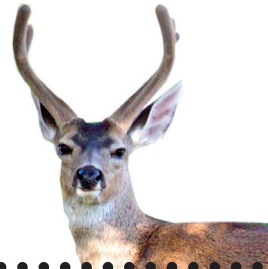


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TICKLE, TICKLE – Jocelyn Conner tickles the chin of the Easter Bunny at Eastridge Mall while brother Jacob grins with excitement.
Photo by Bill Bellou

LOCAL LOSS

MegaByte Pizza closes its doors

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

One of the most popular restaurants in Evergreen, MegaByte Pizza, closed its doors for the last time at 2 pm on March 23.

Ed Abelite, MegaByte Pizza managing partner and managing partner of Canyon Creek Plaza, announced the decision shortly after 12 noon to the restaurant's employees and placed a notice on the restaurant's front door.

MegaByte employees, some in disbelief, met at the back of the restaurant and asked why this was happening to them. Many of the

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A look at the religious history of Easter

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

There's bit more to the Easter story than bunnies and colored eggs, although they can be used to help tell the story of Easter.

The Easter festival is the oldest and most important festival in the Christian calendar. It is a day that is celebrated on Easter Sunday, a day that brings more people to church and when families get together to share an early afternoon or evening meal.

Most people know that Jesus was said to come to life after being crucified, visiting his friends and followers once more. Even if you're not a Christian you may be interested

to know a little bit more about the Easter story, and the timeline of events that are described in the Christian gospels. Whether you believe in God or not, the Easter story does provide an interesting historical insight into what life was like some 2000 years ago.

Easter time Christians remember the last week of Jesus' life, or Holy Week. It signals the end of Lent, the traditional time of fasting in the Christian calendar, and starts with the most important and oldest festival of the Christian

Church.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated between March 21 and April 25, on

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Evergreen Business Association working to grow business and benefit the community

The Evergreen Business Association (EBA) is a growing group that formed last fall and is already benefitting participants.

Business owners and leaders in the Evergreen Valley now have a local forum in which to connect and learn about each other's business and grow their network.

EBA members are now referring business to each other and doing business among them.

“I’m encouraged to see Evergreen area business people engaging with each other and actively working to help each other grow through sharing information, learning about each other's business models, and especially, referring others to member businesses,” said David Burckhard, EBA facilitator. “It’s natural that businesses grow mutually when people know, like and trust each other.”

The group meets monthly on third Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at the Evergreen Branch Library at 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose.

The EBA was formed, according

to Burckhard, because the Evergreen area lacked a business-networking forum in an area that has so much potential for business growth. “It’s one of the fastest growing areas in the south bay,” Burckhard said, “and it was a shame that so many of us had to drive for miles to participate in business groups in the far reaches of the county and beyond. A local association of businesses makes so much more sense especially for those businesses serving the Evergreen area.”

The monthly gathering of EBA members runs for 90 minutes and provides opportunity for attendees to introduce themselves and their business. During each meeting a member speaks on his or her business and a member or guest speaker presents on a business development topic. Attendance and membership is free.

For more information, contact David Burckhard at sweeperdave@mac.com. Burckhard suggests that interested individuals also register on the EBA's Meetup page here: <http://bit.ly/1OZLVMt>



Above: EBA members pose with some of the “Toys for Tots” that they collected over the holiday season. Below: EBA meetings provide local business users a local forum to learn about each other and grow their businesses.



Mailbox



Mourning the loss of Megabyte

Editor,

My name is Amar Jeer, 24 years old, and I am a resident within the Evergreen area, born and raised here. From childhood to adulthood I was privileged to grow up in this area and be surrounded by its amazing culture and people.

One iconic restaurant in this area resonates with me dearly: Megabyte Pizza. This establishment has been run by Aldo Montufar for 14 long years. Over that time he has been featured in the *Evergreen Times* for giving back to his community on several occasions. This restaurant is more than just a pizza place; it was a place where families would gather and catch up on Fridays and the weekends after a long week of work. Where little league baseball teams would meet after a terrific win to celebrate, or a tough loss to bring the team that much closer together.

No matter your background, Aldo

treated everyone with the same amount of respect across the board. People would flock to this restaurant specifically to see him, enjoy his selfless nature, witty personality, and hospitality.

Recently Aldo and his staff were forced out of their location on Silver Creek Road, as the landlord had been plotting to remove him from this location and gave him no notice. Overnight both he and his staff became unemployed, as the landlord was working behind Aldo's back to negotiate a deal with another party to take on the lease. The sheer amount of disrespect that has been shown to someone who has served the community for 14 long years is what is leaving a bad taste with the community. Aldo's biggest concern is that he feels he has let the community down by not being able to give the closure he would like to the friends and family he has built over the years running Megabyte Pizza restaurant.

Aldo has made a huge impact in this community. Working in the corporate world myself, I understand

that business has to be conducted in a certain way, however the way this was done was just simply wrong, and it needs to be brought to the community's attention.

Amar Jeer

EVC instructors face unjust backlash from district

Editor,

The district is beginning a retaliation process against faculty who voiced opposition to the district's commercialization of Evergreen Valley College's 27 acres. I was informed by a faculty member, who voiced faculty opinions publically, that the district started cutting next semester's classes.

The district cut the faculty member's classes for next semester by 7%, which amounted to a loss of thousands of dollars income. The faculty member said it would only get worse for any EVC faculty speaking against the district's plans. The EVC faculty member said that in the past, when faculty voiced concerns over other district directives, they lost.

The district neglects EVC by pro-

viding inadequate facilities and program offerings. Instructors don't know what to say when EVC students ask why other community colleges offer better experiences. EVC has one college sport, soccer. It is insulting for the entire student population of Evergreen that the district thinks this is adequate in serving the community. The remaining 27 acres that the district plans to develop commercially is the college's only option to provide better opportunities to students.

We want students attending EVC to have pride in their college. We need modern classrooms and sports fields and facilities to provide access to a well-rounded and equitable educational experience. A well-facilitated college looks like San Jose City,

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the first Sunday after the first full moon following the northern spring equinox. The period in which Easter occurs, especially the weekend from Good Friday to Easter Monday.

For many children, Easter is an exciting time with Easter egg hunts on Sunday morning.

Some parents, however, are looking for ways to make the true significance of Easter a reality to their children.

Bunnies, eggs, baskets and more can become tools that parents use to bring a greater understanding of the message of Easter. With just a little creativity, all these symbols that often replace the real significance of Easter can be the very things that make the holiday full and rich with spiritual meaning.

Tell the Story of Easter with Eggs

Instead of merely coloring eggs this Easter, why not use the eggs to tell the story of God's love and forgiveness? Here are a few suggestions from Focus on the Family website.

Before you hide the eggs or put them in baskets, encircle each one with a colored strip of paper (or place the strip inside plastic eggs) that tells one small part of the Easter story. When the eggs have been found, the children must unscramble the story and put it in the right order.

