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Kurtis Lee finished his seventh grade school year at Chaboya with three strong seasons of cross country, basketball, and track & field. Photo courtesy Priscilla Lee.

CRIME

Evergreen home invasion burglary suspects to be charged as adults

Four young men involved in a brazen home invasion on Shiloh Place in Evergreen last month will be charged as adults.

All four suspects between the ages of 16 and 22 could face more than 20 years in prison if convicted on felony burglary and robbery. Each suspect is being held on more than \$200,000 bail.

The home invasion was caught on surveillance video.

The 17 year old boy, who lived at the home, allegedly plotted the break in and enlisted three Norteno gang members to carry it out according to prosecutors.

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Kurtis Lee named Chaboya's '7th Grade Boys Most Outstanding Athlete'

By Priscilla Lee
Special to the Times

Kurtis Lee, currently attending Chaboya Middle School, is following his sister's footsteps with successful athletic aspirations earning the "7th Grade Boys Most Outstanding Athlete" award.

Kurtis Lee finished his seventh grade school year filled with three strong seasons of cross country, basketball, and track & field.

When he was six years old, Kurtis would only watch and admire his older sister as she ventured her way through sports victories. Little did he know that he would be carving his own path as a young successful athlete.

Kurtis' received many awards at Chaboya's recent ceremony.



At the age of six, Kurtis started running. Now he has achieved a tremendous array of accomplishments.

At Chaboya's sports awards assembly, Kurtis received a large number of awards. See KURTIS, page 3

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OP ED

From public to private: My transition from public to private schools

By Afra Ahmed
Special to the Times

During these past few years the amount of students leaving public schools has increased dramatically in the Evergreen School District.

Parents in increasing numbers are choosing to send their kids to private schools such as Saint Francis, Archbishop Mitty, Presentation, Notre Dame, Valley Christian, Harker, BASIS, and others. As a result, admissions for private high schools have been getting harder and more selective as the amount of applicants increase while the class quota goes up much slower.

But once you get past the rigors of admission and find yourself accepted, waitlisted, or rejected, you have to make your mind up about what school you are going to go to. Each private school is unique in its own way and provides its own perks and disadvantages that make it appealing or unappealing. But once you decide, there's still the dilemma of the transition of going from public to private school.

Personally, going from Chaboya to Presentation, I noticed the differences in my new school immediately. First of all there were uniforms, oh and only girls. Maybe not all public to private transitions are this dramatic, but to me it felt as if I had stepped into an alternate universe.

Dances had become "mixers," religion classes had taken the place of PE, and a plaid skirt had replaced my regular old blue jeans.

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Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** with Comfort Keepers' representatives **Gena Barrera**, Marketing Representative (middle), and **Myka Gaston**, HR and Intake Specialist.

Hundreds attend Villages Medical Auxiliary 'We Care' Health Festival

Several hundred people attended the Villages Medical Auxiliary "We Care" Health Festival, held June 20 at the Villages Gold and Country Club.

San Jose City Vice Mayor and District 8 councilmember Rose Herrera opened the Festival.

Attendees took a guided tour of the new Villages Fitness Center, received a health screen for glucose, blood pressure, and balance. A high tech body fat and lean muscle mass test was very popular as well as chair and table massages.

"Mattie Alesi, the Vice President of Villages Medical Auxiliary, did a superb job of organizing the 'We Care' Health Festival," said Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, "Seniors had a great opportunity to learn more about staying healthy and health preventive measures from health industry vendors, ranging from cardiac and vascular care, dieting, stroke prevention and treatment, all the way to keeping their brain in shape!"

The Health Fair also featured several lectures on numerous lectures, 50 vendor

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Mailbox



Students should participate in clubs

Editor,

My name is Oliver Yang and I'm a high school student at Evergreen Valley High School. Recently, our school officials completed the annual process of renewing club charters, which made me think about a spreading epidemic across campus - the creation and dissolution of multiple clubs.

