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Three Chaboya Middle School Students ranked in the top 10 for the State of California in the recently held XVIII Math Kangaroo Olympiad. From left to right: Siddharth Das, Dean Jones, Samish Kavoori.



SAY CHEESE Friends develop new

photo app in Evergreen

By Ankita Bhanot Staff Writer

The Silicon Valley prides itself as the heart of entrepreneurship, where minds are constantly coming together to develop the next big ideas. As is for many of these people across the Bay Area, a photo app concept emerged between two friends, Deepti Panchawagh-Jain and Smita Dharmaraj, both residents of Evergreen Valley.

The two friends were challenged to create something that allows pictures to be shared in a quick, easy and beautiful way. Thus, the "Memoreze Photo Collage Book Maker" application was born, which allows users to create and share digital collage books.

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Chaboya students rank in top ten in state for Math Kangaroo Olympiad contest

By Bill Bellou Publisher

ean Carleton Jones, an eighth grade student from Chaboya Middle School, ranked second in the state and fourth in the nation; eighth grader Samish Kavoori ranked fourth (sixth nationally), and seventh grader Siddarth Das ranked eighth (18th nationally) in the recently held Math Kangaroo Olympiad contest.

The Math contest takes place each year in 38 US states and two US territories with more than 21,000 American students participating along with six million worldwide.

The competition has the form of a multiple choice test to be solved within 75 minutes. There are 12 levels of participation, corresponding to school grade levels. The objective is to encourage children and teenagers to master mathematical skills.

In the US there are gifts, t-shirts and certificates of participation for all competitors. Gift cards, books, puzzles, and international summer camps are among the awards for the top achievers. The event takes place in about 450 classrooms, libraries, and other places in the US where the test is followed with fun activities from group photos to pizza parties, from an all-day Math Fest in Guam to a presentation of World Class Master of Storytelling, Ryan Avery, in Hillsboro, OR.

Math Kangaroo Olympiad in USA is administered by Math Kangaroo in USA, NFP, Inc., 501(c)3, part of KANGOUROU SANS FRON-TIERES. For information please visit: mathkan-

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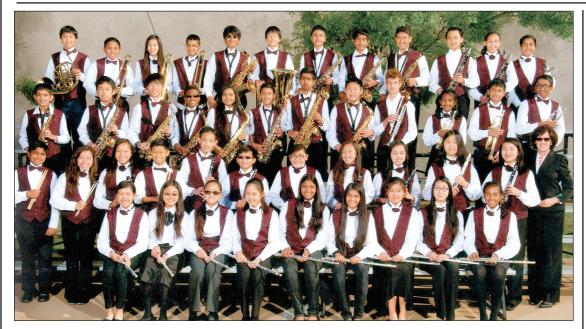
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'UNANIMOUS SUPERIOR'

Chaboya Symphonic Band receives highest rating

By Bill Bellou Publisher

n article in the last issue of the Evergreen Times stated that the highest rating offered by the California Association for Music Education (CMEA) is "Superior" in an article about the award winning Chaboya Symphonic Band.

According to Chaboya's music instructor Karen Kolber, the

Chaboya Symphonic Band received 'Unanimous Superior' which is the highest rating possible at the April 17 CMEA competition held at Evergreen High School.

"I am so excited about the 'Unanimous Superior' award the concert band received in CMEA competition last month," said Kolber. "Groups can earn Superior and it won't be the highest rating," explained Kolber.

"Superior means they played exceptionally well," said Kolber. The Unanimous in front of Superior signifies the highest rating possible," she said "It has been 8 years since Chaboya won a 'Unanimous Superior' award."

The California Association for Music Education (CMEA) membership is open to all music educators working in public and private schools, colleges.

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Practical solutions needed for drought

Dear Editor,

We need practical solutions that can go on in every new home in Santa Clara Valley, with immediate results.

There are items that can be installed that will bring hot water out of the tap, immediately. I don't know what they cost, but each time I run water until it becomes the hot water I need at the time, I wish I had one.

I've written this idea to the Mayor and our Councilmember. What if the City required all New construction to have this item at each faucet. Amortized over 30 years, the added cost to build a house would be negligible.

How many of us took advantage of the rebates from the water com-

pany a few years ago, to replace toilets with low flow models? How about rebates now to homeowners who would install these instant hot water items? I would without hesitation.

I hope the Mayor and City Councilwoman will get serious about this, contact the necessary agencies/departments and get the ball rolling. Other than drought-tolerant landscaping, I have not heard a more practical, do-able solution.

Carol Allsup Evergreen Valley

Unity Care offers thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of Unity Care's Board of Directors, staff and volunteers, I sincerely thank all who attended

our 4th Annual YouthLive! Gala on April 25th. More than 350 attendees enjoyed an evening of exceptional youth talent, art and fashion at The Fairmont San Jose. They were inspired by Leigh Anne Tuohy who declared, "It's about loving someone who doesn't look like you." and by Unity Care alumna Charity Brooks who advocated for foster youth by sharing her own personal story of courage. Guests also took home fabulous auction items and unique art work by youth.

YouthLive! raised over \$135,000 in support of our youth programs that will enable Unity Care to provide housing, education, employment, well-being and unconditional care to over 5,500 disadvantaged and foster youth throughout our region.

Thank you for your enthusiastic generosity. We look forward to seeing you at our 5th Annual YouthLive! Gala, April 23, 2016.

André V. Chapman, MA
Founder & CEO
Unity Care



Fight Night

Evergreen resident **Bob Mann** is pictured with **Jimmy Kimble** at the Mayweather vs. Pacquiao Welterweight Title Fight that took place May 2, 2015 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada. Floyd Mayweather remained undefeated at 48-0, earning a unanimous decision over Pacquiao after 12 rounds. Mann says he and Kimball enjoyed the fight but his favorite beat Kimball's favorite!

Family Camp at Yosemite set to open June 12

Popular Family Camp at Yosemite will be open this year starting June 12 and close August 10.

During the summer season, the camp provides three meals a day to campers, along with supervised recreational activities; groups are welcome to rent out the camp during the pre- and post-season.

The camp provides an all-inclusive camping experience where guests of all ages can fish, hike, swim, and also participate in organized events.

San Jose's Family Camp is located in the heart of the Sierras near Yosemite National Park, just east of Groveland, California, and is situated on 47 acres of leased land from the U.S. Forest Service. The Stanislaus National Forest and the middle fork of the Tuolumne River serve as the scenic backdrop to this mountain playground.

For questions, please contact staff at (408) 794-6208 or family-camp@sanjoseca.gov.

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Times **News**



A beautiful tile mural was unveiled in front of the juice bar in New Seasons Market Evergreen on May 9. Pictured (from left): **Stacy Johnson**, PTO President, Silver Oak Elementary School, **Lana Sumati**, New Seasons Market Store Promotions Manager, local artist **Murphy Adams**, and **Eric Conly**, New Seasons Market Store Manager.

Community mural unveiled at New Seasons Market

colorful new mural made of 200 tiles individually painted by Evergreen children and those young at heart was unveiled in front of the juice bar in New Seasons Market, located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd.

Eric Conly, Manager of New Seasons Market, and Lana Sumati, the store's Promotions Manager, unveiled the permanent mural, and thanked San Jose artist Murphy Adams for leading the project. Following the ceremony, complimentary hot dogs and chips were served to those in attendance.