Instead of decorating the eggs with dye, or in addition to dyeing them, write one attribute of Jesus on each egg. You can do this by writing on the egg with a crayon before you put it in the dye. If you are using plastic eggs, you can write with a permanent marker or paint pen.

Send kids on a hunt for the eggs that have



Bunnies can be used to demonstrate spiritual principles to children to help explain Easter.

Jesus' attributes written on them. Instead of just discovering eggs, they will be discovering the wonderful things that make Jesus special.

Teach them about Jesus by describing a real 'Easter Bunny'

Use a rabbit picture, a stuffed bunny or even a real one (if you are adventurous) to teach some of the characteristics of Jesus that we should all try to have. By adding a Bible verse to each quality, you will create a true Easter Bunny.

Real Easter bunnies:

are white as snow because Jesus takes all sin away (Isaiah 1:18b).

are gentle, kind-hearted and forgiving (Ephesians 4:32).

have big ears that are quick to listen (James 1:19).

have big eyes to look carefully and choose what is good (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

have no voice for complaining or arguing (Philippians 2:13).

are quiet in prayer, but hop with thanksgiving and rejoicing (Philippians 4:4-6).

have big feet to go tell others about Jesus so they can be like Easter bunnies, too (Matthew 28: 19-20).

eat what is healthy by filling up on God's word every day (Psalm 119:11).

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Evergreen Valley College's sister college. We want a community college we can be proud of. Please help us in achieving educational equity at EVC, so our college better serves the students.

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Open letter to the Evergreen/Silver Creek surrounding communities and long-time patrons of MegaByte Pizza

Editor,

As some of you may or may not know by now Mega Byte Pizza has closed its doors. There has been some speculation that Jason and I (Andres Valencia) have taken ownership of the space previously occupied by Mega Byte Pizza. This letter is to inform you that we are in the process of purchasing Mega Byte Pizza Co. One of the deciding factors was that the business was going to be sold regardless.

The fact that Mega Byte is so close to

Mexico Lindo also made it a good business decision for us in terms of operating another restaurant space. We appreciate the support we have received over the past few years with Mexico Lindo and we are hopeful for a similar response when the new restaurant opens.

Aldo has been an outstanding member of the community over the last 14 years and we have developed great personal and business relationships with the Mega Byte staff while operating Mexico Lindo. He and his staff did a wonderful job creating a staple, communal restaurant where families could come and feel welcome. His passion for the business, good heart, personality and charm will be missed.

We know that it will take time but we hope to embody the same spirit and offer a welcoming venue that serves high quality dishes at a competitive price. We would like to thank Aldo and his staff for their service to the community and wish them all the best with their future endeavors.

Apart from giving the interior a facelift the intended concept for the space will be fresh California Cuisine. The menu will be seasonal entailing everything from flatbreads, pastas, fresh salads, burgers and daily specials. We are very excited about this opportunity and look forward to our continued service to Silver Creek and the surrounding areas.

Our target open date will be sometime this summer.

Andres Valencia

Jason Castillo VC

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Lord of the Rings performed at Lincoln Center with a live symphony orchestra.

Symphony Silicon Valley Performs *Lord of the Rings*

Symphony Silicon Valley performs the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy, simultaneous to the films being shown on a huge screen at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts on April 16, 17, 18, and 19.

Symphony performs *Lord of the Rings: The Trilogy* (*The Fellowship of the Ring*, *The Two Towers*, and *The Return of the King*) simultaneous to the films being shown on a huge screen. There will be 250 musicians on stage, made up of the orchestral instrumentalists, chorale members and children's chorus.

The backdrop for the concert stage is a huge screen, 20 feet high and 48 feet wide, that will be showing the three *Lord of the Rings* movies in high definition.

Musicians will be performing a total of 22 hours in a matter of four days. That only leaves a few hours for eating and sleeping. This becomes a marathon for each of the 100 instrumentalists, the 100 adult vocalists, and the 50 members of the children's chorus—not only a physical marathon, but a mental one as well.

"We will need a fork-lift to carry the sheet music to the theatre," said Andrew Bales, General Director of Symphony Silicon Valley. "These are the only West Coast performances of this epic event and our musicians are thrilled to bring it to you."

Author and musicologist Doug Adams explains in his book *The Music of the Lord of the Rings Film: A Comprehensive Account of Howard Shore's Scores*, the themes of the score, places, events, and people, as depicted in nines. There are nine people who set off on

the journey, nine original rings, nine notes in many phrases within the score, and more nines throughout the story. Adams spent many years with Howard Shore, analyzing the themes of numerology in his score of *Lord of the Rings* movies, resulting in the book.

Paolo's Restaurant is even entering Middle Earth and the *Lord of the Rings* fandom. Just across the foot bridge from the Center for the Performing Arts, Paolo's will have a *Lord of the Rings* three-course *prix fixe* menu for only \$38.50, on April 16, 17 and 18. Paolo's validates up to six hours of parking in the RiverPark garage for their patrons. Paolo's is located at 333 West San Carlos in downtown San Jose, and RiverPark Garage is between Park Avenue and West San Carlos on Woz Way. Reservations are necessary by calling 408 294 2558 or visit www.paolos.com

The *Lord of the Rings* films, directed by Peter Jackson and based on the J.R.R. Tolkien novels, have won 17 Academy Awards. The Symphony Silicon Valley, choruses and soloists will be on stage beneath and in front of the screen for these historic performances. Seats for each individual performance are available in a price range of \$60, \$90 or \$120.

Performances:

Lord of the Rings Cycle 1:

April 16, 2015 7:00 pm *The Fellowship of the Ring*

April 17, 2015 7:00 pm *The Two Towers*

April 18, 2015 7:00 pm *The Return of the King*

Lord of the Rings Cycle 2

April 18, 2015 1:00 pm *The Fellowship of the Ring*

April 19, 2015 1:00 pm *The Two Towers*

April 19, 2015 6:30 pm *The Return of the King*

The San Jose Center for the Performing Arts is located at 255 S. Almaden Blvd, San Jose.



"Closed" notices posted on the doors surprised many patrons on March 23.

Megabyte

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restaurant's employees have been working at the restaurant since it first opened 14 years ago.

MegaByte has been a popular destination for both family and community events. Providing a place for birthday parties, anniversaries, sports team events, fundraising events for the American Cancer Society, the Leukemia Foundation, and the Juvenile Hall Center. More than that though, MegaByte was the place for everyone in the community to gather informally and enjoy each other's company after a long week.

"Of course everyone is in shock that the investor group decided to shut down the restaurant without any warning to our employees and the community," said Aldo Montufar, manager of MegaByte Pizza. "I want the community to know that our employees are strong and they will overcome this injustice," he said. "No one plans to go on unemployment, we are all hard working people and proud of the work we have performed."