At Evergreen, we have more than over 100 clubs, a number that used to make me proud of the diverse interests and hobbies of all the students. However, I've real-

ized that perhaps I shouldn't be so proud of that "over 100" number since many of those clubs are not what I envision clubs should be - places for students to discuss topics of interests or work toward a common goal. Instead, many have degenerated into just another social gathering or have dissolved completely, as members register only to drop out a few weeks later.

The worst scenario is when a new officer is elected, then leaves the club shortly after, but still reports on his or her college application that he or she was an "officer" for that club. In fact, I've been in meetings during the formation of several clubs where the phrase

"college apps" was probably repeated multiple times.

As a high school student, I am well aware of how stressful the process of applying to college can be and how it can be tempting to try to create an image of an ideal star that participates and holds leadership positions in various extracurricular activities. However, I've always believed that clubs and college apps should be complementary and not have a mutual dependence on each other. As I've progressed through my years at Evergreen, I've realized that unfortunately they may be more connected than I think.

Recently, I spoke with a teacher/advisor who described an old Harry Potter club. "The kids would just come in and talk about Harry Potter." This is still my vision of a club: a place to gather, discuss, and share common inter-

ests and ideas, instead of a few "words" that students put on their college applications.

Students should participate in clubs to have wonderful experiences that they actually want to be part of, not just to fulfill some extracurricular requirement.

Clubs should be places students want to be, not somewhere they have to be.

Oliver Yang
Evergreen

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Times News



The Villages' Cribari auditorium and most of the meeting rooms had numerous displays.

Festival

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booths, and lots of healthy food samples. The Cribari auditorium and most of the meeting rooms had numerous displays.

Lectures included Dr. James Joye speaking on Cardiovascular and Interventional Cardiology; Dr. Judith London, Psychologist, who spoke on Alzheimer's, Dementia, and brain disease; Dr. Arash Padidar, Vascular and Intervention radiology; and Jennifer Lesyna, who spoke on Healthy Lifestyles.

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Kurtis

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trophies. Four of them were a result of winning first place in the 800m, 65m hurdles, 4x400m relay, and triple jump. In addition to being a champion in all four events and being named "7th Grade Boys Most Outstanding Athlete award," Kurtis has also been awarded "C" boys track & field's "Most Valuable Athlete."

This athletic prodigy also started his journey in basketball two years ago, where he now made the middle school boys basketball team. Their perseverance and teamwork throughout the season landed them in the championship game, where they eventually won their status of 2015 East Section Champions.

Of course, all of Kurtis's athletic achieve-

ments wouldn't be possible without the copious amounts of hard work and determination established physically and mentally, respectively. Not to forget the extensive support received by his coaches, teammates, family, and friends.

Kurtis is now attempting to qualify and compete in the 49th USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships in Jacksonville, Florida. The event is slated for July 27 thru August 2, 2015 at the University of North Florida (UNF) at Hodges Stadium, Jacksonville.

The USATF Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships is the most visible youth athletic development program in the world. Many of today's Olympic stars began their track and field careers competing in the USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships.

came from Chaboya with me, and also to have gotten to know some really great students and teachers and experience new opportunities with clubs and classes.

I suppose my main message to the classes of 2019 and 2020 and onward is that yes, going from a public to a private or pretty much a new school in general will be scary. Yes, you will quickly notice differences between public and private schools. And yes, you might have moments where you feel too pressured or wonder if your friends in another school are happier than you. But after a while, maybe a week, maybe a year, you'll probably be able to appreciate being a panther, or a monarch, or a lancer, etc.

Public to private

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Despite these obvious changes, there was still a constant familiarity underneath it all. This was still a "school," we it offered many of the same curriculum and rules.

What helped me with my transition was that ten of my friends from Chaboya ended up at Presentation with me. At first I definitely missed my closest friends and constantly wondered what would happen if I had gone to Silver Creek or Evergreen, but after a few weeks to a month I was actually happy about Presentation. I was happy to have gotten closer to those ten girls who

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Times Feature

California's crumbling highways and roads are a costly problem for motorists

By Jim Beall

Special to the Times

What do bad roads cost us? In San Jose, the average annual out-of-pocket cost for expenses related to traffic congestion and repairs is \$256 per motorist. But it's worse in Los Angeles where the average cost is nearly \$1,000.