The new community mural project was designed to celebrate friendship, family and food. The painting of the tiles took place on March 14 during the grand opening event of the store (former location of New Leaf Community Market) which is a wholly owned subsidiary of New Seasons Market). During that event, while a large crowd enjoyed a store tour and a tasting fair inside the store, Murphy Adams oversaw the art-

work taking place on picnic tables outside.
Other Featured Events this Month: Kids'
Art Classes

Every month, New Seasons Market holds a variety of classes and events for adults and children. This month, Murphy Adams will offer two hands-on art classes for kids age five to ten. Students will draw and paint using pastels, watercolors, inks, and other materials. Classes will take place Thursday, May 14 from 4 pm - 5 pm, and again on Thursday, May 28, 4 pm - 5 pm. The cost is \$5 for materials. To register, visit the New Seasons store in Evergreen.

New Seasons Market

Founded in 2000, New Seasons Market is the first grocer in the world to become a Certified B Corporation, which recognizes businesses that place as much value on taking care of their staff, the community and the environment as they do on growing and operating their business. Currently, five New Leaf stores operate in California's Central Coast and East Bay region. Learn more at www.newseasonsmarket.com.

Photo app

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Memoreze allows users to share numerous photos in well-organized books of collages on the iOS platform. While collage making apps are available, they provide the user with very limited abilities.

Panchawagh-Jain, CEO of Memoreze LLC, explains: "The currently available collage making apps restrict you to just one collage at a time. But think of how many photos you take at each event – how can one collage possibly do justice to them? Memoreze brings you a seamless way to create a stunning book full of collages."

The idea for the app emerged during a vacation with both Jain and Dharmaraj's families. Panchawagh-Jain explains, "Individuals have devices on which they click pictures. "Hey, take a photo on my phone too!" or "Don't forget to text that one to me!" abounded.

After hearing such statements about 27 times, we started thinking. There has got to be a way to easily share photos among people." Unlike other social media sites, Jain and Dharmaraj aim to avoid photo-sharing problems that come with websites such as Facebook, where the photos tend to get "lost" in the stream, and instead, create snapshots for special occasions on each person's profile.

Both women met at Stanford University, where they were studying for their Master's

Degrees; Jain in Electrical Engineering, and Dharmaraj in Computer Science. They became good friends and remained so even after graduating, when Jain went to work as a patent attorney and Dharmaraj worked at a handful of companies such as Yahoo! After about a decade of pursuing their different paths, they came together to found "Memoreze LLC", where Jain is the CEO, and Dharmaraj serves as CTO.

For the past eight months both women have been working to create this app, which they created to be simple, and effective, but above all, aesthetically appealing. "Beauty was part of the equation from day one," Panchawagh-Jain said. "We didn't just want photo after photo – we wanted a digital photo book with stunning collages that you could flip through. A digital book which could be shared easily with friends, who could not only view it, but also add to it their own photo collage pages, and get personalized free-form signatures."

As both women agree, the process has been challenging, but ultimately, the fact that Panchawagh-Jain and Dharmaraj are friends has made the experience more enjoyable. "Since this is our first startup, it has been a very interesting experience for us," said the partners. "We have had to learn a lot of things very fast. But above all, it's just been a tremendous amount of fun for the two of us to work together. We always get our work done of course, but we also share a lot of laughs and have a great time."

For more information, visit memoreze.net.

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Times **Feature**

A brighter budget picture for '15-'16

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera Special to the Times

hanks to the savings from fiscal reforms implemented by the previous council over the past few years, we are once again working with a stabilized city budget for the fiscal year 2015-16 and we are able to restore some services like additional library hours. The longer term picture of fiscal health will depend on resolving the labor issues to lock in long term savings in employee pension and benefits

as well as the council holding the line on spending.

Public Safety is still the top priority in next year's proposed budget with investments in Police and Fire operations that ensure the service is safe, effective, and efficient. This includes adding 22 new Community Service Officers (CSO's) and 4 Senior Community Service Officers to respond to low priority calls, freeing up our sworn officers for higher priority call response. The CSO program is being hailed a success by the police department and the community which is why we are increasing their numbers.

I'm also supporting police overtime to maintain targeted enforcement through suppression cars in high crime areas along with funding for an additional 4 Crime Prevention Specialists. The SJPD continues to use burglary suppression cars to focus on hot spot areas in Evergreen to combat burglary.

Evergreen residents can look forward to some new services and facilities in the coming 15-16 budget year including the new Village Square Branch Library with the funding for staffing with additional funding requested from my office for to support a Friends of the Village Square Branch Library organization. We're making sure that as soon as we cut the ribbon on the grand opening of the library, this branch is fully staffed and functioning to serve our residents 6 days a week! The budget also proposes adding staffing to Lake Cunningham Regional Park in anticipation of the opening of the new Lake Cunningham Bike Park. We hope to break ground on this project in 2015 and open in July of 2016 on a five-acre adventure sports park that will offer trails, tracks, skills challenge courses, dual slalom, free ride area, and pump tracks for a variety of bike disciplines. I've been working with Parks staff over many years to help create a more active, useable park and take advantage of the large. open recreation space at Lake Cunningham. Along with our successful Skate Park, which we saved during the recession when it was almost closed, this project will help us realize the build out of that plan.

In response to a pedestrian fatality and increasing concerns about speeding throughout the district and the city, I asked the Mayor to include some funding for city wide traffic calming in his March Budget Message. Funding has been set aside for this purpose allowing each council district to prioritize projects to slow down traffic along neighborhood streets such as radar feedback signs or speed bumps

Additionally, I am working with the City's Department of Transportation and the Police Department to lead a Task Force with community partners to address pedestrian and traffic safety as a part of a larger project called



District 8
Report

By Rose Herrera

Vision Zero. Evergreen can be proud of its success implementation of the Walk and Roll program starting in 2012. Evergreen schools still have the most participating schools in the city. The Walk and Roll Program, which encourages kids to walk to school, is part of pedestrian safety in the Vision Zero Program.

Even though San Jose has one of the lowest traffic related death rates of all large cities we want to raise the bar. Vision Zero San Jose is our City's commitment to

work towards zero traffic deaths in our city over the next 20 years by prioritizing street safety and ensuring all road users—whether you walk, bike, drive, or ride transit—are safe. The community partners for Zero (South Valley Bike Coalition and California Walks) will work with the city to host these Task Force/Outreach meetings in a series of three meetings across the city. Our preliminary plan is to have one in June (date to be announced soon) for Districts 8 and 7 at the Seven Trees Community Library, one in September in Districts 5 & 4, and then the last one in Districts 2, 9 & 10. These districts represent the areas of the City with the highest rates of severe and fatal crashes. We are proposing to have the meetings in these areas and focus on getting specific community feedback on safety improvements on the major streets with the highest crash rates.