"Several employees asked me why this was happening to them and asked me for direction of what to do next," said Montufar. "Many on my staff have been with me for more than 15 years. We are like family."

Several negative comments have been posted on social media sites that have been mostly negative in the way that MegaByte employees were told that it was their last day.

"The sheer amount of disrespect that has been shown to employees who have serviced the community for 14 long years is what is leaving a bad taste with the community," said Amar Jeer. "Aldo's biggest concern is that he feels he has let the community down by not being able to give adequate notice of the closure to the friends and family relationships that have been formed over the years running the restaurant," he said.

"I would like to know the true story," said Julie Wash posting on Nextdoor.com. "Having known Aldo since he was the Food and Beverage Manager at Silver Creek Valley Country Club, and then later moving to Mega Byte he and his staff have been a special part of our larger Silver Creek/Evergreen neighborhood," she said.

"Is there a way to know where they are now in order to reach them and say 'thank you' in person?" She went on to say "many restaurants let their patrons know they will be closing well in advance so that patrons may stop by to wish them well."

Montufar said he appreciates the outpouring of support from the community for his employees during this unsettling time.

"I have been working very hard since the closing of the restaurant to find jobs for each of our employees," said Montufar. "I have contacted numerous restaurants throughout the Bay Area in order to match the expertise of each employee with each restaurant's staffing requirements, he explained. "So far, I have been able to find a new job for more than 90 percent of our staff."

Mexico Lindo's management team has announced that it will reopen the restaurant with a different venue, fresh California cuisine. Mexico Lindo is a popular Mexican restaurant located a few doors down from MegaByte Pizza in the Canyon Creek Plaza. The new restaurant is scheduled to open sometime during the summer. (See LETTERS, page 3)



Times **School News**

Evergreen/Silver Creek Presentation High School students pictured: Bottom row, left to right: **Scarlett Puentes, Kayla Ricci, Taylor Allen, Julianna Gonzalez, Caitlyn Opulencia, Christina Leggio.** Top row, left to right: **Shelby Tindall, Brianna Hoang, Erica Garcia, Jalene Weatherholt, Miranda Velasco, Isabel Ibarra.** Photo credit: *Chloe May, Presentation student*

Presentation High School's 'Vintage & Vogue Fashion Show' set for April 24



Presentation High School invites you to feel "Vintage & Vogue" at this year's fashion show on Friday, April 24 at the Santa Clara Convention Center.

An annual school tradition, the Presentation fashion show features seniors, alumnae, faculty and friends who come together to strike a pose in the latest spring clothing lines from more than 15 local and national stores.

Talented student designers also premiere custom creations, plus the national award-winning Presentation dance team performs. All proceeds support Presentation's endowment for financial aid, which provides tuition assistance that helps young women achieve their dreams of a college-prep education.

Tickets may be reserved online at www.presentationhs.org/fashion-show.

Silver Creek grad earns perfect score on AP calculus test

Claire Yoshioka, a Silver Creek High School grad, is one of five students in the world to earn every point possible on the 2014 Advanced Placement AB Calculus test.

Yoshioka answered every multiple-choice question correctly and earned full points in the free-response section, according to the College Board, which administers the test.

Yoshioka, a student at UC-Berkeley, took the test last year as a senior at Silver Creek High.

Exam History

In 1956, 386 students took what was then known as the AP Mathematics Exam. By 1969, still under the heading of AP Mathematics, it had become Calculus AB



and Calculus BC. The AP Calculus AB Exam covers differential and integral calculus topics that are typically included in introductory calculus courses at the college level.



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Fundraiser to benefit at-risk and foster youth

Unity Care, a youth and family development agency providing services and support for San Francisco Bay Area at-risk and foster youth, will host its fourth annual YouthLive! Gala on Saturday evening, April 25, 2015, at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose.

Keynote speaker for the event will be Leigh Anne Tuohy, inspirational subject of the record-breaking movie, “*The Blind Side*,” which chronicles her journey as foster mother to current NFL (National Football League) offensive tackle, Michael Oher. Sandra Bullock won an Academy Award® for Best Actress for her portrayal of Tuohy in the movie.

ABC7’s Spencer Christian will emcee the evening’s entertainment.

The event will open at 5:45 p.m. with a VIP reception (by invitation) with Ms. Tuohy. An open, no-host bar reception with commence at 6:00 p.m., accompanied by a silent youth art auction and treasure chest key sales for all guests.

During the formal dinner, Unity Care foster youth and local young people will entertain on stage and the fashion runway. Performers will include Katie Brown, Los Gatos High School; Madelyn Davis, Archbishop Mitty High School; Michael Xavier Mulea, Andrew Hill High School, and Victoria Thuy Vi McDowell, Raymond J. Fisher Middle School. Violinist Kai Kight will give a special performance.

At 8:00 p.m., Leigh Anne Tuohy will describe her experiences as foster mother to NFL offensive lineman Michael Oher.

Following Tuohy’s talk, Unity Care alumna, Charity Brooks, will share her story. She says, “At 20, I was living in a homeless shelter with two children and in an abusive relationship. I felt alone and completely lost. In just two years, Unity Care’s transitional housing program taught me how to take control of my life, and today, at 26, I can truly say I’m happy and doing very well.”

The evening will close with YouthLive!’s signature “fund a mission” activity and a live auction.

“Leigh Anne Tuohy’s passion for service and her commitment to bettering the lives of foster youth are perfectly aligned with our mission, as our organization was originally founded to help those in foster care and beyond,” says Founder and CEO André Chapman. “I know her inspiring stories of her life as foster mom to Michael Oher will entertain and inspire us all. It’s going to be a fabulous evening!”



Keynote Speaker **Leigh Anne Tuohy**, inspirational foster mom to current NFL player Michael Oher, was portrayed in “*The Blind Side*” by Sandra Bullock in an Oscar-winning role.

Tickets to the celebrated YouthLive! affair are \$150 and may be purchased at www.youthlive.com/purchase.php. Purchase before April 10, 2015 is recommended as the event often sells out. VIP table (seating for 10) sponsorships are available at \$2,500.

YouthLive! event sponsors to date are: ABC7, Sleep Train Mattress Center, Cisco Systems, Silicon Valley Business Journal, KLIV/KRTY, Lexus of Stevens Creek, Marcia & Chris Riedel, and Buffalo Wild Wings. Fashion show attire will be provided by Chona Pike, Movers and Shakers Apparel, Old Navy, and Peter Cassara Clothiers. Hair and make-up will be donated by The Paul Mitchell School, San Jose.

About Unity Care:

Unity Care offers a wide range of services benefiting at-risk and foster youth and their families throughout Northern California. Its signature program, founded in 1992, focuses on serving the housing needs of youth in foster care and beyond. The organization’s mission has grown and expanded over the past two decades and, today, includes more than a dozen community-based, education and behavioral health programs, aiding approximately 5,500 underserved youth and families annually.