The findings, compiled by TRIP, a transportation research group, are disturbing. But more disturbing is that California lacks a coherent strategy to fix our crumbling highways and roads. The condition of our state and local streets combined represents a staggering \$137 billion backlog in deferred maintenance.

California's economic well-being relies on an efficient transportation system to move goods, people, and spread ideas. Because generations before us made the state's transportation network a priority, our economy has grown to become the seventh largest in the world.

In May, SB 16, my proposal to adequately fund the freeway and street repairs our state and local roads so badly need, was passed by Senate Appropriations Committee and headed to the full Senate for a vote. If approved by the Senate, the bill would advance to the Assembly for consideration.

California's once-robust transportation system is deteriorating due to age, crumbling beneath the weight of 33.5 million registered vehicles. Much of our road and bridge infrastructure has exceeded their expected lifespans.

The rate of road deterioration has outpaced our ability to pay for repairs. We have not adjusted base revenues for road maintenance since 1994. In fact, the value of

California's gas tax revenue – a key source for road repairs – has been dwindling with the proliferation of hybrid and zero emission cars. This year's gas tax revenues are projected to be \$5.3 billion but drop to \$4.4 billion next year, according to the California Department of Transportation.

Under SB 16, we will invest more money into our roads – both at the state and local levels – to avoid a financial catastrophe. The bill has a five-year life, giving the California Transportation Commission enough time to plan, evaluate, and adopt a long-term solution to pay

for infrastructure repairs. But we need to act now.

SB 16 would:

Establish an equitable financing strategy; everyone contributes their fair share for using the roads.

Ensure funding is spent only for road repairs and no other use.

Ensure projects are completed on-time and on-budget.

Provide funding for the state, counties, and cities to address road maintenance

needs at all levels.

Fund congestion relief for freight mobility at ports.

The bill proposes to take truck weight fees, which raises about \$1 billion a year, from the general fund and return them to their original purpose: mitigating the damage to roads caused by heavy commercial trucks. The per gallon excise fuel tax would be increased by 10 cents to make up for the decline in value lost to inflation. The vehicle license fee would be increased by 0.07 percent annually over five years. The vehicle registration fee would be increased by \$35. Zero-emission

vehicles would be subject to an annual \$100 fee.

SB 16 not only will fund the repair of our highways but it will help pay for the repairs of the street in front of your residence. The bill provides money for counties and cities to augment their road repair budgets. In the bill's first year, San Jose is projected to get an additional \$20.7 million; Campbell, more than \$851,000; Cupertino, \$1.2 million; Los Gatos, \$624,000; and Saratoga, \$649,000.

SB 16's revenue is to be solely used for road maintenance and restoration, not for the planning or construction of new transportation projects.

The bottom line is this: Either we pay now to fix our roads or wait and pay more in the future. Let's confront this problem and take the sensible route.

Senator Jim Beall represents California State Senate District 15, which is composed of the cities of San Jose, Cupertino, Campbell, Monte Sereno, Saratoga, and Los Gatos.



State Senate Report
Jim Beall
District 15

First annual 'Fight Apathy Campaign' held at Silver Creek High School

Students at Silver Creek High School participated in their first annual national "Fight Apathy" campaign.

Organized by Silver Creek High School's Junior State of America (JSA) chapter, the event was a huge success, with more than 75 percent of students and several teachers participating in the event.

Fight Apathy is national campaign organized by JSA, a student-run organization that promotes political awareness.

During the event at Silver Creek, students received stickers that read "I believe in..." and were instructed to

write down personal interests, including hobbies and political issues. Throughout the day, these stickers sparked conversations across campus. Students shared opinions on educational reform, poverty, racial equality, and much more.

"So many individuals inspired me and the campaign reaffirms that it's okay to be passionate about what you believe in," said Rachna Mandalam, JSA vice president.

Several teachers also incorpo-

rated the event into their lesson plans and encouraged Silver Creek students to discuss with one another. "Being able to talk to so many people about things we all feel strongly about really brought us together as a community," said Treasurer Priya



Padmanaban.

