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Evergreen track star to represent the US at the IAAF World Track & Field event in Beijing

By William Bellou
Publisher

Jeneba Tarmoh will represent the United States in the 200m at the IAAF World Track & Field Championships in Beijing, China to be held August 22-30.

Tarmoh, an "All-American" student athlete, grew up in Evergreen Valley and is an alumna of Mt. Pleasant High School. She is a leader in Evergreen's Cardinal Track Club.

After graduating from Mt. Pleasant High School in 2007, Tarmoh was awarded a scholarship at Texas A&M University and led her team to two consecutive NCAA Track and Field Outdoor Championships during the 2009-2011 seasons.

Tarmoh gave up her final year of eligibility to compete in the NCAA after she went professional, signing with Nike. She finished third at the 2011 USA National Outdoor Championships in the 200m behind Shalonda Solomon and Carmelita Jeter earning her a place on the 2011 IAAF World Championships Team.

Tarmoh is a graduate of Holly Oak Elementary School and Quimby Oak Middle School. Her parents, both nurses, immigrated to Evergreen Valley from Sierra Lone shortly before she was born.

After graduating from Quimby Oak Middle School in 2003, she went on to become a top scholar athlete (3.0 GPA), leading the Mt. Pleasant High Track & Field team to CCS and



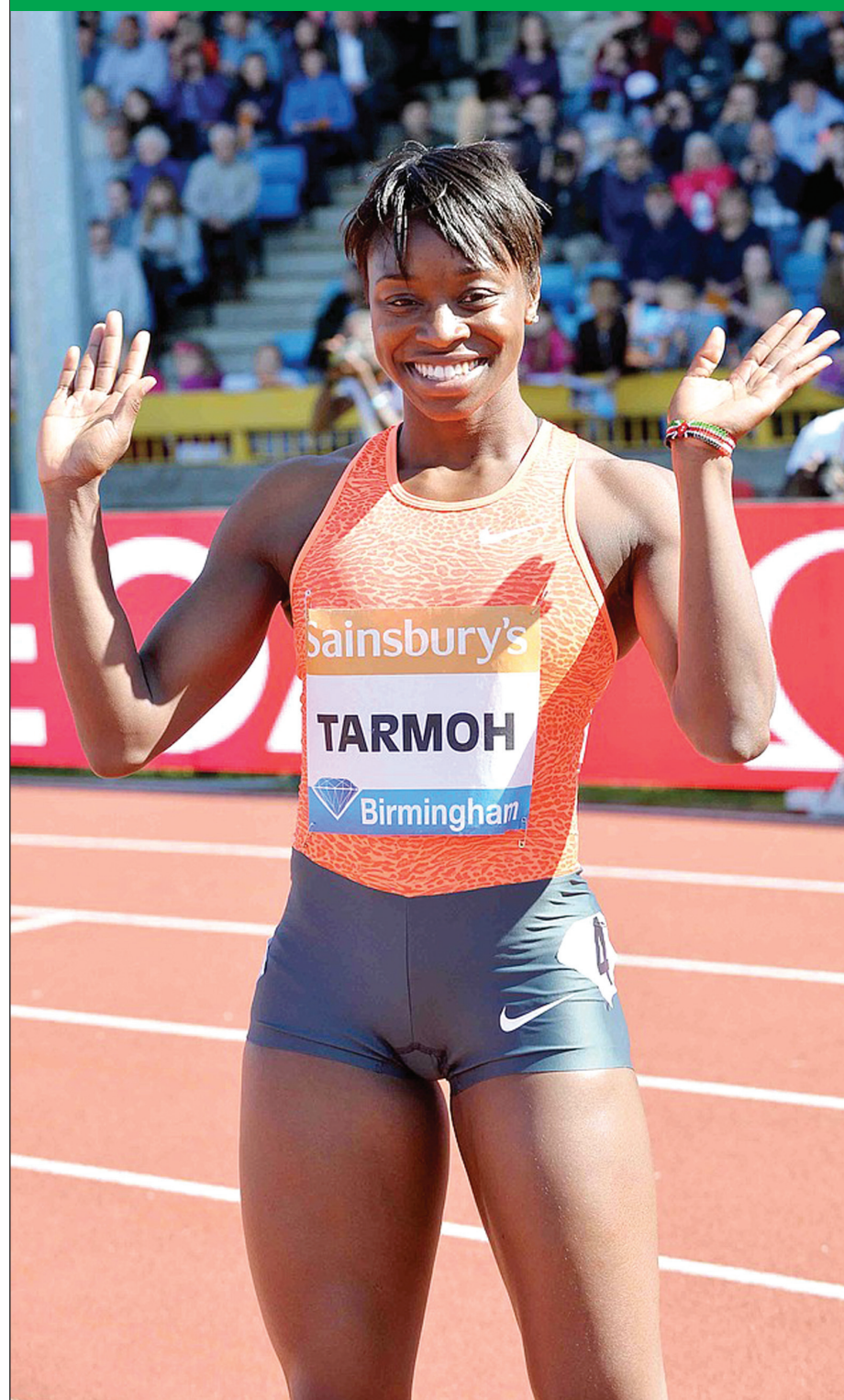
Evergreen Valley track star **Jeneba Tarmoh** proudly displays the gold medal she won in the 4X100m Women's relay at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

