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The winning Evergreen Elementary team that won Second Place in California State Odyssey of the Mind competition and are advancing to compete in the World Finals (l to r): Shreeya Sahasrabudhe, Anvi Shettigar, Dhyuti Gowda, Shuhul Mujoo, Anirudh Rao, Ananya Rao, and Aditya Sinnarkar belonging to Team Tech Band-Its. Photos by Savita Rao

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STUDENTS SUCCEED Silver Creek High students win big at Japan Bowl Competition in Washington

By Diane Blum
Times Staff Writer

On April 7th, the Silver Creek Thunderously Hip Japanese Program (SCTHJP) sent a team of students to the 23rd National Japan Bowl in Washington, D.C. The 3 sophomore SCTHJP students representing the school had hoped they would be able to return with a national title on behalf of the school's stellar program.

The students have been practicing hard, even on most weekends with their Sensei, Mano Takegami, and the team did it! They competed with 67 high school teams from across the See JAPAN BOWL, page 3

Evergreen team wins prestigious California State Ranatra Fusca Award for creativity

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

A team of students who make their home in Evergreen Valley won the prestigious Ranatra Fusca Award at the Odyssey of the Mind California State Tournament held in Riverside on March 27. The team, Speedious Ravenous Smilodons, will represent the State of California at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals Tournament next month.

The Evergreen Valley team will be in Lansing, Michigan on May 20 through May 23 this year to compete in the World Finals. The team earlier won first place at the Silicon Valley Regional Tournament held in San Jose on February 28.

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Team Pandoras Starstacular 7 (PS7): Kunal Kapur, Charmaine Hayward, Sneha Raj, Sriteja Vijapurapu, Seona Magdum, Aghalya Narayanan, Phoebe Kodamanchilli, and Urja Gathoo.

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Annual Children's Bicycle Clinic in Evergreen aims to heal 'sick' bikes

By Frank Shortt
Staff writer

The annual Children's Bicycle Clinic will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at East Valley Church, 2827 Flint Avenue.

Members of the church volunteer to become 'Bicycle Clinic Medics' to heal sick bicycles that are brought to them by the community. There is no charge for the work done by the Children's Bicycle Clinic.

For four hours, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. these devoted "bike medics" will repair flat tires, lubricate sprocket chains and pedals, adjust brakes and gears, and perform safety checks right in the parking lot of the church.

According to Pastor Alvin Lin, the event last year was very success-



Devoted "bike medics" will repair flat tires, lubricate sprocket chains and pedals, adjust brakes and gears, and perform safety checks.

ful as there were at least 50 bicycles repaired. Approximately 30 helmets were given out by the San Jose Department of Transportation.

The Department of Transportation will be on hand once again this year to pass out free riding helmets and to teach children how to ride safely through our neighborhood streets.

The annual event gives the East Valley Church an opportunity to connect with members of the community and to show love to each of them. It also gives members of the church, who are not familiar with basic bike repair, to have hands-on experience by working with the "Bike Medics" directly.

Anyone wishing to participate may contact East Valley Church at (408) 238-0231 for more information.

Mailbox



Deer editor

Dear Editor,

In response to the Dear Deer photos spread in the Evergreen Times dated April 3, the deer population in the Villages Golf and Country Club is less than 90 total deer at present.

In 2012, in view of perceived landscape damage, the 3 Village Boards decided to engage White Buffalo to reduce the deer population of 175. The Boards chose to use the vehicle of "experimental scientific collection permit SCP 12522" and contracted with White Buffalo to sterilize all female deer, rather than "cull the herd."

During the first wave of sterilizations in January 2013, 99 female deer were sterilized and ear tagged with an individual identification number. Thirty of these females were tagged with one yellow ear tag and were relocated; 18 returned immediately. In October 2013 (after the second wave of sterilization of 10 females) the herd comprised approximately 128 total deer (87 tagged females, estimated 41 males).