Silver Creek students and staff and the JSA club are eager to expand the campaign next year.

"The response from classmates and teachers was overwhelming," said JSA president Simran Pabla. "It was amazing to hear all of the new conversations that arose from the unique stickers that everyone filled out," he said. "Based on our experience this year," he said. "I'm excited to see what JSA and Silver Creek can accomplish next year!"

Burglary

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The four assailants reportedly got in through an unlocked sliding door, armed themselves with knives from the kitchen. Police say two women and a baby hid in an upstairs bedroom and then retreated to the bathroom until they left.

When one of the intruders realized that the victims were hiding in

the bedroom the suspects kicked the bedroom door, prompting one of the women to push her body against the door, police said. The victims then hid in a bathroom as the assailants kicked through the bedroom door and went inside the room. The intruders tried to get the victims to open the bathroom door, but they refused.

The 17-year-old eventually turned himself in was arrested on suspicion of home-invasion robbery.

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Times **Feature**

Join your neighbors for National Night Out

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

Neighborhoods across the city will be gathering on August 4, 2015 to participate in what will be the 32nd Annual National Night Out (NNO). Part Neighborhood watch and part neighborhood block party, if you haven't experienced a National Night Out event, you're missing a fun time! For the past 6 years, I've had the privilege of visiting dozens of NNO events in Evergreen and

I've met some fantastic neighbors – all involved in making their neighborhoods safer by getting to know the people who live nextdoor and nearby. As much as this is a fun event there is a serious side. We know that where neighbors take the time to get to know their neighbors and look out for each other they are safer. Online tools such as Nextdoor are great to facilitate communication, but they cannot replace the face-to-face contact needed to build safe neighborhoods.

Over those 6 years, I've experienced large gatherings with long tables of homemade, potluck dishes, and small gatherings in a driveway with take-out pizza. There have been NNO events with neighbors of new subdivisions as well as gatherings with neighbors who have lived for years next to each other, raised their kids together, and now invite the college-aged kids back to the traditional NNO block party. And the adult kids loved it! No two National Night Out events are alike, but they all seek to accomplish the same goal – to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods a safer, better place to live.

This year, National Night Out will be on Tuesday evening, August 4, 2015. I encourage everyone to reach out to your neighbors and either plan a NNO event on your block or attend one nearby.

You can register your neighborhood for this year's event today. Registration is free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. You do NOT have to be a current Neighborhood Watch neighborhood to participate but I hope you do consider forming a Neighborhood Watch or Neighborhood Association with some of your neighbors as a follow up activity to the event. Remember

**District 8 Report**By Rose Herrera
Vice Mayor

- National Night Out is for everyone! Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

The City of San Jose is a nationally registered participant in this year's event. To register locally simply contact the SJPD Crime Prevention Unit (408) 277-4133 or mail your registration to:
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Attention: NNO 2015

Registration due on or before Friday July 24, 2015. Submit a completed Outdoor Special Event Permit Application no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015.

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If you have any problems or questions contact: SJPD Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133

Please plan ahead especially if permits for special events, parks use, or street block closures are necessary. These permits have separate and much earlier deadlines.

If the event will be held at a city park, contact the Special Park Use Unit for information and rules at: (408) 794-6500 or email: SPUapplications@sanjoseca.gov. Park Permit Applications Must Be Submitted By July 24, 2015

If you are planning to close your street for a block party, you must obtain a Block Party Application from the Permits Unit at: http://www.sjpd.org/PDF_Forms/BlkPartyInst-App.pdf Block Party Street Closure Applications Must Be Submitted By July 26, 2015.

If your event is open to the general public and food will be served, please contact the Health Department regarding Special Event and/ or Health Permits: (408) 918-3400 and www.EHinfo.org. Health Department Applications Must Be Submitted by July 21, 2015.

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.

Have a safe and festive July 4th Holiday!
I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to www.sanjoseca.gov/district8.

