emceed by Jerry Green and Huba Shah. Later in the afternoon an open mike segment was scheduled so that anyone wishing to share their creations were welcomed.

One highlight of the Festival was when Prof. Sterling Warner celebrated the life of former professor of English, Jean Embree, who just turned 90 years young. She was presented with a certificate of



Professor **Sterling Warner** checks on the food; above right: Emcees **Seben Gebrehiwet** and **Jose Govea**.

appreciation for all her efforts in the English and Creative Writing departments and her many years of volunteer hours editing and helping to prepare all past issues of Leaf by Leaf. She even mounted the stairs to the podium and graced the audience with some of her work as published author, poet, and instructor.

This year’s festival will stand out as one to remember as it was in

coordination with National Poetry Month marking its 20th Anniversary since inaugurated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996.

Over the years, National Poetry Month has become the largest literary celebration in the world with schools, publishers, libraries, book-sellers, and poets celebrating poetry’s position in modern culture.

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## Villager presents scholarship awards

**Bronsin Jabraeili**, 2018; **Maximo Lacera-Desrosiers**, 2019; **Kevin Maldonado**, 2017; and **Benjamin DePerry**, 2017 (left to right holding “Certificates of Award”) are shown here following being honored as the recipients of the Seventh, Annual “Roy James Harney – Four Founding Principles Scholarship Award.” The awards were presented at the Delta Upsilon Annual Alumni/Undergrad Dinner at the Chapter House on Sunday, April 10.



Shown with the Honorees are (L-R) **Kevin C. Swanson**, San Jose, 1985, Scholarship Advisor; **Thomas Roy Harney**, San Jose, 1952; and **Edwin T. Mosher**, San Jose, 1952, Board President, Emeritus, San Jose State University Delta Upsilon Corporation.

The Harney Scholarship Awards are awarded each year to those brothers who have most successfully demonstrated the ability to carry out the “Four Founding Principles of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity: The Promotion of Friendship; The Development of Character; The Diffusion of Liberal Culture; and the Advancement of Justice.”

Roy James Harney was a 1917 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law and was the First Baseman on the Cornhusker Baseball Team. Brother Harney helped with the formation and installation of the Delta Upsilon Chapter at San Jose State University and served as Chapter Advisor for many years. *Photo by Mitch Mayes*



## Villages tennis match provides scholarship

The Silver Creek High School Boys Tennis Team event which featured Boys Tennis players against the Villages Tennis Men was held on April 19 at the Villages Golf and Country Club. The event also featured boys pairing with Villagers as partners. The popular annual event brought many spectators followed with a greet and meet for the students. Refreshments followed the playing. This year one boy and one girl tennis team member earned a \$3,000 scholarship from The Villages Scholarship Committee.



Times **Local News**

# Voting started for June 7 primary election

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

The Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters' Office have announced that 550,000 ballots have been mailed to voters who have requested "Vote by Mail" for the June 7 Presidential Primary Election. "Vote by Mail" voters account for approximately 72 percent of the 765,731 voters in this election.

The Registrar of Voters' Office included a postage-paid return envelope with every "Vote by Mail" ballot. In previous elections, voters had to pay the cost of return postage, which frequently exceeded a single first-class stamp; Santa Clara is only the second county in the state to feature prepaid postage for "Vote by Mail" ballots.

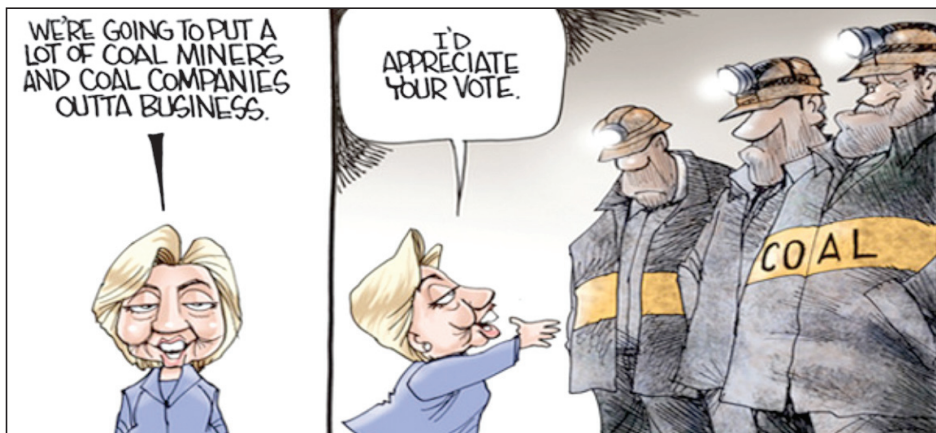
Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey stated, "There is no more important action in a democracy than voting. The Registrar of