The core principles that guide Vision Zero are: 1. Traffic deaths are preventable and unacceptable. 2. Human life takes priority over mobility and other objectives of the road system. The street system should be safe for all users, for all modes of transportation, in all communities and for people of all ages and abilities. 3. Human error is inevitable and unpredictable; the transportation system should be designed to anticipate error so the consequence is not severe injury or death. Advancements in vehicle design and technology are a necessary component toward avoiding the safety impacts of human errors and poor behaviors. 4. People are inherently vulnerable and speed is a fundamental predictor of crash survival. The transportation system should be designed for speeds that protect human life. 5. Safe human behaviors, education and enforcement are essential contributors to a safe system. 6. Policies at all levels of government need to align with making safety the highest priority for roadways. For more information on the Vision Zero program go to http://www.sanjoseca.gov/Document Center/View/42849 and help us reach our goal of zero traffic deaths in San Jose ASAP!

And finally, as a member of the Community and Economic Development (CED) Committee and past Chair of CED, I'm supporting funding to launch a proactive, multi-faceted marketing campaign to promote San Jose as a location for growing companies and for tech talent. San Jose needs to tell our story in a compelling way to let companies know about the opportunity to locate and grow in San Jose. Other cities around the bay area are doing a much better job of marketing their cities we must up our game by telling San Jose's story of our educated, skilled workforce, family friendly neighborhoods, cultural opportunities, and readily available existing buildings, campus ready See HERERRA, next page





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Times Community News

ljeoma Eke takes the helm as Gerontology Specialist at Evergreen Community Center

Times staff writer

jeoma Eke, the former Recreation Leader at the Evergreen Community Center is the new Gerontology Specialist.

Former Evergreen Community Center Gerontology Specialist Bekah Hill has moved to another location.

Eke began working for the City of San Jose as a Recreation Leader in the Senior Nutrition Program in 2013. After a year and a half, she transitioned to City Hall, where she worked on a new assignment for a few months before she transitioned back to Evergreen Community Center as the new Gerontology Specialist.

Eke is a San Jose native and graduated from San Jose State University, where she received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Health Science with a Minor in Sociology.

Eke said her greatest influences have been her parents who migrated from Nigeria 30



"They were very hard workers," said Eke. "The taught their children to be responsible citizens and instilled great work ethics in each child," she said, reflecting on her

"I am humbled to be taking on my new role at Evergreen Community Center," said Eke. "My hope, as the new Gerontology Specialist, is to bring new programs for seniors, to foster new social connections, and build new friendships. I am excited about my new journey!"

Two new programs coming to the **Evergreen Community Center**

Jump Around Evergreen at the Evergreen Community Center on Saturday, May 16, 2015 from 2:00pm-5:00pm. It is a FREE event! There will be bounce houses, carnival games, face painting, music, preschool open house, class demos, and much more!

Talent of Stars Variety Show at the Evergreen Community Center on Friday, June 26, from 1:00pm-3:00pm, in the Multipurpose Room. This talent show is open to all seniors wishing to participate. The deadline to enter the Stars Variety Show is Friday, May 22, 2015. Contact Lonni for more information at 408.238.7371.

Herrera

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locations for building exciting location for new or relocating businesses. Marketing our city must be an ongoing program if we want to move the needle on increasing businesses and jobs in San Jose, which of course leads to a bigger tax base and the ability to provide services to our San Jose residents.

Community Budget Meetings

Your opportunity to hear more about the proposed city budget for fiscal year 2015-16 comes in the form of Community Budget Meetings hosted by the Mayor's office in each district. A few of the meetings have already occurred but there are more opportunities available to attend. District 8's meeting is highlighted but feel free to attend others if you are not able to make our May 19th meeting in Evergreen.

Monday, May 18 District 2 Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Southside Senior & Community Center Multipurpose Room 5585 Cottle Road San José 95123

Tuesday, May 19 District 8 Meeting 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Evergreen Community Center Multipurpose Room 4860 San Felipe Road San José 95135

Wednesday, May 20 District 6 Meeting 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Del Mar High School Cafeteria 1224 Del Mar Avenue San José 95128

Thursday, May 21 District 7 Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Tully Library Community Room 880 Tully Road San José 95111

Tuesday, May 26 District 1 Meeting 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The Harker School: Blackford Campus School Theatre 3800 Blackford Avenue San José 95117

In June, the City Council will vote to approve the city budget and your input is highly welcomed prior to that vote! Please attend one of the Community Budget Meetings and let us know how you feel about the proposals and where you feel our priority in budgeting should be focused.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov. I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to www.sanjoseca.gov/district8.







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'THE BEST IS YET TO COME'

Church on the Rock to celebrate 25th year

hurch on the Rock, Evergreen's only black-led multi-cultural Baptist congregation will celebrate the 25th year of its founding on Sunday May 31st at 4 p.m. at 2995 Yerba Buena

Guest churches, pastors and choirs from around the bay area have been invited to participate, as well as local elected officials. Their Silver Anniversary theme is: "The Best Is Yet To Come!"

Organized by Rev. R. G. Moore, III (pictured, right) on May 30, 1990 in his home on Westbranch Drive, the small but growing congregation has held services in the Grace Church building, BridgePoint Senior Assisted Living Center and Evergreen Community Center.



The congregation has shared space with San Jose Fil-Am SDA Church since 1997. The public is cordially invited to come and celebrate with

For more information you are encouraged to call the church: (408) 532.ROCK.



San Jose's Peregrine falcon family, from the official FalconCam.

Students from Holly Oak win Falcon naming contest

The votes are in and three students who attend Holly Oak Elementary School are the winners for the peregrine falcon chick (Silver band, 00/Z) born atop San Jose City Hall. The winning name is Hunter.

The winning name was submitted by Arianna, Marisa, and Vyvy, Grade 4, Holly Oak Elementary School in Evergreen.

The other two winning names were: Buzo (Red band, 59/R) nominated by Stuart, Kindergarten, Trace Elementary; and Sky (Blue band, 10/R), nominated by Tiana, Grade 5, Village School.

The falcon naming contest is sponsored by the Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo, City of San Jose, and UC-Santa Cruz's Predatory Bird Research Group.

This year's judges included representatives from the Children's Discovery Museum, Project Learning Tree, Silicon Valley Creates, FalconCam volunteers and our own expert biol-

ogist, Glenn Stewart, of UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group. Winners will receive a commendation from the Mayor, two free passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart.

The next step in the young peregrines' development will be fledging, or learning to fly, likely during the next week. Fledge Watch officially started on May 11.

Trained volunteers will be positioned in designated areas within a short distance around the perimeter of City Hall and the ledge where the nest box is located.



Glenn Stewart is preparing to rappel down to the nest box.



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Times Feature



Meet Your Neighbors

On April 30, the Meet Your Neighbors neighborhood group hosted "Dining Out for Life" at Beach Hut Deli in Evergreen. A portion of the evening's food and beverage purchases went to benefit The Health Trust, Santa Clara County's largest health nonprofit. Dozens of Evergreen residents came together to raise money for the Health Trust, Santa Clara County's largest health nonprofit. Meet Your Neighbors meets once a month where Evergreen residents can come together to meet each other, build community, and support a local small business all at the same time. *Photo Credit: Jeremy Barousse*

Memorial Day: Go visit the fallen

By Chad Storlie Special to the Times

emorial Day is a busy holiday. The swimming pools open, everyone gets outside in the fresh air and there are lots of parties and barbeques. This Memorial Day make a pledge to go visit the fallen and renew your understanding and appreciation for their sacrifice.

The struggle with Memorial Day is how do we make the remembrance personal, respectful, and meaningful? On Memorial Day, we need to remember those that fell in combat during America's conflicts.