News from the Villages

'Brigadoon' keeps audiences enchanted beginning to end



Maddie Yannaccone, playing the role of Meg Brockie, sings "The Love of My Life" in the Villages Amateur Theatre production of Alan Jay Lerner (lyrics) and Frederick Loewe's (music) "Brigadoon" on Friday, March 7. Photo by Thom Harney

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Times Community News



Ricardo Millan, head chef, Crab and Cray. Photo by Frank Shortt

Crab and Cray Cajun Seafood Restaurant opening soon in Evergreen Valley

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

A new and unique seafood and bar restaurant called the Crab and Cray will open soon and be serving customers at the former Sonoma Chicken location across the parking lot from Orchard Supply Hardware on Capitol Expressway.

This Joint Venture plans to offer something new to Evergreen, catering to businesses and individuals who want a clean, well-run establishment. Their main idea is to please the palates of the most discretionary diner. The restaurant is expected to open sometime in early July.

Crab and Cray will, as its name implies, will offer fresh crab dishes and crayfish like those served in the city of New Orleans.

"Crab and Cray promises to meet all the needs of an economically diverse area, said Chef Ricardo Millan. Millan is a graduate of the San Francisco Culinary Academy and has worked at top Silicon Valley restaurants for nearly ten years.



There are going to be many surprises on the menu under the able direction of Millan.

"Our unique menu will offer something for every budget as reflected by the area in which we chose to open for business," said Millan. "Our modern Cajun menu features blackened salmon as well as other Cajun varieties. "We are also featuring a raw oysters and clams bar, something not seen in the environs of Evergreen," said Ricardo.

The restaurant will feature nearly 25 varieties of beer as well as aged whiskey, aged by their own distillers, rarely offered in Silicon Valley.

Bon Appétit Crab and Cray!

Evergreen School District to pay \$15M in sexual molestation case

The families of four girls sexually molested by their second-grade teacher at Evergreen's O.B. Whaley Elementary School have settled their lawsuit for \$15 million against the Evergreen School District June 15.

The families settled in order to avoid potentially traumatizing testimony for their children in the trial before Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge Socrates Manoukian.

The suit sought damages from the Evergreen School District saying it neglected to protect students by ignoring signs that teacher Craig Richard Chandler was abusing them. One family had originally sought \$30 million in damages.

"I am glad this legal matter is over," said the mother of Jane Doe 5, (identified in court papers). "For my little girl, it will never be over."

The Evergreen School District provided a brief statement to the Evergreen Times as follows:

"We believe the settlement will allow the young women impacted by this man's actions to move forward and heal. The Evergreen School District looks forward to continuing to build a positive future for the families of this community."

Chandler was convicted of molesting five girls at San Jose's O.B. Whaley Elementary School in 2013. According to prosecutors, Chandler kept the students in his classroom during recess and put blindfolds on them while pretending to play a feel-and-touch game.

Chandler, 36, was sentenced to 75 years to life in prison in 2013.

The family of one of the five girls reached a settlement with the school district in 2014, Allard said.

O. B. Whaley Elementary, Lyn Vijayendran, was convicted of a misdemeanor for failing to report possible sexual abuse to authorities.

New principals announced for Evergreen School District

By William Bellou
Publisher

The appointment of three new principals in the Evergreen School District has been announced by Kathy Gomez, District Superintendent.

Following consultation and an extensive selection process, the new school principals are: Dr. Hong Nguyen, Laurelwood; Nanette Donohue, Norwood Creek; and Howard Greenfield, Silver Oak.

"Choosing exceptional leaders to help guide our schools is one of the most important facets of my job," said Kathy Gomez, District Superintendent. "It's not a role I take lightly and I couldn't be happier with the caliber of talent we've found to join the ranks of Evergreen principals."

The newly appointed principals will spend their summer preparing for the leadership challenges ahead when classes resume on August 19. "Our new principals are more than up to the challenge," said Gomez.



Cupertino School District. "I'm particularly impressed with her passionate advocacy for students and teachers," notes Gomez. She and her husband Steve, who is a Sergeant with San Jose Police Department, have two school-aged children.