Unity Care’s programs exemplify its “Five Pillars of Success” philosophy: Housing, Education, Employment, Well-Being (physical, social, emotional and spiritual) and Unconditional Care (adult connection). Each program focuses on being successful and supportive while promoting accountability, honesty and fun. Detailed information about Unity Care programs is available at www.unitycare.org.

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Times **Community News****Shell station demolished for new construction**

The Shell service station located at White and Aborn Rd in Evergreen has been demolished for the construction of a new service station, food mart, and car wash. The design will be similar to the new service station located at King and Tully Rd which is owned by the same owners of the Aborn station location. An update regarding the construction is scheduled for the next issue of the Evergreen Times.

New Seasons Market's Community Day supports Veggielution Community Farm

On Thursday, April 16, five percent of New Seasons Market's sales will be donated to the Veggielution Community Farm. This local non-profit grows produce on six acres at the Emma Prusch Park at 647 South King Road in San Jose, and makes it available at low cost or free to low-income families in underserved communities in San Jose. Veggielution also offers a leadership development program for youth. The donation will support Veggielution's Youth Garden where families enjoy gardening, crafting, and preparing food together every Saturday. Representatives of Veggielution will be at New Seasons Market Evergreen during the day to answer questions about their mission and activities.

"Veggielution is proud to partner with New Seasons Market for Community Day, said Cayce Hill, interim executive director, Veggielution Community Farm. "Support from New Seasons will contribute to Veggielution's efforts to increase access to healthy, affordable food and forge strong bonds with our San Jose community. We look forward to working together on the shared goals of providing food to those who need it most, youth education, and sustainable local agriculture," she added.

Community Day In-Store Activity: Free Planting Class for Kids

Between 2:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Veggielution staff will teach children how to plant seeds, where real



food comes from, and the impact plants have on our environment. Kids can take their pot home. To reserve a place for this event, send an email to Lana.Sumati@newseasonsmarket.com or stop by the Solutions Counter in the store.

New Seasons Market is located in the Canyon Creek Plaza, 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose (former location of New Leaf Community Market).

For more information, visit www.veggielution.org; for more information about New Seasons Market, visit www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen/



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Times **Community Notebook****PASSAGE TO FREEDOM****Songwriter escapes Vietnam in 1975**By Frank Shortt
Staff Writer

As the Communists began taking over Vietnam in 1975, Evergreen resident Frank Loan Duong wrote an anti-Communist song which was used by South Vietnam to spur the troops and repel Communism.

Frank was self-taught in music and joined a government music group in 1968. He had practiced music since childhood at a boarding school run by French missionaries and read as many music books he could find while learning French at the same time. He participated in the music group until 1975, writing many pieces of music and performing on Radio and Television before the complete Communist takeover.

When the Communists took over, young Frank made a visit to a friend's home where he was surprised to see a Communist captain sitting at his friend's table. In front of him was a copy of the song that Frank had written. Frank was able to keep his identity safe by staying in another room. When he went back into the room, the Captain had left taking the song with him. Frank fled to a safe area thinking that, surely, the Captain would be seeking his arrest.

Frank was eventually arrested late in 1975 by the Communist regime and served one year in prison. In 1981, he was again arrested for trying to escape Communism. He

served a year and a half at hard labor and severely injured his back.

In 1979, while in Saigon, he met his future wife, Theresa Hao Giang. This was to be the person with whom he would share many harrowing adventures. As a result of meeting Theresa, they shared a daisy, pulling the petals off and saying in French, "Elle m'aime, Elle ne m'aime pas. The game is of French origin and is called, effeuiller la marguerite. Frank and Theresa's home in Evergreen contains a painting by Norman Rockwell of young lovers surrounded by daisies.

Frank and Theresa were married in 1984 and began to plan their escape to freedom. Four months after they were married they were helped by an acquaintance who was part owner of a small river boat, and together they began their escape. They covered themselves with palm leaves in the bottom of the boat, in very cramped quarters. Theresa was pregnant with her first child, John Paul. They were later transferred to a larger boat on the Saigon River heading for Indonesia. Frank was able to pay a lesser fee for their passage because they were acquainted with the partner. John Duong was born prematurely, only weighing three pounds. Theresa almost lost him due to hemorrhaging. This was her first miracle.

In Indonesia, Frank and Theresa were slated to go to Australia. Theresa was deter-

mined to come to America so she prompted Frank to accompany her in a refugee line slated for those wishing to come to the United States. "By a miracle, we were allowed to come to America, said Theresa" The man who made the decisions noticed that I was pregnant and so he heard my plea allowing us to proceed to America and freedom," she said. Frank and Theresa came to America in 1985. "I remember that we only had fifty cents to begin a new life of freedom," said Frank.

Frank was eventually landed a job with the U.S. Postal Service, remaining there from 1986 until a couple of months ago. Theresa attended the San Jose Beauty College and after a year went to work for Super Cuts in 1987, where she remains employed today.

Frank began composing music for his church in 1985 and continues to compose music for the Vietnamese Catholic Church on White Road every Sunday. Their daughter, Michelle, was born in 1989. When she was two years old, Frank composed and sang a unique happy birthday song to her. It was a great hit with Michelle's friends and family. Frank sang the song in English during this interview and explained he uses the name Loan-Hao for his music.

Here are some of the words: One more

candle to blow, one more finger to count, when it comes to the Second of May, Why does the sun shine so bright, why do the birds fly so high, when it comes to the second of May?

It is not difficult to understand that the Duong's many talents may not have survived in Vietnam, but here their talents shine bright in the land of the free.



Frank and Theresa Duong's home in Evergreen contains a painting by Norman Rockwell of young lovers surrounded by daisies. The Duong's fled Vietnam and arrived in the US with only 50 cents in 1985.



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Times **Community Notebook**

Unique ‘Walk and Roll’ program at Laurelwood a success

Each Wednesday, as part of the successful “Walk and Roll” program funded and instituted by the City of San Jose, students and parents at Laurelwood Elementary School walk to school. Participants get their daily exercise and also have the opportunity to meet others that they would not ordinarily meet.

To encourage students to participate at Laurelwood, each student are issued a yellow ticket with a slot for each day they walk. This ticket is punched each time and prizes will be issued to the students having the most punches.

One kindergarten teacher, Franklin Collazo, has taken this to a new level. Each Wednesday morning, before his kindergarten class, he invites parents and children to gather outside his home, which is about 2 blocks from school, and walk to class as a group. Sometimes children wonder where their teacher lives, does he ever shop or do things that other people do. This allows children and parents to see firsthand that most teachers are just like ordinary people.