The fallen military personnel we remember could be a paratrooper jumping into the black during the invasion of Normandy in World War II, a US Navy sailor who patrolled along the rivers of China in the 1920's, or members of the famed African American "Buffalo Soldiers" who served protecting settlers in the Western United States as members of the U.S. Cavalry. No matter where they fell and how long ago they fell, we need to continue to remember them all.

We need to remember their courage, sacrifice, professionalism, dedication, and the essence that made them devote their life to their



country. We need to remember the recent fallen from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan as well as remember those long past from the Civil War, World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. In remembering the large wars, we cannot forget the "small" wars of Panama, Haiti, Somalia, Lebanon, as well as countless other small conflicts and attacks where American servicemen and servicewomen died.

Making Memorial Day real, meaningful, and personal is the essential step. The Department of Veteran's Affairs has 131 National Cemeteries in 40 states that will be open to visit. In those cemeteries,

there are military personnel who have fallen for hundreds of years to protect America – we need to honor their sacrifice and remember them. There is nothing more compelling to understand personal sacrifice then seeing row upon row of white perfectly aligned tombstones upon a green field and knowing a Soldier, Sailor, Marine, or Airman lies there.

Make Memorial Day meaningful and personal. Go visit a National Cemetery, learn about the military personnel who fell, and remember them

Find the closest National Cemetery by you: http://www.cem.va.gov/ cems/listcem.asp

NEWS FROM THE VILLAGES



Scholarship awards presented to honorees

Grant Wharton, 2015; Ryan Hennessey, 2015; and Christian Timbol, 2016 (center, left to right and 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" Dimitri Batalha, Honoree, is not pictured. The awards were presented at the "Ed Mosher Recognition and Alumni Dinner" on Sunday, April 26. Shown with the Honorees are (left to right): Thomas Roy Harney, San Jose, 1952; Kevin C. Swanson, San Jose, 1985; and Edwin T. Mosher, San Jose, 1952, Board President, Emeritus, San Jose State University Delta Upsilon Corporation.

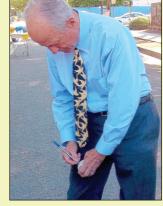
The Scholarship Awards are awarded each year to those brothers who have most successfully demonstrated the ability to carry out the "Four Founding Principles of the Delta Upsilon International Fraternity: The Promotion of Friendship; The Development of Character; The Diffusion of Liberal Culture, and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

Roy James Harney was a 1917 graduate of the University of Nebraska College of Law and the First Baseman on the Cornhusker Baseball Team who later help with the formation and installation of the Delta Upsilon Chapter at San Jose State University and served as Chapter Alumni Advisor for many years. *Photograph by William Pham*

Ueberroth is keynote speaker at dinner

Brother Peter V. Ueberroth, San Jose, 1959, is the Keynote Speaker at the "Ed Mosher Recognition & Alumni Dinner" at SJSU Chapter. Ueberroth, San Jose, 1959, is shown here signing a baseball for a brother at the "Ed Mosher Recognition & Alumni Dinner at SJSU on Sunday, April 26.

Brother Ueberroth served as the President of the Los Angeles Olympic Organizing Committee, the organization responsible for staging the 1984 Olympic Games. He then served a the Commission-



er of Major League Baseball from 1984 to 1989.

Photograph/Caption by Thomas Roy Harney

Bob Nunez to address Republican Club

Bob Nunez, recently elected Chairman of the Santa Clara County Republican Central Committee, will be the featured speaker at our May 28 meeting of the Republican Club. Nunez will discuss his new position as Chairman and will present the Party's goals going forward.

If you recall, Mr. Nunez was to be the speaker at our February dinner meeting but was unable to attend because of illness. The Club is pleased that he has recovered and has graciously agreed to speak to us. Nunez was also recently elected to the governing board of the Milpitas Unified School district. A lifelong career in public education led him to become the Superintendent of the East Side Union High School District, one of the largest in Northern California.

Since his retirement from that position, Bob has been active in many commissions and organizations, mostly revolving around education.

Nunez received his AA degree in Data Processing from Fullerton Community College, his BA in Business Administration from Cal State Long Beach and his EdD/ABD in Education Administration from United States International University San Diego.

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Center, 438 Coleman Avenue,

Kids Tree Safari

http://www.grpg.org.

What: Our City Forest invites children of all ages to join the Kids Tree Safari and discover the great urban outdoors of San Jose. In this expert-led tour, participants will learn about the unusual and wonderful plants living in our region's biggest city. RSVP is required. Bilingual services are available.

When: Saturday, June 20, at 2 p.m.

Where: Our City Forest

Community Nursery, 1000 Spring Street, San Jose

More Information: Email treetours@ourcityforest.org or call 408-998-7337.

Armed Forces Day Run/Walk and Fun Fest

What: The Veterans Support Services Agency presents a day of family fun in honor of Armed Forces Day. In the morning there will be a 5K run as well as a 1 mile walk, with award categories for each. After the race, the Family Fun Fest will begin, offering live music, a classic car display, local artists, food, and more. Pre-registration is required. Organizers are offering \$5.00 off the registration price with the code "newsletter".

When: Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Lake Cunningham Park, 2305 S. White Road, San Jose More information: Visit www.vssainc.org/afd/.

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Fri, May 22, 5-7pm: Complimentary Wine Tasting & Food Pairing with Darlene de la Cerna, owner of Classic Artisan Wines.

Thurs, May 28, 4-5pm: Kids Art Class. Murphy Adams, who led the community mural project that is installed in front of the juice bar, will provide instruction to kids ages 5 – 10 in drawing and painting with pastels, watercolors, inks, and more. \$5 materials fee. RSVP at register at: www.newseasonsevergreen.eve ntbrite.com or sign up at the Solutions Counter in the store.

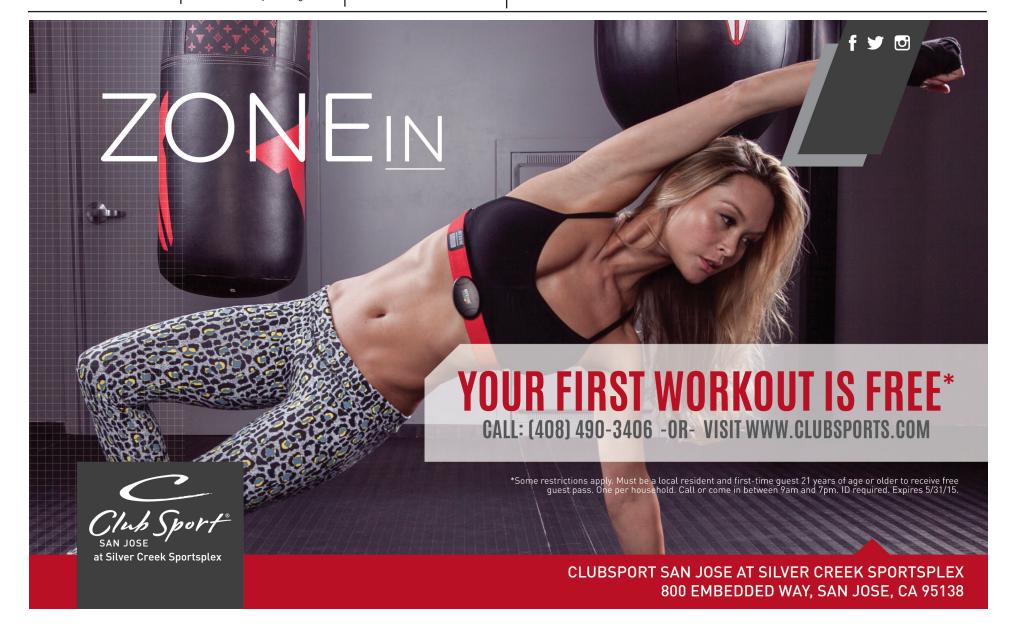
New Seasons Market is located at: 5667 Silver Creek Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200 www.newseasonsmarket.com/ou r-stores/evergreen