California State titles. While at Mt. Pleasant, she won both the 100 meters and 200 meters at the CIF California State Meet in both her junior and senior years.

Gold Medal winner

Tarmoh won the Gold Medal at the 2012
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AS GOOD AS GOLD



Jeneba Tarmoh set a new personal best record of 22.23 in the 200 meters at the IAAF Diamond League 2015 competition in Monaco on July 17. *Photo by Jean-Pierre Durand*

El Niño: promise and problems for California

Senate Report

Jim Beall

Special to the Times

El Niño brings both promise and problems for California. If El Niño conditions persist this winter as some predict and bring higher than average rainfall, our parched reservoirs and hills could finally be getting relief after four years of drought.

But, we could also be confronted with catastrophes similar to those generated by the 1997 and 1998 El Niño that triggered extensive flooding and washed out highways, bridges, and roads.

Last month, torrential rains in Southern California caused the collapse of a bridge on
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CELEBRATING FIFTH YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Mediterranean cuisine popularity evident at Evergreen's Caspian Village Restaurant

By William Bellou
Publisher

Caspian Village Restaurant has been growing in popularity right along with the growing popularity of Mediterranean cuisine which is evident as the restaurant celebrates its five year anniversary in Evergreen Valley.

The Pash family, long-time residents of Evergreen Valley, opened Caspian Village Restaurant in 2010. Each family member contributes in their own way to make the operation a success, achieving high standards, consistent food quality, and courteous service.

Caspian Village Restaurant, the only authentic Mediterranean restaurant located in Evergreen, offers a variety of affordable and unique Italian and Greek dishes prepared fresh daily including freshly made daily desserts.

The increasing popularity of Caspian is gratifying to the Pash family. "We enjoy serving the many warm and friendly customers from our local Evergreen and Silver Creek communities," said Osh Pash, operations manager. "Our customers have been very supportive enabling our restaurant to grow 15-20 percent annually," he said.



The second generation Pash family (left to right) Raheem, Shaq, Osh, Toba, and Rahmon have worked tirelessly for five years to make Caspian Village Restaurant a great success.

"Due to word of mouth, we are serving customers driving in from as far as Los Altos, Palo Alto, Campbell and Almaden Valley."

All of the restaurant's dishes are healthy, authentic and unique, according to Osh. "Our most popular dishes include Baked Lamb Shank, Moussaka, Sicilian Lasagna, Eggplant Parmigiana, and a variety of Kebobs and Gyro

Wraps," he said.

"I believe our growth is also due to the healthy and 'made fresh daily' menu items we offer," said Osh. "We cook freshly made dishes seven days a week requiring lots of hard work by the kitchen staff," explained Osh. "The extra effort in making freshly made dishes is worth it when you receive positive responses from our customers, he said. "We truly enjoy sharing our unique food items with our customers!"

Caspian is known for affordable menu items when compared to other Silicon Valley restaurants. When an Evergreen Times reporter checked on similar items at a few other Silicon Valley restaurants he found Caspian's Baked Lamb Shank is selling for \$3-4 less than other restaurants. Caspian Gyros start at just \$6.49, and for dessert, warm homemade Apple Pie is just \$4.50.

Caspian's Butter Chicken dish is also becoming very popular. "It took some time for this dish to gain popularity as many believed it was high in calorie due to its name," explained Osh. "The dish, made with our special curry recipe, is actually one of our low calorie items at only 450 calories," said Osh.

Osh said that nearly 40 percent of Caspian's business is takeout. "We have regulars who bring in their own platters to be filled up with Caspian's gourmet food in order to impress family members and friends with lavish dinner parties," said Osh.



"We eat there often and really like the food," says Gisele Barber. "The desserts are homemade too," she said. "Their family owned hospitality is welcoming," said Gisele.