"There's no job more important than partnering with parents to make sure their children are academically and socially prepared to be successful in 21st century America," said Donohue. "I'm thrilled for the opportunity to work with a group of such well-respected educators to help make that dream come true."



Dr. Hong Nguyen
Principal, Laurelwood

Dr. Nguyen is currently serving as an Assistant Principal at Leyva Middle School.

"What stood out for me was her commitment to 21st century learning and her understanding of the importance of shared vision and collaboration with the community," said Gomez. "She understands the importance of professional learning and the role of technology in 21st century schools."

Dr. Nguyen who recently completed her doctoral degree, said she is very excited to embrace her new position as principal of Laurelwood Elementary School. "As an educational leader, I aspire to collaborate with teachers, students, parents, and community members, to foster a safe and nurturing environment for our future leaders," said Nguyen.

Nanette Donohue
Principal, Norwood Creek

Donohue is currently serving as an Assistant Principal at Katherine Smith School. Prior to serving as Assistant Principal at Katherine Smith, she was a teacher in the



Howard Greenfield
Principal, Silver Oak

Greenfield is currently completing his first year as the Director of Curriculum in Los Gatos Union School District. He also served as principal at Fischer Middle School in Alum Rock. He is the father of two boys.

Greenfield, who has a background in special education, said he is looking forward to focus on student achievement. "I am looking forward to working collaboratively with staff, parents, the district and the community to continue the excellent work that has led Silver Oak Elementary School to be a National Blue Ribbon recipient as well as a California Distinguished School," said Greenfield.

"To keep the momentum moving forward, I am excited to work with the team to support students in thinking creatively and critically, while being able to adapt to change," said Greenwood. "Together we can continue to foster a learning environment that will prepare our students to play an active part in the 21st century world."

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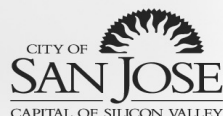
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Times **Your Community**

Rhea Dash designed, implemented and started the online writing course RayofWrite in the summer of 2013 to encourage young students to believe in themselves and find their own voice through writing.

'RayofWrite': teaches writing and raises money

By Rhea Dash

Special to the Times

Since I was little, I have loved to write. In elementary and middle school, I consistently achieved my highest grades in reading and writing.

My teachers noted this early on and would often ask me to review

school essays and narratives for my fellow classmates. In elementary and middle school, I continued writing, and in order to learn finer strategies and technique, I enrolled in several online writing from Johns Hopkins University's Center for Talented Youth (CTY).

One of the most important things I learned from these courses was that writing is an art of discovering your thoughts all over again and then rearranging them by the process of editing. I also learned that one should start writing whatever comes to mind, and to keep writing, even if it makes no sense to others. The first draft is always lackluster and uninspired. Only after you have written several drafts can you get past all the clichéd material and begin to uncover your own unique ideas and create something unique that's just your own!

Inspired by the memorable teachers I had in school and the courses I'd taken over the years, I thought of encouraging young students to believe in themselves and find their own voice through writing. I designed, implemented and started the online writing course Ray of Write, www.rayofwrite.com, in the summer of 2013. Just by word of mouth and a few posts in the local Yahoo! groups, I had 25 students!

The course was offered for free that summer. Then I thought about helping the community and organizations around us through my small endeavor. Ray of Write continued in the 2013-2014 academic year, but I charged a small fee, with all proceeds going to a nonprofit, Sankara Eye Foundation. That organization provides eye surgeries and care for blind people in India. Since then, I have helped over 40 kids improve their writing and raised more than \$2000 for Sankara.

Teaching and guiding young students has allowed me to demonstrate to others how they can express themselves and how to cre-

ate their own little niches. Reading and writing like everything else improves with practice and feedback. In this process of teaching, I have learned a lot too. I learned how to work with kids patiently and how to adapt to their different needs and learning styles.

The primary mode of communication in RayofWrite is currently Google Docs and email. Students add their writing to the end of the file and email me to let me know they have finished; I add my comments below their latest work, and the cycle repeats. My older students have responded more enthusiastically to this format than their younger counterparts. I always wondered how to engage younger students in this fantastic journey of expressing themselves.