Saturday May 16

The Piano Guys will be performing at City National Civic, 135 W San Carlos Street, San Jose at 7:30 p.m. Tickets at 42.50 to 77.50 and are available from ticketmaster.com. "The Piano Guys" started in a piano store in a little Southern Utah town called Saint George. Paul Anderson, the store's owner, was looking for a new, unconventional way to market pianos. The name of the piano store? The Piano Guys. Paul embarked upon a self-guided study of social marketing and started a YouTube channel and a Facebook page. He had seen videos "go viral" and was fascinated by this exponential phenomenon. Paul was an ambitious, talented risk taker and felt inspired that if he could find the right people to work with he could create the number one music video channel in the world. In walked Jon Schmidt. Literally. Jon had built a career in solo piano performance and had a concert in the St. George area. He asked Paul if he could practice on one of the store's pianos in preparation for his gig that night.

Their mission will always be "to produce music videos that inspire, uplift, and make the world a better place. If we can make a positive impact in even one person's life it has all been worth it to us."



Times Feature







Crowds gathered at Evergreen Village to watch the EPIC (Earth, People, International, Culture) event Sunday May 3, celebrating the rich cultural diversity of the Evergreen community.

Local events draw enthusiastic crowds to Evergreen Village





On May 9, Off the Grid brought food trucks, live music and special programming to Evergreen Village to "fill the Saturday void between Music, Art & Wine Friday nights and the Sunday Farmer's Markets."







Sundays, the Farmers Market brings fresh produce and more to Evergreen Village. All photos by Steve Natale Photography

Times Your Community

This Saturday, SJFestivALL promises a glimpse at amazing programming

By Amanda Choi

Special to the Times

he city of San Jose's Parks and Recreation and San Jose Public Library are teaming up to present a FREE one-day outdoor festival for everyone to enjoy – **SJFestivALL.** The event will be held on Saturday, May 16th from 10:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Children's Discovery Meadow (located behind the Children's Discovery Museum) on 180 Woz Way. San Jose CA.

Learn about the amazing programs being offered at San Jose community centers and



SJFestivALL promises cultural performances including Folklorico (above), hula, mariachi, and more.

libraries this summer. Enjoy cultural performances by local talents, live entertainment, face painting, jumpers for the kids, community resources, prize giveaways, food trucks, art and crafts, plus so much more.

There will be performances by Bay Area Hula, Grupo Folklorico Yolotli Guerrerense, Samahang Filipino Performing Arts, and Mariachi Traditional de Alum Rock. You can also participate

in martial arts (karate) and fitness demonstrations

(ZUMBA). There will also be community resource organizations hosting information tables. Organizations will include: SIREN, San José's Environmental Services Department, Garden City Sanitation, Green Team of San Jose, First 5, SJPD, and others.

Calling all Teens! Are you looking for a way to help your community this summer while gaining Community Service hours for school? Make friends, gain customer service experience, and have fun by joining our volunteer team this summer. San Jose Public Library is looking for energetic and fun-loving volunteers aged 15 years or over (or 13 or over if a



Off the Shelf Amanda Choi

member of TeensReach) to help with our Summer Reading Challenge. Volunteers are needed to explain how the Summer Reading Challenge works, register children for the program and to award prizes.

You must attend one of our two **Summer Reading Volunteer Training** sessions in order to volunteer for Summer Reading shifts. Our trainings are scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, May 30th at 1 p.m. To sign up for training, please

go to the Donate & Volunteer page of the San Jose Public Library website (www.sjpl.org/donate) and click on the Summer Reading Challenge link. You can also call Evergreen Branch Library at (408) 808-3060 for more information or for help reserving your spot.

In addition to volunteering at the library, many teens have plans for summer jobs and internships. If you're feeling nervous about those upcoming job or internship interviews, come to our **Teen Interviewing Workshop** on Thursday, May 21st at 4:30 p.m. You'll learn some tips on interviewing well and gain confidence.

Adults, we can help you prepare for your big interview too. Join us on Wednesday, May 27th at 5:00 p.m. for a workshop on **Successful Interviewing Strategies**. Our Job

Search Coach, Margaret Almeida will be presenting interviewing tips as well as conducting mock interviews. If you can't make Margaret's workshop, she offers **Job & Resume Coaching** at the library every Saturday from 1 p.m. 3 p.m. We recommend signing up in advance for a 15-minute consultation with her either in person at our Information Desk or by calling us at (408) 808-3060.

Additional Events

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

Parking

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

Amanda Choi is a librarian at the Evergreen and Berryessa Branch Libraries. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. Berryessa Branch Library is located at 3355 Noble Avenue, San José 95132. The library phone number is 408-808-3050. Both libraries are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.









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Honored veteran Danny Schuberg served in 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines at age 18

By Frank Short
Staff Writer

Torld War II veteran **Danny Schuberg** (inset) has led a more peaceful life since his sojourn in the South Seas during the push for Japan in the 1940's. Most of the action he saw was prior to his nineteenth birthday. On Tuesday, May 26, he will turn 91 years of age.



Danny was born in Coal Valley, Kansas to a poor coal mining family. His dad barely scraped out a living in the shaft mines of Kansas. After strip mining came into vogue in his area, the family moved to a small house in Paducah, Kentucky. The family had a little more money after that.

Danny tried to join the Marine Corps at the age of seventeen, but was rejected be-

cause there were not enough men in his area to make up a squad. After he turned eighteen he entered the Corps and was sent to the Great Lakes region to be inducted. He was later sent to San Diego, California for training. After boot camp, Danny was sent to the big island of Hawaii. While there he was put in charge of a ship containing flame throwing tanks, at eighteen years of age. He was trained in all phases of running a ship, lading, storage, drill, etc.

All Danny's training came in handy as the 8th was sent to Saipan in 1944 to secure the Japanese air base there and prevent sorties from Japan against the U.N. Forces. The same held true of Tinian and Tarawa, Tinian being the smallest objective.

2nd Battalion, 8th Marines was activated on April 1, 1940 in San Diego, Ca. as the 2nd Battalion 8th Marine Regiment and assigned to the 2nd Marine Brigade. The 2nd Marine Brigade was re-named later as Second Marine Battalion. During World War II, the battalion participated in the Battle of Guadalcanal, Battle of Tarawa, Battle of Saipan, Battle of Tinian, and the battle of Okinawa.

Following the atomic bombing of Japan, leading to Japan's surrender, the battalion deployed to Nagasaki, Japan in September, 1945 as part of the occupation. They remained there until being sent back stateside in December 1945. The battalion was deactivated in November, 1947 as part of the post-war drawdown of forces.