Mediterranean diet study

The Mediterranean diet was big news when a report was published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* in 2013. The study examined the dietary habits of more than 10,000 women in their mid-50s to mid-60s, and compared how healthy the women were fifteen years later.

The results of the study were conclusive with more than 40 percent of the women more likely to live past 70, and have fewer chronic illnesses, physical limitations, and mental degenerative problems associated with aging. The results came as no surprise to doctors and dietitians, who have recommended this kind of eating for decades.

Caspian Mediterranean Restaurant is located in Evergreen at the Villages Shopping Center, 2881 The Villages Pkwy. San Jose, CA 95135. Hours: Monday - Sunday 11am to 9pm (408) 528-8500.

Mailbox



Say no to fireworks

Editor,

President John Adams said, "Honor your nation's independence in the best way that you know how."

Looking down from above, he must have had a very big smile on his face as he viewed the Fourth of July Parades giving recognition to deserving veterans, individuals, and organizations in cities and towns across this great nation.

Suddenly, that broad smile must have changed to a wide-eyed look of horror on his face when he looked down and saw the needless

deaths; injuries; loss of eyesight, fingers, and limbs; house fires; forest fires; grass fires; explosions; toxic waste, and pollutions caused by fireworks.

It's time for the President of the United States, the Surgeon General, the National Association of Fire Chiefs, the National Association of Police Chiefs, the Sierra Club, the Humane Society of the United States, and other responsible national and local organizations to mount an educational campaign that could be entitled, "PARADES, YES; FIREWORKS, NO!"

Thomas Roy Harney

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Times News

Senate Report

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Interstate 10, severing a major connection from Southern California to Arizona. The flooding and mudflows caused the Governor's office to issue a state of emergency.

The recent problems in Southern California illustrate the potential damage heavier El Niño-driven rains could generate, a situation that would be compounded by the state's growing \$59 billion backlog in deferred highway maintenance.

The backlog is the result of several factors:

A dwindling gas tax, the primary source of revenue for road repairs, that has not been adjusted since the early 1990s.

The depletion of state bonds and federal recovery grants for repairs.

The proliferation of hybrid and zero emission vehicles which contribute little or no gas tax revenue to fix our crumbling transportation infrastructure.

The condition of our aging roads caused the Governor to call a special session to address examine how to fund the repairs.

As the chairman of the special session's Senate Transportation and Infrastructure Development Committee, I have introduced a proposal that establishes an equitable process to that relies on everyone who drives to contribute their fair share. It also includes protections to ensure that revenue is used strictly for transportation purposes.

If passed and signed into law, the bill would augment the state's road repair budget by an additional \$4 billion. A portion of the new revenue would be available to eligible cities and counties to spend on local road repairs that they deem are priorities.

It may require a significant investment to upgrade our roads but it will be more costly if we do not act quickly. Our current road maintenance revenue is insufficient and mounting repairs grow by \$4 billion a year. Our roads rank as the second worst in the nation, costing drivers an average of \$590 in annual vehicle maintenance, according to the non-profit U.S. Public Interest Research Group.

Given the crumbling condition of our infrastructure and forecasts of what could be the strongest El Niño event in recorded history, California must be prepared to restore its roads and highways.

Even if the weather models

come true and California were to be slammed by storms, it would take an incredible amount of rain, nearly 60 inches—two to three times the state's average rainfall—to return our reservoirs to normal in a single winter. Therefore, the best we can hope for is higher than average rainfall this winter to be followed by several wet years.

But, the weather projections are not a guaranteed certainty. What we can control is our wise use of water that stretches every drop.

With luck, nature may begin replenishing our water system and with hard work we can begin restoring our transportation system.

Senate District 15 internships

My local office in Campbell offers internships to capable college and high school students who are interested in how state government works and the issues that affect California.

Among an intern's responsibilities are data entry; research; handling inquiries from constituents; and community outreach - such as staffing events and projects. Interns are also expected to work an occasional weekend or evening event.

The qualities and skills sought in applicants are excellent writing; initiative; attention to detail; deductive reasoning; reliability; interpersonal skills; and proficiency in typing.

Hours are flexible. The internship is an unpaid position.

If you're interested please contact Senate District 15 Field Representative Domingo Candelas by email or call (408) 558-1295.

Jim Beall is the elected representative for California State Senate District 15, which includes San Jose, Los Gatos, Cupertino, Saratoga, Campbell, and Monte Sereno.

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'Farmer's Market' alive and well in EvergreenBy Frank Shortt
Staff Writer

A lot of activity is being manifested at the Evergreen Farmer's Market on Wednesdays, located at the Evergreen Village Square.