As of December 2014, the herd size was counted at 95 total deer; and estimated using sampling techniques at a range of 95 to 105. Since then several tagged deer deaths have been reported, with no new births and no female emigrants.



The experimental program seems to have been more effective than anyone anticipated, in terms of complete elimination of fawns, and herd size decrease.

On December 2014, the three boards voted to "watch and wait" at least until the deer next count, rather than renew the contract with White Buffalo to be available to sterilize any females who come into the Villages. The current "Deer Management Plan" goal remains 40-60 deer. With no new females, and no fawns, the herd size continues to reduce. Next count series using California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife techniques is scheduled for May 2015. Results reported to CDFW and Boards in early June.

The next count (five observations over a two week period) will

made by the deer counters will be at the end of May; the final results will be tabulated and reported to California Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Village boards, and any other interested parties.

Anne Howe

PS: My personal opinion, *not part of a factual response*, is that there many people who miss the fawns and who would like to see more deer. After the next count, I personally hope we can, as a community, review the results and the current program goals.

Veterans Club at Villages meeting clarification

Dear Editor,

The following is a correction to the 'News from the Villages' article by Thom Harney on page 15 of last Friday's (April 3-16, 2015, Vol. 32 # 7) edition of the Evergreen Times.

The well-written article by Thom Harney, with accompanying photos, proudly announces the formation of the Villages Veterans Club here in The Villages last month.

However, one statement, which follows the announcement of the Club's next meeting on this Friday, April 10: "If you are a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States of America, you are invited to attend the meeting.", requires clarification to avoid possible embarrassment of such veterans living outside The Villages seeking to attend this

Friday's meeting.

Because of the charter granted by The Villages Board of Directors to our Club and all clubs here in The Villages, we cannot solicit people outside of The Villages to attend or join clubs in The Villages.

However, after further review, we can have guests who live outside The Villages attend Club meetings if they are personally invited by a Club member to the extent that the number of attending guests do not exceed 10% of the attending Club membership.

Thus, if a veteran living outside The Villages wishes to attend a meeting, he/she is invited to e-mail me at rssemble@inreach.com and, if the request can be accommodated, arrangements can be with our Public Safety Department to admit him/her at the community gatehouse.

The Villages Veterans Club was formed to recognize and honor all military veterans who have honorably served our country, especially those living here The Villages.

R.S. "Bob" Semple
Chairman, Villages
Veterans Club

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Times **Cover Story**



The students representing Silver Creek's Thunderously Hip Japanese Program in this year's event were **Joanne Guan, Ethel Quebral and Paul Vo**, pictured with their Sensei, **Mano Takegami**.

Japan Bowl

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nation for the two-day competition, including teams from Guam, New York, Texas, Utah, Iowa, Illinois, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Minnesota, Connecticut, Florida, Maryland, Virginia and throughout California. The team placed 4th in the competition, an incredible victory given the talent that participates in this respected event each year.

The Japan-America Society of Washington, DC inaugurated the Japan Bowl event more than twenty years ago. Its purpose is to encourage high school students to continue and excel in their study of Japanese. Teams of students answer Jeopardy-format questions about Japanese language, culture, history and politics in *Japanese*, taking on schools from all over the country. The Japan Bowl is the only competition of its kind in the country.

Students representing Silver Creek's Thunderously Hip Japanese Program in this year's event are: Joanne Guan, Ethel Quebral and Paul Vo.

For over a decade Silver Creek High

School has fielded Japan Bowl regional teams. Silver Creek High School has always placed in the top 10 at the national competition.

Students in the program continue to fundraise, and the students are in need of the community's support to help defray costs of the Japan Bowl as well as the overall SETHJP program. Any help individuals or community businesses might want to provide would be most appreciated. Please send to:

Silver Creek High School
Attn: Japanese Program
3434 Silver Creek Road
San Jose, CA, 95121

The SETHJP students recently said a sad "goodbye" to new friends met during their sister-high school homestay visit. Eleven students from Korakukan High School in San Jose's sister city, Okayama, came and stayed at SETHJP students' homes for several days, learning about American culture and language. SCHS will be sending 13 of its students to Japan for their homestay visit in June.