Danny stated, "I was trained to do a job and I did it. I was only eighteen and this was the first real job I had ever held. I do not want to be classified as a hero as that is for the ones who were left behind on those lonely Pacific Islands. I was one of the ones who were blessed to be able to return in one piece."

In his three years of service, August 1943-January 1946, Danny obtained the rank of Sergeant. After his Marine Corps days he attended Kansas State Teacher's College intending to be a sporting coach. It was not to be as he was broke and needed to work. He went to work for Swift Corp. and thereafter worked as an accountant in several large firms.

Danny lives alone now in the Villages Golf and Country Club



Danny (far right) with three of his many friends at the Evergreen Community Center.

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in Evergreen after losing his wife in 2005. "We have been married for 55 years without ever having a serious confrontation," said Danny. He still drives and looks forward to being with all his pals at the Evergreen Community Center as often as possible.

Editor's note: Danny Schuberg would have been honored by mem-

bers of the City Council soon, as he was scheduled to represent all the ones who sacrificed their lives, at so great a cost, so that we might enjoy the freedoms we have. Unfortunately, Danny passed away last month while we were preparing this story. The family requested that there be no public memorial.



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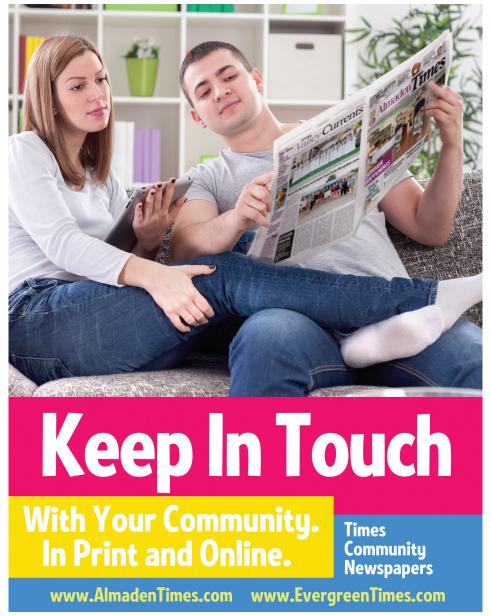
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Times Your Community

Local resident Jim Baker tells his story about competing in the 1990 Russian Marathon

By Jim Baker

Special to the Times

t was August, 1990; the Soviet economy was in a state of disarray and collapse. This national crisis, also weighing on Europe proper, however did not impede the firmly anchored Moscow International Peace Marathon from being sponsored.

Working as a senior clinician in the Veterans' Administration, with a specialty in diagnosing and treating war trauma (post-traumatic stress disorder) with a language background in Russian, I had received an invitation from the Moscow Center for Stress Studies to visit and do counseling with some groups of the youthful Afghans veterans in Metropolitan Moscow and the Ukraine for a few weeks.

Previously, I had the good fortune of meeting and collaborating with some members of the Russian clinical team on their USA visit to a few of the VA facilities. As Moscow clinical group had a flexible schedule, and I had ample leave, an itinerary was made to coincide with the marathon, which was always hosted in August. Never having traveled to the USSR, I was 'hyper-enthused' about the opportunity!

The departure day arrived almost too quickly. After the lengthy and somewhat exhaustive cross-continental flight, the plane reached the Moscow Sheremetyevo Airport by late evening the following day. Immediately, one can see how expansive the city stretches. Not able to reach the psychologist Fyodor by phone, I hailed a youthful taxi driver who spoke no English but seemed to recognize the address area. After a long ride into the heart of the darkened tree covered city, we arrived at a somber apartment structure where Fyodor's flat was located. Having no rubles, I had a pantomiming exchange with the driver in my rudimentary Russian, and assured him with a signed traveler's check. Shortly afterwards, it was a great relief to meet my ally from the other side of the world.

Given the crisis state of the Russian economy, basic food staples were in short supply, to non-existent. Produce was very scarce, as the outlying rural region was stymied by a bankrupt transportation system. The only fruit available were musty apples. Our primary fare presented itself as rye bread, butter, cheese... and tomatoes as the sole vegetable.

Following a restive sleep, the new day dawned, which was the day before the marathon.

After tea, a favorite Russian beverage, Fyodor and I embarked by bus to Lenin Stadium to see about race registration.

Wending our way into the bowels of the historic structure, which appeared reminiscent of Coliseum architecture, we approached a group of resolute officials, virtually expressionless, like London's



Jim Baker at Lenin Stadium in August, 1990.

Buckingham Palace guards. For rationale not comprehended, I was told there was "no pre-race day" registration allowed. Not willing to surrender, I persisted; and Fyodor undertook an advocacy crusade.

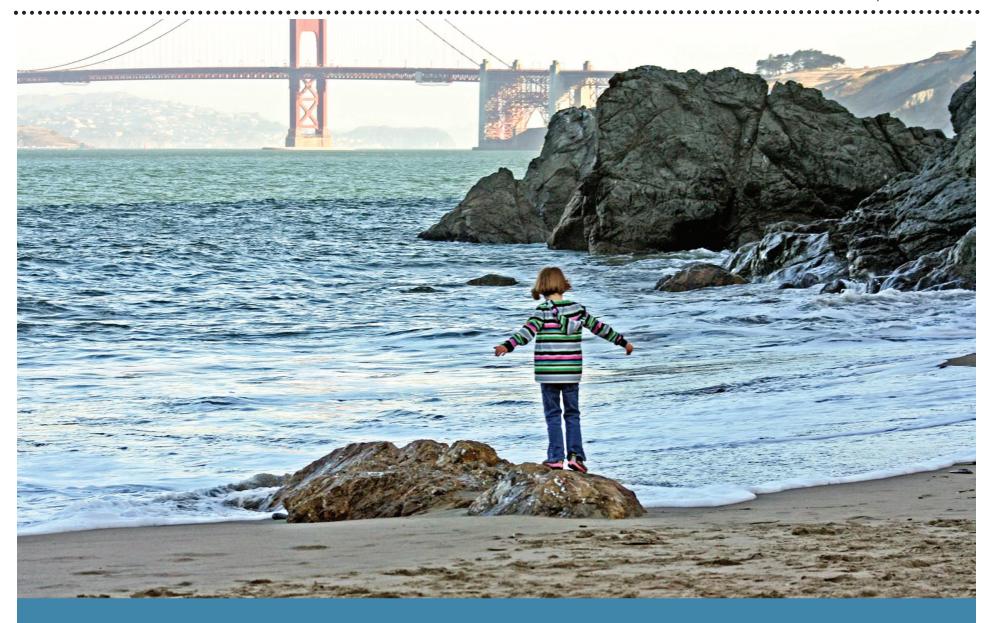
Waiting outside, I held on to optimism. Ultimately, Fyodor reappeared, evincing a subtle smile. He then announced in very vocal English; "I finally found somebody with a heart." Admitted, even without the fringe accompaniment of the KGB or Pinkerton Boys! Ecstatic and relieved, we returned to the micro-scaled flat for a feast of heavy bread, cheese and tea.

Race day

Race day was not to be an invigorating dawn, but an afternoon time, with temperatures heating up, and a surprising bite of humidity. I proudly sported a USA 'stars and stripes' singlet that was a product from the shop of the "Gold Medalist Marathoner" of the 1972 Munich Olympics.