Collazo instituted this program, of meeting as a group, to encourage children, as well as parents/guardians to get their daily exercise by simply walking to school. This way, parents meet each other, greet each other, and begin to enjoy a camaraderie that they might not otherwise encounter, as well as, getting their daily exercise. The children are very happy to see each other somewhere



Above left: Laurelwood teacher **Franklin Collazo** is shown here with a portion of his class getting ready to begin their walk to school. Above right: Collazo punches a ticket for a student to win some prizes.



besides the classroom setting.

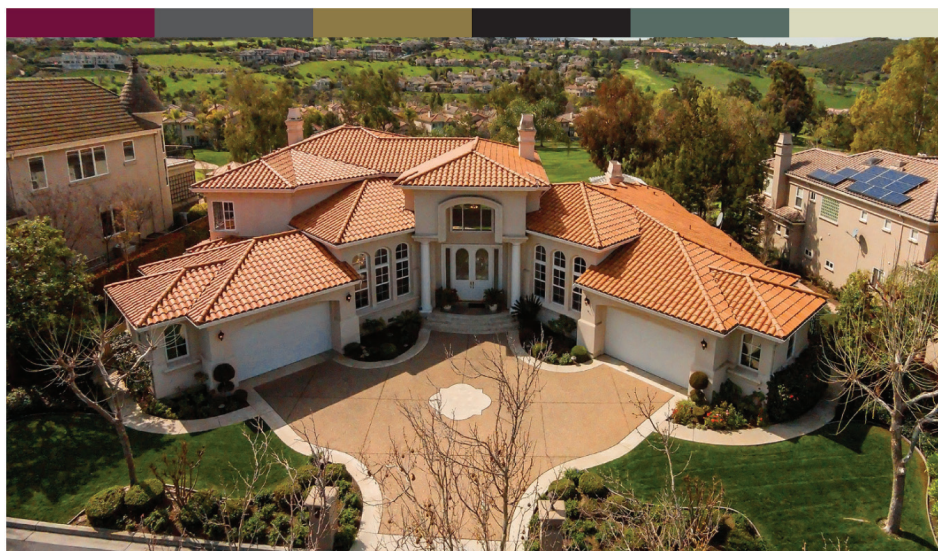
Collazo’s goal is to have, 100 percent participation in the “Walk and Roll program. “If every school in the country would reach at least 50 percent, what a difference it would make in any given community!” He stated.

He invites parents of children to meet outside his home on ‘Walking Wednesday’ to chaperone the event.

Collazo had almost half of his twenty Kindergarten students and their parent/guardian to meet outside his home.

This is a great example for all the other students in the Evergreen School District.

“It would be nice to have this happen every day school is in session. This is something that can be worked on in the future,” Mr. Collazo said with a smile.



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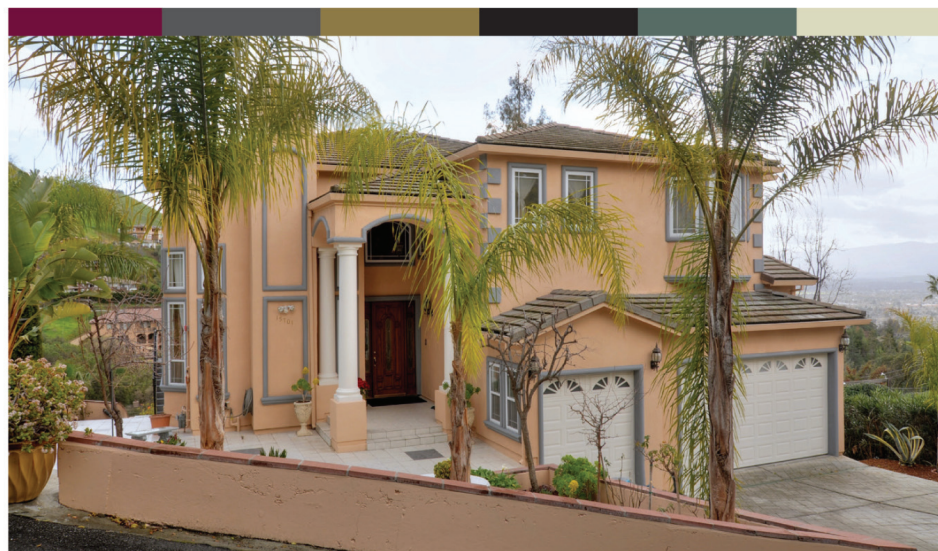
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CommunityCalendar



April 3

Enjoy a **free public star gazing night at the Montgomery Hill Observatory** (Montgomery Hill Trail, San Jose, CA 95135) of Evergreen Valley College, located at 3095 Yerba Buena Rd, San Jose, CA 95135, on Friday, April 3, 8:15 PM - 10 PM. View the skies with a 7" refractor telescope Observatory, and several telescopes set out for the public. Bring your kids, friends and relatives. We will be viewing Orion Nebula, our Moon, Jupiter and its moons, Pleiades and much more. EVC astronomers will describe some of the myths associated with the visible constellations. This activity is weather dependent. For more public events information, check out their April newsletter at: <http://evc-cit.info/astronews/>
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New Seasons Market Events

(former location of New Leaf)

Wed April 8, 6-7pm, Skinny Jeans Info Night: Learn about a group that is successfully losing weight the healthy and natural way with the support of Mike Coleman of Focused Integrated Training. Participants have lost two jeans sizes! Learn tips you can start using right away. RSVP: Lana.Sumati@newseasonsmarket.com or at the Solutions Counter in the store.

Sat, April 11, 1-4pm, Earth Day Expo: Join us for an afternoon of fun, education, and activities about serving our planet and its future. Solar cooking, gardening tips, composting, e-waste drop off, bike clinics and more. Free.

Wed, April 15, 6-7pm, Autism & Nutrition Class -- Special Diets for Special Kids: Health Coach Kim Rice will explain how certain foods affect brain function and behavior in both children and adults. She will talk about her journey through the healing of her son's autism and offer guidance on how to eat to optimize your family's brain function and health. free. RSVP: Lana.Sumati@newseasonsmarket.com or at the Solutions Counter in the store.

Thurs, April 16, 8am-9pm, Community Day & Free Kids Planting Class from 2-5pm: 5% of the day's sales will be donated to

local non-profit, Veggielution, who puts fresh produce onto the plates of low-income families in underserved communities in San Jose and creates youth leadership opportunities. At the Planting Class, your child will learn to plant seeds, where real food comes from, and the impact plants have on our environment, and take home their own pot. Free. RSVP: Lana.Sumati@newseasonsmarket.com or at the Solutions Counter in the store.

Wed, April 22, 6-7pm, Intro to Yoga Class: Try Hatha yoga in a friendly, safe environment, geared to your pace, and see how you like it. Hatha Yoga emphasizes therapeutic movement and meditation. With instructor Nicholas Rico. Free. RSVP: Lana.Sumati@newseasonsmarket.com or at the Solutions Counter in the store.