For more information, contact: Mano Sensei at takegamim@esuhsd.org.

Annual Evergreen College Poetry Festival April 29

The annual Evergreen College Poetry Festival will be held on April 29, 2015 at Montgomery Hall (SC127).

Festivities are scheduled to begin with a reception at noon with refreshments being provided.

At 12:30, live readings will begin and will last about an hour, at which time there will be a short intermission with refreshments.

The new 2015 issue of Leaf by Leaf, the annual Evergreen College review of literature will be available for purchase as one enters the theater. This year's issue promises to be very exciting, to say the least.

After the intermission, live readings will begin again and at around 3pm there will be an open mike session for all contributors

of the Leaf by Leaf to read or recite their works.

"This festival promises to be one of the best ever and we encourage the general public to attend and participate" said Sterling Warner who is largely responsible for this year's event.

'Great American Litter Pick-Up' April 25

The Evergreen community is gearing up for the 2015 Great American Litter Pick-Up on Saturday, April 25 starting 8:30 a.m.

Volunteers will start at one of the District's two clean-up sites: Meadowfair Community Center at 2696 S King Road, and Valle Vista Elementary School at 2400 Flint Avenue.

The day will end at 11:00 a.m. with a celebration lunch.

Volunteers can sign up online here: <http://govolun-tr.com/events/1795>



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Times **Community Notebook**

Living life with no egrets? Not at the Villages Golf and Country Club



A great white egret waded into a pool at the waterfall between the 6th and 7th fairway at the Villages Golf and Country Club golf course to catch a fish for breakfast on April 4. *Photos by Lou Alexander*

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Times Feature

Great American Litter Pickup just around the corner

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

Special to the Times

A tremendous opportunity to clean up our community and to help the environment is coming soon. Our Annual Great American Litter Pickup on Saturday, April 25, 2015 from 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Registration and sign-in begins at 8:30 a.m., clean-up at 9:00 a.m., and a celebration pizza lunch at 11:00 a.m.! We have two kick-off locations to choose from: Meadowfair Community Center (2696 South King Road) or Valle Vista Elementary (2400 Flint Avenue). To pre-register for the event go online to: <http://govoluntr.com/events/1795> or contact Sara Wright at (408) 535-4967 or sara.wright@sanjoseca.gov with any questions.



District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera
Vice Mayor

Last year's litter pickup events, occurring throughout the year, set a record for litter removal with more than 6,000 volunteers, participating at 115 cleanup events, collected 654 tons of litter from streets and creeks throughout San José - the equivalent to the volume of about 44 semi-trucks. The combined cleanups have a dramatic impact on the quality of life and environment in the South Bay. This was 163 percent more litter than in 2013. I want to echo the challenge from our Environmental Services Department for everyone who lives, works, or visits San José to get involved – put trash where it belongs, pick up litter found on the street, and join community cleanups.

Litter cleanup efforts in San José will increase in the coming years as part of the City's long-term litter reduction plan. Litter easily flows down gutters and pavement into storm drains by rain or irrigation runoff, and what goes down a storm drain usually winds up in the nearest creek leading to the Bay. Litter and pollutants harm creek habitat, and can continue to cause environmental damage as they move through the Bay to the Pacific Ocean. In 2009, the State Water Resources Control Board required all Bay Area cities and stormwater agencies to develop actions to reduce litter from storm sewer systems by 40 percent by 2014, 70 percent by 2017, and 100 percent by 2022. Not only does litter make a neighborhood look unsightly, it's actually harming our environment.

My office receives numerous calls regarding illegal dumping of larger litter items and while our city staff does go out to pick up these items when reported, we need to work with our community to discourage illegal dumping in the first place. One program already in place is our Neighborhood Cleanups program where, on a rotating schedule, neighborhoods are given a morning where they can bring large items to drop off - free of charge. To look up the Neighborhood Cleanup day for your area, go to: <http://sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3079> and enter your house number and zip code.