It seems that more interest is being shown for this particular day, as compared with the past, in due to an increase in the number of vendors.

One vendor in particular faithfully brings fresh, clean, healthy food as if she prepared it for her own family each Wednesday. This business is called BKK Thai-To-Go!

BKK Thai-To-Go is a family owned business owned by Amy McKee, along with her daughter, Isabella McKee, and her son, Bryan Huey. They work together as a team to assure that the quality offerings are the highest level of customer satisfaction.

Each portion of chicken, pork, etc. is carefully marinated to maintain just enough moisture during the barbecue process. Wonderful spices insure that the Thai taste traditions are upheld.

Salads, rice, and her wonderful peanut sauces are carefully prepared to accompany the barbecue dishes making for a great Thai experience.

Amy McKee came to America on Christmas Day in 1994. Her intentions were to vacation here and return to Thailand after about three weeks. During her stay, she met and married her first husband and the three-week vacation became an American odyssey.

Amy started her present business in October 2014 after becoming a single mom and needing income to raise and nurture her family. She single-handedly maintains the business by working long hours, sometimes only getting 3 to 4 hours of sleep each night.

"This is a must for me as Isabella, who will enter the sixth grade this month, and Bryan, who is a junior in



Bryan, Amy, and Isabella, owners of BKK Thai-To-Go, provide great food at the Evergreen Farmer's Market in Evergreen Village Square. *Photo by Frank Shortt*

high school both have far-reaching goals they want to accomplish. Isabella wishes to become a doctor and would like to attend Stanford University. Bryan, on the other hand, wishes to pursue computer sciences and eventually move into the computer programming field. With the determination that each sibling shows, this will most likely happen. Isabella, by the way, is a very proficient secretary already!

Amy's main goals are to first maintain her family, secondly, to please all her customers, and finally open her own Thai restaurant. With her determination and friendly smile, right now she is contented to have her own business in the U.S. where dreams do come true. There is no doubt that someday the entrepreneur-minded family, who are grateful for the many advantages and opportunities offered in America, will ultimately succeed in owning her own restaurant.

Editor's note: Evergreen Village Square is located at 4075 Evergreen Village Sq., San Jose, CA 95135

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Times **Local News**

Family Festa celebrating 35 years

By William Bellou
Publisher

The 35th Annual Italian Family Festa, the premier Italian festival in the Bay Area, is a great way to share the day with family and savor authentic Italian foods on August 29-30 at Guadalupe River Park in San Jose. Admission is free.

In addition to homemade Italian food, live entertainment will be presented by "La Vita Dolce Italiana." This year the event features bocce ball, opera singers, culinary demonstrations, Italian sing-a-long, and Italian folk tales

and stories for all ages. Fine Italian wines will be featured in the Italian marketplace.

The new rededicated Italian Cultural Village will be a major attraction at the Festa, presented by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF) of San Jose.

Bringing to life the culture and history of Italian Americans in the Santa Clara Valley, new displays, including "Discover the Other Italy," will be featured for the first time in the Festa's 35 year history. The culture of the Swiss Italian speaking Canton of Ticino, Switzerland will be among the favorite high-



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lights of the Festa.

The classic tradition of playing the Swiss Alphorn, ("Il Corno Delle Alpi") a centuries old Swiss way of communicating to the neighboring Swiss Villages via the horn's natural echoes from the mountains, will be demonstrated and played by a Swiss Italian docent who will be making this special presentation on this unique communication system.

Italian Folklore children's story readings will also be presented on the children's stage, read and acted out by La Befana (benevolent old woman with magical powers who brings gifts to the children of Italy), as one of the many events being held in the Italian Cultural Village. There will be displays of regional maps of Italy, giving the younger 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th generations an opportunity to trace their families immigration from the various regions of Italy to America during the early 20th century.

The Italian Cultural Village will also have a special program on Travia Sicily, family histories, demonstrations of Italian lace making along with a special tribute to the founder of Opera San Jose, Irene Dalis, plus many more unique and exciting exhibits.

The Italian Family Festa is presented by the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHF), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, dedicated to the preservation and promotion of Italian heritage and culture.

Italian Family Festa 2015, Saturday August 29

11:00 am – 8:00 pm and Sunday August 30, 2015

11:00 am – 6:00 pm; Guadalupe River Park, San Jose; adjacent to Little Italy San Jose, between Julian and Santa Clara Streets: Free Admission; Email: iahfsj@iahfsj.org (408) 293-7122.