Voters' Office is passionate about increasing voter turnout and we hope that we will make it easier to vote by providing prepaid postage for all Vote by Mail ballots." The last day to request a "Vote by Mail" ballot is Tuesday, May 31.

Vote by Mail ballots that are returned in person must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day, June 7. "Vote by Mail" ballots that are returned by mail must be postmarked on or before Election Day and received by Friday, June 10.

Voters must sign the return envelope themselves so that their signature on the envelope can be compared to their signature on the voter registration form and their identity can be confirmed.

Voters are encouraged to mail their ballots as soon as possible. Completed ballots that are received prior to Election Day are included in the results released at 8 p.m. on the night of the election.



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# EvergreenAreaMeetings

**Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club**  
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**District 8 Community Roundtable**  
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit [d8crt.org](http://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](mailto: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.esuhdsd.org](http://www.esuhdsd.org)

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

**The Evergreen Business Association** is a free 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 each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

**Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting**  
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The 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 MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(408) 347-7000.  
**Evergreen Valley Service Organization**  
For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

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

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

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

**Hidden Glen Community**  
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**LeyVa Community Action Team Association**  
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**Lions Club - San Jose East Valley**  
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting

at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

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

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

**Reid - Hillview Airport Association**  
3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit [rhvaa.org](http://rhvaa.org))

**Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen**  
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Telephone: (408) 294-7254 x310. We are a community serving the Christ from the heart of the City, working to know Jesus and make Jesus known by serving, worshipping, and learning together. Worship services are at 10:00 AM at the Horace Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m.

or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

**THE POINT CHURCH**  
www.ThePoint.Church  
3695 Rose Terrace Circle. San Jose CA 95148  
Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave. Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor. 10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

**SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education (CRE-ATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); Scripture Study (day & evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by

the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

**ST. BASIL THE GREAT GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
6430 Bose Lane, San Jose, CA 95120  
Church Office 408-268-3214  
Clergy: Fr. Allan Boyd  
Experience our Lord Jesus Christ in the beauty and magnificence of Holy Week & Easter after the manner of the earliest Christians. All are welcome to our warm, multicultural Church community, where services are done primarily in English. What happens when you reunite created matter to its Creator? Come and see!  
Holy Week Services preparing for Eastern Orthodox Easter on May 1:  
Wednesday 4/27 7 a.m. Pre-sanctified Divine Liturgy  
7 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction (anointing of oil for healing of body and soul)

Thursday 4/28 7 a.m. Morning Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil  
7 p.m. Nailing of Christ to the Cross - Reading of the 12 Gospels  
Friday April 29 7 a.m. Royal Hours 3:30 p.m. Descent from the Cross  
7 p.m. Lamentation Service  
With candlelit funeral procession around church  
Saturday April 30 8:30 a.m. St. Basil morning Vespers Divine Liturgy 11 p.m. Candlelight Resurrection Service - "Come receive the light!"  
Midnight-Sunday Pascha/Easter Service - Divine Liturgy  
Sunday May 1 Easter Sunday 11 a.m. Agape Vespers - Christ's Good News in many languages  
1-5 p.m. Pascha/Easter picnic at Almaden Lake Park Cinnabar 1, 6099 Winfield Bl., San Jose 95120

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135  
408-223-1562.

www.sfrancisofassisi.com  
www.sfrancisofassisipreschool.org  
We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star - Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd.

Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:  
St. Francis of Assisi Chapel  
Saturday 5:00PM,  
Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass  
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall  
Sunday 9:00 AM,  
Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM  
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road  
Sunday 9:30 AM  
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)  
Sunday 8:15 AM  
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center on M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

**Worship listing advertisements are \$495 annually. (408) 898-7534.**

## Evergreen Area Meetings

**Continued**  
**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 barbara@cchesney@sbcglobal.net for further

information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org>.

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

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

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

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

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

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





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