While this program is a tremendous help to cleaning up neighborhoods, there are those that don't wait for their rotation and decide to carry out illegal dumping along sidewalks, empty lots, and neighborhood corners. This is unfortunate and unfair to

those who do the right thing. Where there are severe dumping issues, the Department of Transportation is currently conducting an "illegal dumping deterrent pilot project." The plan includes 10 illegal dumping signs (\$1,000 fine) and a number of cameras. These deterrents will hopefully cause individuals who illegal dump items to think twice before carrying out the act.

I am always open to input from the community for reasonable ideas on how to deter illegal dumping. Please feel free to contact my office with your input.

If you have a problem with illegal dumping in your neighborhood, here are a few suggestions to deter future dumping:

Remember, illegal dumpers want secluded, unused areas where they think people would not see what they are doing.

Monitor the site: pick up litter and remove graffiti from the site so that does not appear abandoned or unused.

Clean up immediately: dumping attracts more dumping. Remove dumped items immediately so that more people do not add to the site. Also, illegal dumping that sits can affect our local waterways and attract insects and animals creating an unhealthy environment.

Improve visibility: trim overgrown brush and low hanging tree limbs, improve lighting or remove other obstacles that obscure the area from the neighborhood

Block access: check if there is ability to block easy access to the area, such as chaining parking lots and debris bin areas during off hours.

Activate the site: Use the area, for example, make a community garden, sitting area put up a basketball hoop, landscaping, or a mural. Make sure it is apparent that this is an active area for the community.

Report it: report illegal dumping on private property to Code Enforcement at (408) 535-7770 and illegal dumping of furniture, shopping carts, mattresses on sidewalk/street to the Department of Transportation at (408) 794-1900. Smart Phone users can also download the San Jose Clean Mobile App to report dumping to parks staff. If witnessing dumping in progress call the Police Department.

If you're looking for free cleanup supplies and assistance in addressing litter and dumping in your community call the San Jose Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Program at (408) 975-7233 or email antifgraffiti@sanjoseca.gov. The Anti-Litter & Anti-Graffiti Program can help to organized neighborhood cleanups, provide supplies to individual volunteers and make presentations to community groups.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Great American Cleanup!

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at atdistrict8@sanjoseca.gov.

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Times **Community News**

Residents march on Evergreen College District offices

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

As the Evergreen Times goes to press, opponents to the 27-acre site plan for an apartment building, shops, medical center located on surplus land at Evergreen Valley College were marching on District offices April 14th at 7 pm in downtown San Jose. The 27-acre parcel actually consists of 14.8 acres of empty land that curves behind the shopping center at Yerba Buena and San Felipe roads, 6.7 acres that used to be the district's headquarters, and 5.6 acres now used by the regional police academy, which is expected to move to Gilroy.

Avenue and West San Carlos Street.

The benefit of a development deal is a guaranteed flow of money says the District. But opponents say there is a problem with the district's scenario. They argue the college land should be preserved for educational purposes, including sports, and they are very concerned that the site will increase traffic and congestion.

"I don't think they have a vision for Evergreen Valley College," says Brenda Serpa, who is helping homeowners organize against the development.

Serpa and others do not like the board's plan to allow dense apartment buildings.

There have been many accidents on Yerba Buena Rd, and additional traffic may make things worse as there is not much that can be done to widen the intersection.



Tennis scholarships awarded to Silver Creek High Schools tennis members

The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee has announced the award of annual scholarships to Silver Creek High School tennis team members.

Since 2004 a total of \$30,000 has been granted to members of the Boys and Girls Tennis Teams. This year, two deserving students are receiving \$3,000 bringing the grand total of scholarships to \$36,000.

The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee is proud to be the largest donor of scholarships at Silver Creek High School.