Every Friday, 5-7pm, Complimentary Wine Tastings & Cheese Pairings: April 3: Casa de la Cruz Chardonnay and Pinot Noir (Sonoma County), Vermiel Red blend (Napa Valley), Prager Port (Napa), and Nightfall Barbera (Sonoma). April 10: Classic Artisan Wines. April 17: Rutherford Ranch wines (Napa).

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Get listed! To submit an item for consideration in the calendar, email editorial@timesmediainc.com



April 4

Big Band Bash/ April in Paris: The Almaden Senior Association will be hosting a **dinner dance with the theme "April In Paris"** on Saturday, April 4th at the Almaden Community Center. The festivities begin at 2, and will feature a delicious dinner, raffles, and will feature live music with a multi piece band "The Sons of Jubal" playing tunes that will get you up and dancing! Join us in celebrating springtime with big band music and a merry afternoon of socializing. Tickets will go on sale Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays only at 8:30 and 9:30 -10 on March 18, 20, 23 25 and 27th at the Senior Sales ticket table located in the lobby of the Almaden Community Center, located at 6455 Camden Ave, San Jose, CA 95120. Prices are: \$10.00 for members and \$12.00 for non-members. See you there!

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Times **Feature****San Jose Public Library is hiring due to increased hours**

It is an exciting time in San Jose! With overwhelming support from our communities and our City Council, the San José Public Library will be increasing open hours at all of our library branches. Beginning July 1st, all 23 branch libraries will be open six days a week. If you would like to work for one of the most exciting and innovative library systems in the nation, now is your opportunity. The San José Public Library is hiring!

Why work at the San José Public Library? We offer a culturally diverse population of nearly 959,000 in the country's 10th largest city. We're one of the busiest library systems nationwide with an annual checkout rate of nearly 14 million items. We're an award-winning system, recognized for innovation and leadership. In 2011, we were awarded the National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor for a library.

The San José Public Library will be accepting applications for the following jobs:

Librarian I/II (Part Time/Full Time): April 2 - April 5

Senior Librarian: April 2 - April 9

Literacy Program Specialist: April 2 - April 9

Warehouse Worker (Part Time/Full Time): April 6 - April 15

Library Page: April 6 - April 12

Please note that these dates are subject to change. For official posting dates and to apply for San José Public Library jobs, please visit the City of San José's employment page at www.sanjoseca.gov/cityjobs.

As always, we have many exciting programs coming up at the Evergreen Branch Library. If tax time has you down, we can help. On Saturday, April 4th from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and again on Wednesday, April 8th from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., CPA David Sarasua will be on hand for **Drop-in Tax Q&A**.

Our popular **Coding for Kids** program is back. Children in 3rd - 7th grade can learn the basics of coding in this 2-session workshop that meets on Monday, April 6th and Tuesday, April 7th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Students must be able to attend both sessions and advanced registration is required to participate. You can register in-person or by calling (408) 808-3060.

The wonderful teen volunteers from Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) have two fun programs for kids planned. On Wednesday, April 8th at 5:00 p.m., the EVHS Yoga Club presents **Yoga & Healthy Habits**.

Club members will teach 6th-12th grade students how to do yoga and practice healthy habits. Then on Thursday, April 9th at 4:00 p.m., join the EVHS Disney Club for a **Disney Craft**. Teens from the Disney Club will teach everyone how to create different crafts using inspiration from Mickey and his gang, Monsters INC., Star Wars and much more! Children of all ages welcome.

If the idea of finding your "perfect job" feels unrealistic, then join us on Saturday, April 11th at 10:00 a.m. for **Finding Work that Fits — At Any Age**. Career transitions coach, Marcia Davis-Cannon will help you transform your job search, offering concrete tools to equip you to know yourself, know the marketplace, and find your match—your work that fits.

Also on Saturday, April 11th, we're pleased to present **Juan Sanchez: A**

Rainbow of Songs. At 1:00 p.m., children of all ages are invited to the library to enjoy Juan Sanchez's performance of children's songs and stories from the Native and African American traditions, Spain, Mexico, and Japan among others.

On Monday, April 13th at 4:00 p.m., the San José Public Library with Filipino American City Employees of San Jose, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, and Councilmember Ash Kalra invite you to a special screening of **Delano Manongs: Forgotten Heroes of the United Farm Workers**. This critically-acclaimed new documentary tells the little-known story of farm labor organizer Larry Itliong and a group of Filipino farm workers who brought about the famous Delano Grape Strike of 1965 that lead to the creation of the United Farm Workers Union (UFW). This film will air on PBS in spring 2015. Film producer, Marissa Aroy, will be available for discussion at the end of the 30-minute film.

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>)

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.

**Off the Shelf****Amanda Choi**
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April 16, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – open house;
7:00 p.m. continue hearing in South County
April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. – continued public hearing; hearing closes at conclusion
- Where:** April 14 and April 28, 2015
Santa Clara Valley Water District Board Room
5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118
- April 16, 2015
Morgan Hill City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Ave., Morgan Hill, CA 95037

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (water district) has prepared an annual report on the Protection and Augmentation of Water Supplies documenting financial and water supply information, which provides the basis for recommended groundwater production and surface water charges for fiscal year 2015/2016.

The report includes financial analyses of the water district's water utility system; supply and demand forecasts; future capital improvement, maintenance and operating requirements; and the method to finance such requirements.

The water district will hold a public hearing to obtain comments on the report, which will be available at the hearing.

Based upon findings and determinations from the public hearing, including the results of any protest procedure, the water district Board of Directors will decide whether or not groundwater production and surface water charges should be levied, and if so, at what level, in which zone or zones for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015.

All operators of water-producing facilities within the water district or any person interested in the water district's activities with regard to protection and augmentation of the water supply may appear, in person or by representative, and submit comments regarding the subject.

For more information on the public hearing, please visit our website at www.valleywater.org, or contact **Darin Taylor** at (408) 630-3068.

Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate persons with disabilities wishing to attend this public hearing. For additional information on attending this hearing including requesting accommodations for disabilities or interpreter assistance, please contact the **Office of the Clerk of the Board** at (408) 630-2277, at least three business days prior to the hearing.

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David and Mary Fullerton display the commemorative plaque marking David's 50th anniversary of becoming a Master Mason.

David Fullerton celebrates 50 years as a Mason

David Fullerton was recognized by the Grand Masonic Lodge (#399) of California marking the 50th anniversary of becoming a Master Mason on March 18.

Villages' High Twelve Club members and their ladies attended the event which included a dinner and ceremony honoring Fullerton, the Club's secretary.

A plaque and Golden Veterans Award pin were presented to David by officers of the Lodge and Dennis Anastole, Inspector for the 345th District. Mary Fullerton affixed the commemorative pin to husband David's lapel.