In this age of smartphones and gadgets, I wondered how to reach and influence them more effectively while retaining the spirit of the course. I decided to take advantage of my interest in computer programming. In the future, I visualize an app with all the specs—a library of default feedback responses and stored mini-lessons; the ability to deliver feedback on their writings in audio; a way to store the student's writing history and build their style into the app. It would be a wonderful tool for the students. I looked at what is available in the market, but they are all geared toward adults or larger companies. The very theme of RayofWrite is its personalized nature; therefore, I wanted the app to be personalized. This summer, while I am continuing with RayofWrite, I'm working on designing an app that younger students can download onto their iPhones and iPads.

If you are eager to make a difference in your community, you don't have to look far. There's 'RayofWrite'! If you'd like to find out more about this course, you can contact me at rayofwrite@gmail.com or (408) 528-8447.

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Have a safe and legal July 4th holiday!

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

This Fourth of July holiday, law enforcement officers in Santa Clara County will have a new tool to help stop the use of illegal fireworks that are posing threats of a large-scale fire on dry landscapes brought by years of drought.

Last month, the Board of Supervisors adopted an ordinance that holds property owners responsible when fireworks are discharged on their properties. I requested the new regulations after receiving many complaints across the County from residents who say their neighborhoods sound like “war zones” during June and July and around

other cultural events.

It's not just a nuisance. With our dry drought conditions, there's a real threat of sparks igniting fires in neighborhoods and in our hills. We needed this ordinance to hold responsible parties accountable, whether they are tenants, property managers or property owners.

The sale and use of fireworks are banned in Santa Clara County, except for the professional displays in which organizers have received permits, such as the Rotary of San Jose event



County Report
By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

in Downtown San Jose on July 4, 2015, and other locations listed within the link below. Only the City of Gilroy allows residents to buy “safe and sane” fireworks.

Earlier on July 4, you can attend the Red, White and Rose Parade in San Jose. The parade will begin at 10 a.m. at Lincoln High School at 555 Dana Avenue, San

Jose, and end at 11:45 a.m. with a Picnic on the Alameda, which lasts until 3 p.m. For more details, visit www.rosewhiteandblueparade.com.

Reports shed light on how we can help the homeless

You can't solve problems without information. Two recent reports on the homeless individuals and families in Santa Clara County have revealed very important information to help us find solutions to caring for unsheltered people while we try to increase our stock of affordable housing.

This week, the results of the County's 2015 Homeless Census and Survey showed that the number of homeless in the County decreased by 14 percent from the number counted in 2013. That shows that the programs to provide temporary housing and services initiated by the City and County are paying off.

According to the visual count conducted in January, 6,556 people are homeless, down from 7,631 in 2013. But 71 percent of those who are homeless have no shelter at all and live in vehicles, encampments and on the streets. The County's Homeless Task Force is looking into strategies to provide more transitional housing. The next meeting is August 7.

Recently, I had the honor of speaking at an event to release results of a groundbreaking Homeless Cost Study. The most comprehensive study ever done of the public's cost of caring for people on the streets, revealed that we are paying \$520 million a year on our homeless population in Santa Clara

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County through their visits to the Emergency Room, Jail and mental health and social services; housing the chronically homeless costs a lot less.

The Community Plan to End Homelessness, which was approved by the Board in 2013, presents a comprehensive and communitywide approach to end homelessness, setting specific goals, year by year.

Our First Boat Tour grabs attention

Our Alviso Boat Tour launch has put the Alviso Marina County Park on the map – just what we wanted. We've received hundreds of sign-ups on our website from teachers and others interested in reserving a space for their group on our boat tour and land field trip.

On Friday, May 29, students from Alviso Elementary School kicked off the new program, which I promised to deliver in my State of the County speech in January.

Helping to launch our program were Sheriff Laurie Smith, County Executive Jeff Smith, San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge Complex Manager Anne Morhill and County Parks Deputy Director Janet Hawks. And, of course, the students who helped me cut the ribbon before they took off in the boats operated by the Sheriff's Department.