Tarmoh

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Summer Olympic Games in London by winning the first leg of the 4x100m Women's Relay. Her teammates Allyson Felix, Tianna Madison, Bianca Knight, and Carmelita Jeter ran the final leg.

Tarmoh sets new personal best

Tarmoh set a new personal best record of 22.23 in the 200 meters at the IAAF Diamond League 2015 competition in Monaco on July 17. The Diamond League meets are a series of top level track competitions in Europe. Only the very best Track & Field athletes in the world compete in the Diamond League. After the competing in the Diamond League, she flew to Southern California to train for the IAAF Championships in China.

Jeneba's training coach Bobby Kersee trained Olympic Gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersey.



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San Jose Public Library adds new database and electronic resources

Off The Shelf

By Amelia Vander Heide

Special to the Times

The San Jose Public Library has always tried to not only stay abreast of the most recent technology, but has also tried to ensure that patrons have access to great resources. Recently the library has added new database/electronic resources that might be of interest to patrons. All of the libraries electronic resources are available from the library website's eLearning & Articles section (<https://www.sjpl.org/elearning>) and require a library card number and PIN for free access.

Beanstack

All of us here at the library are very excited about being an early adopter of *Beanstack*. This resource provides parents with customized recommendations, hand-picked by librarians, for books and apps for their children. Once parents have set-up a profile for their child, based on their child's age and interests, they will receive a weekly e-mail recommendation for a book and an accompanying learning tip. In addition to the weekly recommendation, parents are also able to explore a number of book lists.

My Heritage Library Edition

Interested in learning more about your family history? Try *My Heritage Library Edition* to begin researching your ancestors and genealogy. Begin by typing in a name in order to receive information from around the world, including census records, birth, marriage, and death records, military records, newspaper articles, and family trees.

Pronunciator

Learning or brushing up on a foreign language has never been easier. Access our new resource *Pronunciator* to work on grammar and conversational skills for over 80 languages. This resource not only features lessons for travel and leisure, but also modules for children, feature-length films, music, and poetry.

In past years the month of August has been a respite month from programming for the San José Public Library system, but this year things are a little different. The Evergreen Branch Library will continue

offering Preschool, Family, and Toddler Story Times throughout the month of August. **Preschool Story Time** is held every Tuesday at 11:30am. **Family Story Time** will now be held at 6:00pm every Wednesday evening, and **Toddler Story Time** will continue being offered on Thursday mornings at 11:30am.

In addition to the continuance of Story Time, the Evergreen Branch Library will continue to offer a variety of events. **STEAMstacks: The Elements of Art** will take place on Monday August 10th at 3:00pm. This program is designed for children ages 5 and up, to participate in hands-on activities that teach children where art and technology intersect. High school students and their parents are encouraged to join us for **How to Write a College Admissions Essay** presented by College Wise. This program will be held on Tuesday August 11th at 5:30pm. Families with children aged 5-12 years old are invited to the library for the science themed show, **Mad Science: Up, Up, and Away!** This event will take place on Saturday August 18th at 1:00pm. As always all library programs are presented in the Community Room on a first come first serve basis, unless otherwise noted, and space is limited.

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](https://www.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.

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

How to deal with the hot housing market

By William Bellou

Publisher

The weather is starting to heat up after a cool spell, but if you're a home buyer, you know it's been very hot out there for several seasons.

Nearly half the homes sold by real estate brokerage companies during the past three months had multiple offers. One-third of all U.S. properties sold in March went at or above asking price, according to the National Association of Realtors.

How do you emerge the winner in a bidding battle for the home of your dreams?

1. Start by getting preapproved for a loan

Get your financial house in order and get your cash levels up as much as you can com-

fortably. If you can, bring cash to the table. Sellers are worried about appraisals coming in low and loans not closing, so be ready to cover the difference with cash.

2. Come in fast and strong

Be the first offer, and don't insult the homeowner, in other words this is not the time to lowball; not with the lack of listings. Nothing turns a seller off more than someone undervaluing their prized possession. Rather, come in either at or just slightly below asking, so they know you're serious. Research shows the first bid has the greatest chance for a successful close.

3. Escalation clause

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SJPD & SJFD appreciation night at Evergreen Village Square

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Karen Kearney from Ireland created this edible artwork.