The gathering runners, representing all regions of Russia, were curious and friendly to see an American runner in their midst. The marathon course, with minimal elevation change, was laid out in a circular design to allow runners to pass by many picturesque attractions and structures, highlighting Russian history and culture. The race was to finish in Lenin Stadium.

Presently, the starter's gun reported, and legions began to explore the expanses of Moscow. With the longevity of history, part of the street surfacing was cobblestone. Trying to adapt to the elements, I settled into a steady, conservative pace. After a while, the marathon course angled over towards the Moscow River, proceeding along the contoured walls paralleling the river. At this See MARATHON, page 18



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Marathon

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phase, the temperatures seemed to moderate

Seeing my USA jersey, some of the runners spontaneously offered and pressed small medals into my hands. It was impressive to see a rich ethnic mix of runners; again, a validation of the expansiveness and racial diversity of the Soviet Union. At one point, striding along with some runners from the interior Turkistan Region, where poverty had a stronger imprint, I glanced down to see these athletes were barefoot. Bakila was not alone! My own personal discomfort began to evaporate in the face of the ruggedness and courage of these runners. Newly inspired, I pushed forward.

As the miles lengthened, I struggled to remain up borne by the Amistad and intensity of the marathon field. At the sixteen mile mark, I tried to pick up the pace, clinging to the vision of a sub-three hour marathon; however was seized immediately by cramping in the quadriceps. Confined to a fixed pace, I tried to find an electrolyte drink at the approaching aid table; just water and small pyramids of white crystalline powder. (Post-race it was learned the substance was table salt—the Russian version of Gator Aid and ERG).

Breaching the twenty mile mark, I was

starting to stiffen. The pace was beginning to join that of the proverbial "barges along the Volga." It was now a supreme challenge to eclipse each successive mile. Like the night fatigue of a Siberian truck driver, I paced an exhausted frame forward. Captive to the manacles of the cramping, the twenty-fifth mile marker appeared. I noticed that many surrounding runners were struggling with similar issues.

Knowing we were to finish in Lenin Stadium, a deep internal force resolved it was time for the "spirit" to overtake a body bent on mutiny! Disregarding all pain, a staggered "Charge of the LIght Brigade" ensued. Ignited by a primal energy, more than one hundred runners were passed, and I summoned a noble sprint the final meters around the stadium track. A revelation then descended; that the imagined impermeable myth of superior Russian athletes had now become equalized!

The physiologic cost of my finish immediately manifested in the form of nausea and severe cramping. Hobbling towards the shade of a nearby tree, I collapsed, with both calves completely seizing up. Paralyzed, and probably looking like a human artifact and casualty from the siege of Stalingrad, ultimately two runners approached. They promptly gave water and salt. One then grabbed my calves and pulled steadily until they unlocked. I responded, 'thank you very much' in my best Russian. They gestured in interest about my Nikes, but I had to gesture back that it was the only pair I had.

Re-stabilizing myself, I ambled over to the infield. The 'stars and stripes' singlet shortly caught the eye of a seasoned runner, who introduced himself in understandable English as a coach. He then stated he had previously come to the United States for friendship, and run in the Seattle Goodwill Games. With little hesitation, I stripped off, and offered him the USA singlet. He reciprocated by producing the 'Russian Sports Medal,' bronzed, with the mass of a small discus. That medal resides in a special place.

Something to stir the good spirit of Tolstoy it was a day when harmony and peace had obliterated any contention of war.

One more time; the courageous drumming of thousands of feet in unison had radiated rainbow brilliance far above the stark images and subjective slogans on state obelisks'



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Times Community Notebook



Drip irrigation systems apply the water directly to the soil which reduces water lost to overspray, evaporation and runoff. *Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company*

Conserve time and water while growing beautiful and productive gardens

By Melinda Myers
Special to the Times

ou can reduce your workload, increase productivity and be water wise, whether you are planning, planting or already harvesting produce or enjoying beautiful floral displays from your garden.

Self-watering pots

Container gardeners may want to invest in self-watering pots. These containers have built-in reservoirs to reduce watering frequency. Commercial and homemade self-watering devices can also reduce watering frequency. Just make sure to test their effectiveness before leaving town. Or consider a one-time investment in a drip irrigation system, like the 2014 Green Thumb Award-winning Snip-n-Drip Pot and Planter Soaker System especially designed for container gardens.

Drip irrigation

Drip irrigation and soaker hoses are also a great way to water inground plantings. These irrigation systems apply the water directly to the soil which reduces water lost to overspray, evaporation and runoff. They also reduce the risk and spread of disease by preventing water from settling on the leaves of the plants.

Micro irrigation

Opt for a micro irrigation system if your water has a high mineral content. These minerals can build up and clog soaker hoses. Micro irrigation systems experience fewer problems and the nozzles can be cleaned to prevent clogs. Because the nozzles can be clipped onto stakes, tomato towers or other supports, this system makes it easy to deliver water right to the plants.

Raised bed gardens will also benefit from irrigation systems. Elevated gardens often dry out more quickly than their in-ground counterparts and need more frequent watering.

Some, like the Raised Bed Snipn-Drip soaker system (gardeners. com), are easy to assemble and allow you to water when needed. Further save time by using preformed corners with built-in spigots when constructing raised beds. Simply slide the boards into the metal corner pieces to create the raised bed. Some corner systems, like Aquacorner, have built-in spigots to make irrigation even simpler.

Correctly installed irrigation systems can help conserve water by ensuring you water properly and only when needed. Plus, using a timer and an irrigation system allows you to apply water at the best time for the plants. Just set the timer for early in the morning - when less water is lost to evaporation - and the plants will be watered even if you are not home.

Always water thoroughly and only as needed to encourage plants to develop deep root systems that are more drought-tolerant. Be sure to avoid high nitrogen, fast release fertilizers that promote lush succulent growth which needs more frequent watering.

Further conserve water and time spent watering by grouping moisture-loving plants together. You can provide needed water more efficiently and avoid overwatering nearby drought-tolerant plants.

And remember to mulch your garden. A thin layer of shredded leaves, evergreen needles or other organic matter helps conserve moisture and reduces erosion. As the mulch breaks down, it helps improve the soil, while decreasing its' water needs.

So make this the year you take a break from watering, while continuing to enjoy beautiful and productive gardens.

Gardening expert, TV/radio host, author & columnist Melinda Myers has more than 30 years of horticulture experience and has written over 20 gardening books, including Can't Miss Small Space Gardening and the Midwest Gardener's Handbook. She hosts The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series and the nationally syndicated Melinda's Garden Moment segments. Myers is also a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine. Myers' web site, www.melindamyers.com, offers gardening videos and tips.





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Times Community News

Daryabari Iranian Community Center celebrates grand opening in San Jose

Pars Equality Center (PEC), a Bay Area-based non-profit organization providing social and legal services to the Iranian-American community celebrated its 5th Anniversary with the recent grand opening of the new Daryabari Iranian Community Center.

PEC is now headquartered in the new facility, making it the first and most comprehensive non-profit legal, social and community support center, providing direct services to Iranians and Persian speakers in the United States. The opening was especially meaningful this year, as 2015 marks Pars Equality Center's 5th Anniversary since the 2010 inception by founder and executive director, Bita Daryabari.