The Inspector reminded the attendees that when David became a Mason on March 18, 1965 it was a different world. The Dow Jones average was 969, stamps cost \$.05 and gas cost \$0.31 a gallon.

Having completed 50 years of a life long journey that started in Colorado Springs, CO, David was hon-

ored for his service in masonic organizations and encouraged to continue on that path.

Fullerton expressed his thanks to the Lodge and acknowledged his pleasure in High Twelve membership.

Following the ceremony Fullerton was congratulated by the assembled well-wishers.



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Students celebrate 'International Day'

Evergreen Elementary students celebrated their 9th Annual International Day with great enthusiasm on March 13th and March 15th.

Organized every year by the Evergreen Elementary School's PTA, the theme for this year was "Let's Play" focusing on play time around the world.

The highlight of this event was a "Parade of Nations" that saw Student Ambassadors from different grades represent various

countries of the world.

Students represented countries other than their native countries in a spirit of togetherness and to spread awareness of different cultures. They dressed in native costumes, with flags held high, students paraded to loud cheers from classmates, teachers and parent volunteers.

The Parade of Nations ended with Student Ambassadors waving flags to parents during dismissal.

News from the Villages

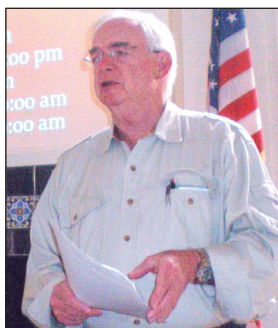


The Villages Veterans Club adopts by-laws and elects members

The Villages Veterans Club adopted by-laws and elected members of the Executive Committee at their initial Meeting at the Montgomery Center on March 13.

Shown here are the members of the Executive Committee of the newly-formed Villages Veterans Club, following their election at the initial meeting of the club at the Montgomery Center on Friday, March 13. Left to right they are: **Paula Foley**, Secretary; **Richard Yearman**, Treasurer; **Bob Semple**, Chairman; **Steve Bosma**, Vice Chairman; and **Ken Carter**, Director-at-Large. Barry Frank, Director-at Large, is not pictured.

During the initial meeting of the club, Ken Carter presented a very interesting Power Point presentation, and Bob Semple led the discussion leading to the vote for the adoption by the members of the Club and by-laws and the election of the members of the Executive Committee. Members gave short



summaries of their tours of duty in their branches of the military and gave their ideas of what the goals of the Veterans Club should be. Members said the meeting was productive as the main theme that ran through the meeting was that there is much to be done and much that the members can do for all their fellow veterans.

The next meeting of the Villages Veterans Club will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 10, 2015 at the Foothill Center. If you are a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, you are invited to attend the meeting.

Bob Semple is shown (inset) leading a discussion leading to the adoption of the By-Laws and the election of the members of the Executive Committee of the Villages Veterans Club at the initial meeting of the newly-formed club at the Montgomery Center at the Villages.

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Dog bites woman

While walking on Bentley Ridge, a woman was attacked and bitten, without provocation, by a large aggressive dog that lives at 2516. According to the owner and Animal Control, the dog is currently confined to this home.

Wood-burning fireplace ban causing stir

REALTORS® and homeowners are rallying together to fight a proposal from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District that would ban any home in the Bay Area with a wood-burning fireplace from being sold or rented.

Under the proposal, a home with a wood-burning fireplace could not be sold or rented

until the fireplace is replaced with an EPA-approved option such as natural gas or electricity. The other alternative would be making the fireplace inoperable.

Homeowners would incur the cost of replacing the fireplace or making it inoperable. Retrofit costs homeowners several thousands of dollars, depending on the home and the type of fireplace that is installed and the complexity of the retrofit.

If the ordinance were to pass, some homeowners might decide to postpone selling their property because of the added cost to them.

"We can all agree that clean air and public health is important, but we disagree on how to get there," said Craig Gorman, President of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®. "Clearly, this is an infringement on property owner's rights. We would like to receive education and financial incentives for those who

choose to retrofit."

Many of the nearly 100 people who attended a public meeting about the proposed ordinance in Morgan Hill on Wednesday, March 25th expressed their concern. Some said they don't even use their wood-burning fireplace but that they would still like to have the option to use it. Others were shocked learn that their EPA-approved fireplace would no longer be approved and that they would have to retrofit with a device that meets the higher EPA standard. Still, others expressed their discontent at having to pay a fee to register their wood-burning device.

Homeowners also asked why Spare the Air days just couldn't be extended, rather than forcing them to install a new fireplace. Those from low-income families said they use their wood-burning fireplace to offset the high cost of their PG & E bill. Seniors also were concerned about

the cost of having to retrofit their fireplace before they sell because they are on a fixed income and every dollar counts.

"I was really impressed with the homeowners and the passion they showed against this ordinance," said SCCAOR CEO Neil Collins. "Clearly, they don't want it to pass."

The Morgan Hill meeting was the first in a series of nine public meetings that will be held in the Bay Area on wood-burning devices. The next meeting will be held at the Redwood City Public Library on Monday, April 6th from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Bay Area Quality Management District's proposal will be revised after all nine meetings have been held. No date has been set to vote on the issue.

Mayor, Vice Mayor speak about loss of police officer

Mayor Sam Liccardo and Vice Mayor Rose Herrera recently posted open letters to the community about the loss of Officer Michael Johnson. The text of both follows:

Dear Friends,

We continue to mourn the loss of Officer Michael Johnson, and the thoughts and prayers of an entire city remain with his family, fellow officers, and friends.

Officer Johnson made the ultimate sacrifice when he responded to a call for help on Tuesday night and our community will gather this week to honor his service and courage.

Last week was also a tragic reminder that not only does our officers make a sacrifice when they put on the uniform and badge, but so do their families, and we owe Officer Johnson's family our deepest debt. Please consider joining me in contributing to a special fund the San Jose Police Officers Association (POA) created to support Officer Johnson's family. To give, please visit: <http://www.healthdonor.com/campaigns/mjohnson3718/>

On Thursday April 2, the Britannia Arms Downtown (173 W Santa Clara St) and Almaden (5027 Almaden Expressway) will donate the entire day's proceeds to the fund in Officer Johnson's memory. Both locations are open from 11:00am-2:00am.

We are a city that is better for Officer Johnson's selfless service and I am grateful to all our men and women of the San Jose Police Department for their daily commitment to our great city.

Sincerely,
Sam Liccardo, Mayor

Open letter to the community:

My heart and prayers go out to the family of SJPD Officer Michael Johnson and to the SJPD family - one of San Jose's finest who was killed in the line of duty Tuesday protecting our community. Flags are flying at half-mast at city hall this week as our city family begins the grieving process.

A 14 year veteran Michael Johnson was killed in the line of duty this week protecting the lives of residents. The sad irony is that Officer Johnson was responding to a call for help to save a life. Police officers are often called upon to help prevent someone from taking their own life. In the process of answering the call for help he lost his life.