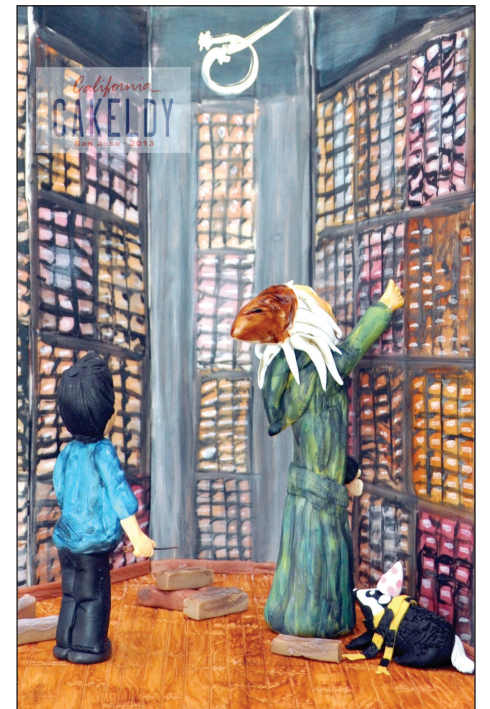
Local teacher organizes edible sugar art creations for JK Rowling's 50th birthday

A sweet and magical collection of edible art creations were presented online to celebrate the 50th birthday of JK Rowling, thanks to a suggestion by a local teacher.

The idea hatched by Suzanne Medal, a fourth grade teacher at Evergreen's Tom Matsumoto School and her friend Michelle Curran of Las Vegas, NV, founders of Birthday Mischief (www.birthdaymischief.com).

Medal sparked the interests of a group of cake artists from all over the world who collaborated on making hundreds of sugar art pieces in celebration to Rowling's 50th (Harry Potter) birthday on July 29.

The collaborative event took place online at birthdaymischief.com and several social media outlets. The group, Birthday Mischief, honors some of the world's most esteemed personali-



Suzanne Medal created this entry.

ties and award winning artists in the food industry.

To celebrate J.K. Rowling's birthday on July 31st, which coincidentally is Harry Potter's birthday, members of the group chose locations inspired by the books, movies, and Pottermore.

Members were given artistic freedom to create original edible fan art celebrating or *jinxing* the birthdays of J.K. and Harry. For an added challenge, members were asked to incorporate a twist or three, hidden gems, "Easter Eggs" if you will, as gifts, some sentimental for J.K. and fans to find.

Members of Birthday Mischief do not receive compensation for creating their contributions or vice versa. Expenses for product, materials, equipment, etc. are provided solely by the members.

Birthday Mischief Managed invites the public to join in the fun by following along and sharing. Facebook: [facebook.com/BirthdayMischief](https://www.facebook.com/BirthdayMischief); Twitter: twitter.com/BdayMischief; Instagram: [instagram.com/birthdaymischief](https://www.instagram.com/birthdaymischief).



Another tasty entry in the form of Harry's head.

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Times **Your Sports**

Wedemeyer All-Star Football Game: South 14, North 6

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

The 41st Charlie Wedemeyer high school football all-star game is over, with a score of South 14, North 6, but the game will be remembered more for the “field of play” than the final score.

The “field of play” was no small stage; it was played at Levi’s Stadium, the largest venue in the history of the All-Star game. The fans and the players equally enjoyed the event and many can hardly wait until next year’s game.

The highlight of the game was defensive back Tajhel Johnson of Oak Grove, who picked off a deflected pass and returned it 60 yards for a touchdown “I couldn’t have asked for anything better,” said Johnson.

Presented by the Rotary Club of Almaden Valley, the game features a standout class of 2015 seniors from 46 Santa Clara County High Schools divid-

ed into North and South squads. The game has been a tradition for more than 40 years and has had a quite a few participants that have been collegiate standouts and NFL stars.

Football players representing Evergreen high schools for this year’s game include: **Victor Figueroa**, Silver Creek High School; **Micah Lane**, Mt. Pleasant High School; **Bruce O’Hara**, Evergreen High School; **Anthony Rodriguez**, Mt. Pleasant High School; and **Xzavier Wilkins**, Silver Creek High School.