California State Assembly member Evan Low presented a Certificate of Recognition on behalf of the State of California. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Dave Cortese (President, Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors) presented commendations to founder and executive director Bita Daryabari and her team for the new Community Center.

Daryabari welcomed guests—thanking the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council of Boy Scouts of America represented by nine-year-old cub scout Daniel Polous and seven-year-old daisy scout Abigail Polous of San Jose to lead guests in the pledge of allegiance, stating, "It is through organizations like yours that the next generation of minds can be shaped to increase better cross-cultural understanding."

Low, the youngest assembly member in California State Legislature, stated, "For the young people in the audience here today, let

this be a symbol and a reminder about the importance and strength of our diversity and the continued work to ensure that we understand the meaning of culture and what it means to be a resident of California—and what it means to be an American."

Mayor Liccardo stated, "We are so proud to have this Center here. In the City of San Jose, 40 percent of our adult population was born in a foreign country and that is the secret sauce of our success in Silicon Valley. We have a community that is very much the front door for the United States. It imposes on us an obligation to reach out to ensure that whatever extraordinary opportunity is available here is communicated in multiple languages and made available to all regardless of cultural and economic barriers. And the Persian community has been so incredibly important in this valley and has enriched our community in so many ways.'

President Cortese echoed the

Mayor's sentiment commenting on the region as a global portal and how this Center is helping those who are arriving here.

Additional elected government officials and dignitaries were in attendance, including San Francisco Sheriff Ross Mirkarimi; Edesa Bitbadal (San Jose Planning Commissioner); Council members Ash



San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo** speaks at the opening of the new Pars Equality Center's Daryabari Iranian Community Center held April 16 in downtown San Jose. (L-R) **Sam Liccardo**, **Matt Mahood**, President and CEO of San Jose/Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, **Evan Low**, California State Assemblyman, and **Dave Cortese**, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. *Photo by Steve Jennings/Getty Images for PARS EQUALITY CENTER*

Kalra (District 2), Johnny Khamis (District 10), Tam Nguyen (District 7), Pierluigi Oliverio (District 6), and Raul Peralez (District 3); and Matt Mahood (President & CEO Silicon Valley San Jose Chamber of Commerce).

A coffee and tea reception was held as guests arrived for the 6 pm ceremony. Immediately following the ribbon cutting

ceremony, guests were invited inside the Center for catered Persian cuisine and pastries.

The new community center spans 13,000 square feet, and now houses the San Jose Pars Equality Center offices, becoming the organization's central office, while also offering extensive community programming. A new addition is the Senior Citizens Program, which includes yoga, meditation, cooking, backgammon and philosophy classes. The center is also proud to have an incredible roster of VIP Founding Members. The new facility is located at 1635 The Alameda, San Jose.

Founded by Bita Daryabari in 2010, the Pars Equality Center (PEC) is the first non-profit organization of its kind, supporting the full integration of people of Persian (Iranian) origin in the United States. PEC provides social and legal support for all members of the Iranian-American community, including refugees, immigrants and the American-born. The Center

advocates for more positive perceptions of Persians in the U.S. media, while offering services and programs that help establish, integrate and support Iranian-Americans so that they are able to function responsibly and productively in American society. Daryabari's aim is to create a more just and compassionate community in which Iranians of all cultures and beliefs participate.

The median cost of a house in San Jose is \$900K

By William Bellou
Publisher

The median price for a previously owned single-family home in the San Jose, metropolitan area just hit a whopping \$900,000, according report released Monday.

That first-quarter price was up 11.4 percent from a year earlier, and more than four times the U.S. median of \$205,200, according to the National Association of Realtors. Median household income has now reached \$82,000 in San Jose, compared with \$53,000 nationally.

What's driving the upswing in pricing is the improving labor market. Silicon Valley saw the fastest percentage growth in employ-



ment among the country's largest metropolitan areas. Employment there rose 5.5 percent over last year, more than twice the U.S. pace of 2.2 percent, according to the US Labor Department latest report.

Here's a breakdown of home median prices by area:

San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif.	\$900,000
San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif.	\$748,300
Honolulu	\$699,300
Anaheim-Santa Ana-Irvine, Calif.	\$685,700
San Diego-Carlsbad-San Marcos, Calif.	\$510,300
New York-Wayne-White Plains, N.YN.J.	\$466,700
Boulder, Colo.	\$442,200
Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana, Calif.	\$434,700
Naples-Marco Island, Fla	\$405,000
Nassau-Suffolk, N.Y.	\$404,200

Paws for Purple Hearts aided by local wine stroll

antana Row Sponsored a wine stroll benefiting Paws for Purple Hearts with Veterans Helping Veterans April 23.

Paws for Purple Hearts was established to teach veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder to train dogs to become service dogs to give to veterans with combat related injuries.

It takes about two years to train an assistance dog for this program, said Sandra Carson, therapeutic instructor for Paws for Purple Hearts. "The Santana Row event raised awareness and funds for the program at no charge to the veterans," she said.

More than 20 Santana row merchants provided special discounts to their customers during this event. Local wineries also participated by providing tasting of their wine selections and snacks for those leisurely strolling Santana Row.

"The evening event was a tremendous success with more than 150 participants and volunteers," said Carson.

Raffle tickets were purchased for a drawing held to award several donated gift baskets, gift certificates and other



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items to the lucky winners. Many donations were made in addition and some winners gave their winning gifts to the attending veterans.

Those wishing to volunteer to help with paws for Purple Hearts can contact Kim Worrall at 408.253.4362 or by e-mail to kim_worrall@me.com

green Area Meetings

A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at 1(408) 717-5552 week-days or 1(408) 238-4580

District 8 Community Roundtable (D8CRT) The District 8 Community

Round Table (D8CRT) meets the first Thursday of the month from 7 – 9 p.m. at the Community Room in the new Evergreen Branch Library on Aborn Road.

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Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

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 atten-

The Evergreen Business Association is intended to

allow business owners and leaders in the
Evergreen community to
meet, connect, and network with each other in this fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. The group ers and leaders of B2B and B2C busine es in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for mem bership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: com/Evergreen-Business-

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pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-

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The Parent Advisory
Committee Meetings for 2011-12 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 Senio 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 meet-ing will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020

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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 Site Council Meets the first Wednesday

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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 class-es and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/ prns. The Senior

anced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reser vations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The

San Felipe Road. Friends of Evergreen

center is located at 4860

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 friendsofevergreenlibrary. org or call 408-808-3060 for

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LeyVa Community Action Team Association

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Neighborhood
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Story Road Business

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San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the district board room on the Evergreen Valley College campus, 4750 San Felipe Rd. 270-6402.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney @sbc-global.net for further inforwebsite at http://www.sanpe drosquares. free

toasthost.org. Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association Meets at 6:30 n m, on the

second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference

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 Silve 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.

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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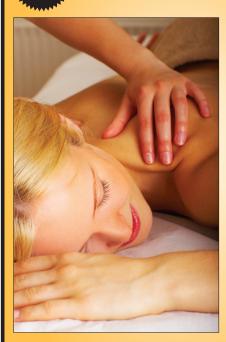
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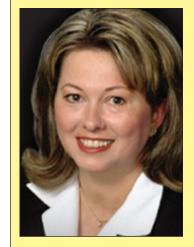
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