Even though it has been 14 years since the last time a SJPD officer was killed in the line of duty, it is a somber reminder that at any time a situation can escalate and put an officer in harm's way. We are grateful for the work of the SJPD and we collectively feel the loss of this heroic officer who answered the call on our behalf.

On behalf of the district 8 community we offer our deepest sympathy to Officer Johnson's family and friends and to the entire SJPD family at this difficult time.

Interim City Manager Norberto Duenas said,
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"We can honor Michael through our own rededication to public service. Everything we do as a city and as individuals, through our combined efforts, helps make San Jose a safer, healthier, and better place. That is our fundamental mission, and as we move forward I call upon everyone to remember him in your heart and in your actions as we work together to create a better city for everyone who lives here."

Rose Herrera, Vice Mayor/
Councilmember - District 8

Safety reminder

Call 311 if you see suspicious vehicles or people in your neighborhood. Call 911 if you see a crime happening.

Santa Clara County third healthiest in California

Santa Clara County ranks third as the healthiest county in the state, according to a new ranking released today by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Marin and Placer counties rank first and second. San Mateo County ranked fourth.

Foundation Vice President Michelle Larkin tells KLIV a big factor in the third and fourth place finishes is how well Santa Clara and San Mateo county residents do in leading a healthy lifestyle.

Every two years it issues a report ranking the health of every county in the U.S.

Supervisors consider options on housing for the homeless in Santa Clara County

The idea of investing in micro-housing received a nod of approval from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, along with a slate of other options aimed at providing shelter for the thousands of homeless people who sleep by creeks, in parks and on the streets.

At their meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2015, the board accepted a comprehensive report weighing the costs and feasibility of immediate solutions for homeless people while plans to build affordable housing take shape across the area. All the options will return to the Board with more detailed proposals.

At the request of Supervisor Cortese and Supervisor Cindy Chavez, the Board voted in December to call for an analysis of available options and the cost effectiveness of each. Tuesday's discussion was based on the results of the research.

Besides micro-housing, or tiny house villages, options include funding unused beds in shelters, providing legal and safe places for people who live in their cars to park, renting motel rooms or allowing tent communities in sanctioned areas.

"We can't sit back and wait until we have enough affordable housing to meet the needs of our residents," said

Board President Dave Cortese. "In fact, we don't have permanent housing solutions at this time. We have to move quickly to help people now, and use every option we have available."

The report recommends that the Board consider partnering with non-profits and community based organizations to build and manage micro-housing villages, but cost estimates vary with the type of structures. Where to locate micro-housing is another issue that will be tackled in the future.

These temporary housing options will also be considered by the Housing Task Force, a short-term working group charged with focusing immediate solutions to the housing crisis. The Task Force's first meeting will be 9 to 11 a.m. on Friday, April 24, in the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street.

On any given night in Santa Clara County, an estimated 7,600 are homeless, with only about 2,000 able to find beds at shelters or other temporary housing.

For more information or an interview, call the office of Supervisor Dave Cortese at 408-299-5030.



Car flips in minor-injury accident

A Nissan Leaf flipped over on Delta Road just before noon on March 26. Injuries to the female driver were minor, mostly glass cuts to the driver's hands and arms due to the windshield glass exploding when it hit the street. Neighbors have been asking drivers to slow down due to the number of pedestrians on or near Delta Rd., especially children in cross walks. However, in this instance, police believe the driver may have dozed off and was traveling between 20-30 MPH. Photo by BT

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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. <http://d8crt.org>

CalRTA Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various east-side cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhd.org

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 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 invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. 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 EEVERMM 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 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 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 6 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 chhprahiya@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. The Senior

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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 or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barbary Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley
This 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.

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San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board
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San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club
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Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
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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.

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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Pastor, Rev. Dr. Michele Rogers Brigham
408 268-0243
www.AlmadenCongregation.org
We are a welcoming Church engaged in progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local community. We are proud to be UCC, Open and affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local Innvision Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty. Worship 9:00AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM Sundays. 1st Sundays in Worship: Holy Communion
2nd Sunday in Worship: Folk Choir
3rd Sundays at Coffee Hour: Round Table Disc.
4th Sundays in Worship: Blessing of Birthdays/Anniversaries/other "Joy" Occasions
Tuesday, AA Meetings, 8:15-9:15 PM.
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM., Women's Study Group

CARTER AVENUE CHURCH OF CHRIST

5351 Carter Avenue, San Jose, CA 95118
408.265.5837. Web: www.bibleroad.org
You are invited to a new testament worship service to fellowship with neighborhood Christians. Experience traditional singing, study of the Bible, praying with believers who acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Savior, preaching of the Gospel message, and communion every Sunday. Sunday morning Bible class at 9:30 AM, and worship service at 10:30 AM. Conveniently located in south San Jose off Kooser/Camden Avenue near Highway 85 (behind the Almaden Valley Athletic Club). Come make new friends in Christ!

EAST VALLEY CHURCH

We are a Multicultural Christian Community committed to making Christ known to our Neighbors, Community and World. Sunday Schedule: Worship 10am, Sunday School for all ages 8:30am, Coffee and Conversation 9:30am Childcare is provided for all our Sunday Services Uplifting music, Biblical teaching, ministries for Children, Youth, College & Career, Small Groups for all adults, Ministries to Men, Women, Seniors, Celebrate Recovery (Please see website for details and meeting times www.eastvalley-church.com) Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Pat Boyd, Community Life Pastor (Small Groups/Christian Education) – Pastor Alvin Lin, Children's Ministry Director – Julie Garcia, Celebrate Recovery Leader – Anne Friend
We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalleychurch.com We are associated with Converge Worldwide www.converge-worldwide.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Kate Flexer, Rector
Phone:408-268-0243
Web:www.eca-sj.org
The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA) is a place where God stops for love and laughter. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved and valued. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 10:30AM, Holy Communion service; Thursday at 7:30AM, short Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH

Visit our Web Site at www.evcsj.com
2750 Yerba Buena Rd. San Jose, CA 95121. Phone: 408-274-7422. Saturday worship is at 5 pm. Sunday worship services at 9 am and 11 am.. Excellent contemporary Christian music and Bible-based teaching. Nursery care and Children's Sunday School programs at 9 am and 10:45 am. Junior High students meet Sunday's at 9 am. Junior High and High School students meet on Tuesday's at 6:30 pm. College/Young adults meet on Sunday's at 6 pm. Casa de Oración: Servicio en Español: Domingos 4 pm.

First Church Downtown
Worshipping at 55 N. 7th Street, in downtown San Jose. (Horace Mann school) www.firstchurch-downtown.com
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!

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HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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 (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STAT-IC); 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. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
408-223-1562. www.stfrancisofassisi.com
www.stfrancisofassisi-preschool.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 open 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!

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