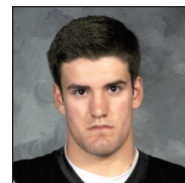
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University: San
Jose City College
Football Honors:
First Team All League
Team Offensive Player of the Year



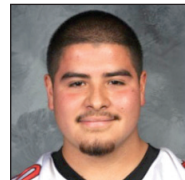
VICTOR FIGUEROA
High School:
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College or
University: De
Anza College
Football Honors:
First Team All League (OL)
Team Offensive Lineman of the
Year
Scholastic Honors:
Senior Athlete Award



BRYCE O’HARA
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Valley
College or
University:
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Football Honors:
Senior Year
First Team All League
Team Most Valuable Player
Junior Year
Honorable Mention All League
Team Most Valuable Player
Scholastic Honors:
Honor Roll (4 years)



ANTHONY RODRIGUEZ
High School:
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Pleasant
College or
University:
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Football Honors:
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Offensive Lineman (Senior)
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Defensive Lineman (Sophomore)
Team Most Improved Player
(Frosh)
Scholastic Honors:
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XZAVIER WILKINS
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College or
University:
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Football Honors:
First Team All League (twice)
Most Valuable Offensive Player
Most Valuable Defensive Player
Athlete of the Year



Moving forward towards rebuilding our city services

By **Vice Mayor Rose Herrera**
Special to the Times

As we start a new fiscal year at the city of San Jose, nearly everyone sees the progress made in the last six months towards healing the wounds of the past and moving towards rebuilding our critical services - especially the police department. Our new mayor and council have pulled together and along with a committed city manager, labor team, and new leadership on the union side, we have made substantial progress towards a day when the needs of the city, its employees, and our residents are in balance and working together.

During the traditional month of July council hiatus, we continued to work as a council with our city negotiation’s team to reach a tentative settlement with the San Jose Police Officers Association and the International Association of Firefighters on Measure B reforms. Out of this hard work and commitment to resolve our sticking points, we’ve reached a tentative agreement on litigation with our police and fire unions over pension, retiree healthcare, and disability benefits.

In all of this, we also must remember our history so it doesn’t

repeat itself. If we want to maintain our healthy budget situation, we must remember that long range financial planning for the city is all-important. No one wanted to go to the ballot with Measure B, but we needed to address the rising pension and benefit costs that were crippling our ability to provide city services and prevent future councils from increasing unfunded benefits by codifying these changes in the city charter which could only be accomplished by a vote of the people of San Jose. At this moment, the membership of the police are reviewing the settlement agreement details and we await their vote to accept or reject the agreement. The International Association of Firefighters have voted to ratify the settlement agreement. Some of what is accomplished in the agreement includes:

- Locking in the savings already achieved from Measure B
- Pension and disability benefits competitive with that of our neighboring cities
- Protecting those officers and firefighters who are harmed in the performance of their duties with



**District 8
Report**
By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

robust disability benefits, but with strong limitations to curb abuse

■ Sharing the costs for benefits fairly between our taxpayers and employees

■ Avoiding the imposition of any new unfunded liabilities on future generations

This settlement agreement recognizes and retains the savings and achieves many of the best parts of Measure B. There is still some work to be done to complete this agreement. The Police Union still needs to ratify the settlement agreement as well as their labor agreement, then the Federated Employee Unions (all 9) need to vote to ratify a similar settlement which recognizes differences in the non-sworn positions.

Concerned about public safety and recognizing the quickest way to increase the number of police officers on the street was to bring back the veteran officers who left, I authored a memo (<http://sanjoseca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/28650>) last year that proposed allowing Tier 1 police officers who left and wished to return, to come back to the city as though they had never left. I am glad that my proposal is

included in the settlement agreement. Achieving staffing goals of adding 150 additional officers must include a return of our experienced police officers who left and wish to return.

We cannot achieve our recruiting goals fast enough relying solely on new academy graduates. Last year I estimated there were at least 40 officers who wanted to return back in 2014. I am hearing now that number is much higher. I’m hopeful that with the settlement agreement many of these officers will return to San Jose.

It’s time to start rebuilding and reestablishing our relationships with our employees who serve our city. We know this has been a tough time for everyone. The great recession was a wakeup call for all of us to evaluate our finances and our priorities. We have weathered the storm and we can celebrate the rebirth of our city. San Jose is back!

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov. I look forward to seeing you out in the community.

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Times **OpEd**

UC campus needed in San Jose

By **Madison Nguyen**
Special to the Times

In just a few weeks, families in Silicon Valley will be sending their kids off to college. This is a time of great anxiety for a lot of parents as they get their students ready to set forth on their own for the first time.

Unfortunately, for many, it's also a time of disappointment. We have a large and growing number of highly qualified California students who weren't admitted to University of California schools despite stellar achievements, grades and test scores. And we can expect this problem is going to get worse over time.

Why is that? Well in large part it's because we have a growing state yet we don't have a growing UC system.

Consider this: in the last fifty years, the population of California has doubled. But in that time, we've only built one new UC campus (in Merced). Meanwhile, budget cuts have forced UC administrators to admit more out-of-state and international students, who pay more in tuition, even while in-state admission rates have remained flat.