The boat tour is a collaboration of my office, the Sheriff's Department, the County Parks and Recreation Department and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. For those of you who haven't visited the park, it offers a navigable waterway to the San Francisco Bay along with a unique ecosystem on the edge of

the Don Edwards San Francisco National Wildlife Refuge. The Alviso Marina is also the first site on the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail.

Tell BikeShare where you want stations

Last month, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, which I chair, voted to expand the number of bicycles in the Bay Area BikeShare Program from 700 to 7,000 in the five cities currently in the program – San Jose, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Redwood City and San Francisco. The program will also be launched in Oakland, Berkeley and Emeryville.

San Jose's share of the bikes will expand from 129 to 1,000, and residents in all the BikeShare cities will get to suggest locations where they would like the stations to be installed. For more about the program, visit www.bayareabikeshare.com.

Take the Parks for Life Challenge and Have Fun Outdoors

You could win prizes and have fun outdoors by taking the Parks for Life Challenge. The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department is hosting the free outdoor social media game to encourage you to get out into our 48,000-acre park system and engage in health activities with friends and family. Teams of two to three players can sign up, make a flag and then participate in outdoor adventures in any one of our 29 regional parks. Document your adventures by posting photos or videos on our social media sites to compete for prizes. To sign up, visit <http://www.parksforlifechallenge.org/>.

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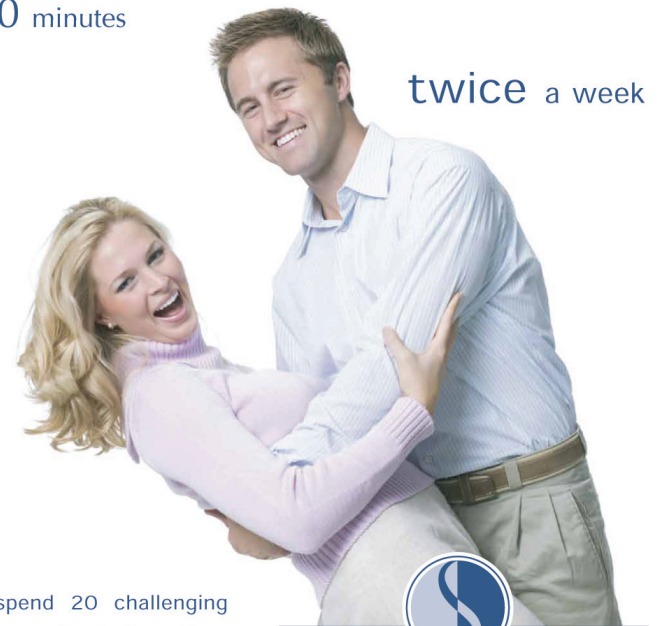
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Thurs, July 2, 6-8pm: Meet Your Neighbor Potluck. The District 8 Community Roundtable invites you to their summer meet-and-greet hosted in New Seasons Market's café and patio area. Socialize with your neighbors and chat about what's important to you and your community. BBQ hamburgers or sausages will be available for sale.

Thurs, July 9, 2:30-4pm: Kid's Club for Under 10. Bring your kids to a fun, interactive play-time to draw, work with crafts,



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Wed, July 8, 6-7pm: Wellness Event - Foam-Rolling Class: Relieve tight muscles and feel more flexible in just 10 minutes! Learn a technique used by athletes and physical therapists to inhibit overactive muscles. Wear comfortable clothing. For any fitness or flexibility level. Free. Preregister at: www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com

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The musical is showing at San Jose Stage Theater, 490 S. 1st Street, San Jose, CA 95113 now through July 19. Performances are Wed, Thurs: 7:30pm; Fri, Sat: 8pm; Sun: 2pm. For more information, visit www.thestage.org.



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EvergreenAreaMeetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club
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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@sbc-global.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

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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.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

Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

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

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 community service contributions and others for profit - to other women in the areas of health, wellness and aesthetics. In essence, help women learn how to take impeccable care of themselves as their life expectancy increases as well as to help people increase the quality of that life.

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 baramcchesney@sbc-global.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org>.
Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference

Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

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

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

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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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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