Fortunately, forward-thinking lawmakers in Sacramento are looking ahead and have proposed a bill to start planning for the next UC campus. I fully support this proposal and believe we can even go a step further and say that campus needs to be in San Jose.

San Jose is the largest city in the state without a UC campus and it's one of the fastest growing. We have so many bright and talented young people who would benefit from a UC in our community; not just for

their college degrees but for advanced degree opportunities as well.

Since this new UC is envisioned to focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM), young professionals who work in Silicon Valley and want to get their Masters or PhDs would be particularly well-served by a world-class STEAM university right in their backyard.

And we'd be making a major investment in creating new high-wage jobs in our city. New research dollars, new partnerships and new innovations would flow to San Jose. What a great way to really establish the foundation for 21st Century growth!

Support for a UCSJ campus is not intended to reduce support for San Jose State University or our community colleges. My goal is to increase greater state investment in our existing network of colleges and universities. We need all of the above - a better supported San Jose State, upgraded and more affordable local community colleges, and a UC San Jose.

I know what a UC education meant to me – my bachelor's degree from UC Santa Cruz opened so many doors of opportunity (and made my immigrant parents very proud!) I want that same experience for students in our District 27 and all of San Jose.

Join me in planning for a better future today. Send me an email on my website (www.madisonnguyen.com) and let me hear your ideas and concerns for bringing a UC Campus home to San Jose!

Madison Nguyen, former San Jose Vice Mayor, is currently a Candidate for California State Assembly, District 27.



To learn, you need to know how to read

By **Carl Guardino**
Special to the Times

Here's food for thought...the ability to learn depends on the ability to read. Up until third grade, our kids learn to read. After third grade, our kids read to learn.

That's why reading at grade level by third grade is considered a gateway skill – and why so much is known by third grade as to whether a child will eventually graduate from high school or drop out of high school. Reading is essential.

It is also why my heart breaks that nearly five of every 10 third graders throughout Silicon Valley are not reading at grade level.



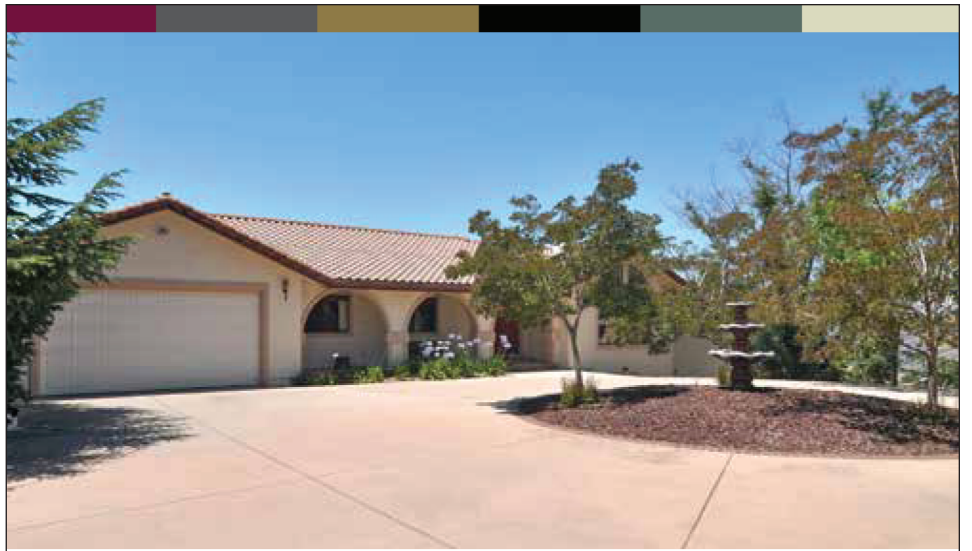
Carl Guardino

The good news...is that there is good news. Enter "1,000 Hearts for 1,000 Minds," a tutoring initiative initially launched by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group and San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, which links caring adults with children – grades K-10 – for one-on-one tutoring in reading, science and math.

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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 eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net.

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

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Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVR-MM 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 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email 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.campus-grid.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 Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their web-site at friendsofevergreen.org

greenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community

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LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry 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.

POWERPartners is a dynamic group of small business owners with the mission of providing a positive and supportive environment to empower female sole proprietors to be their personal and professional best. By supporting each other, we can leverage each other's expertise, collaborate and provide services - some com-

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Reid—Hillview Airport Assn

Meets third Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Reid Hillview airport terminal, 2350 Cunningham Ave. 251-4939. For more information visit www.rhvaa.org.

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

Meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association

Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the district 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@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the web-site at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

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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