The aromas of steak and chicken on the grill are a tip off that the annual Villages Golf and Country Club Scholarship Dinner is underway. Funding for the scholarships is a result of the commitment of The Villages Tennis Club members and their dedication to higher education.

Funds are raised through a variety of efforts such as the May Scholarship Tournament, BBQ dinners, silent auctions, raffles, local merchant support and donations.

Highlights for the Villages Tennis Club are annual matches with Silver Creek High School Boys and Girls tennis teams. Attached are photos of the Girls' and Boys' Tennis Teams with the Villages tennis players. Over the years the Tennis Club also

has supported the Silver Creek High School teams by providing racquets and practice balls and attending their matches.

The scholarship winners and their success on and off the courts continue to be a source of pride to the Villages Tennis Club Members. Wendy Ferguson, the founder and chair, has successfully fostered the vision of the scholarships.

Donations may be sent to Wendy Ferguson, Tennis Club Scholarship Committee Chair, The Villages, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, Ca 95135.

Naming contest for new baby peregrine falcons

Clara and Fernando El Cohete's eggs have hatched, and San Jose's young falcon fans have an opportunity to help name the new chicks.

The naming contest is open to children 5-18 who live or attend school in San José. Artwork, essay, video, or song required for each entry. In addition to having the honor of naming the falcon chicks, the students who submitted the winning names will receive: a commendation from Mayor Liccardo at a future City Council meeting, passes to Happy Hollow Park & Zoo, and a school assembly featuring Glenn Stewart of the UC Santa Cruz Predatory Bird Research Group.

To enter the contest, read the rules and guidelines and enter online by midnight April 24, 2015. To watch the falcons live, see our FalconCam.

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Times **Community News**

Let's keep community spirit alive in the memory of Officer Johnson

By **Dave Cortese**
Special to the Times

At the April 2 memorial service for San Jose Police Officer Michael Johnson, each speaker called attention to the overwhelming outpouring of support and sympathy from the community for the Johnson family, the San Jose Police Department and all men and women who choose a career in law enforcement.

We often come together as a community in the wake of a tragedy. In this case, it was for 14-year veteran Officer Johnson, 38, who was killed on March 24 by a bullet from a suicidal man whose wife had called the police for help.

From Los Gatos to the SAP Pavilion, people lined the route of the procession bringing Officer Johnson's casket to the memorial service. Some waved flags, others held up signs of sympathy and gratitude. There were schoolchildren, military veterans who raised their hands in salute and parents who felt the pain of a family losing a son.

People also lined Monterey Road along the route to Oak Hill Cemetery, where a private burial service was held. Most of them, as well as the 10,000 attendees inside SAP, had never met Office Johnson. But they were united in wanting to show that they cared about this tragic loss and that we should come together for the common good.

I did know Michael Johnson and I've known his family for quite some time. I had the honor of meeting with them the day after Michael died. We talked about his devotion to his family and his service as an



County Report
By **Dave Cortese**
County Supervisor

officer in helping the most vulnerable among us. It brought to mind the words that Cesar Chavez wrote in "The Prayer of the Farm Workers' Struggle:"

"Grant me courage to serve others; for in service there is true life.

Give me honesty and patience; so that I can work with others.

Let us remember those who have died for justice; for they have given us life."

On the day of the memorial, hundreds of law enforcement officers from the Sheriff's Department and from across the region volunteered to fill work shifts so the SJPD officers could attend the service. As they arrived for the 7:30 a.m. briefing, I greeted them along with members of my staff, the staff of Supervisor Cindy Chavez, other supervisors and Sheriff Laurie Smith, with beverages and snacks set up near the Old City Hall. They officers said they were glad to provide their service.

Along a fence outside the SJPD headquarters and in front of the main entrance, memorials grow with flowers, notes and signs. The San Jose Police Officers Association is continuing its online donation drive at www.sjpoa.com, and my office is involved in a fundraiser for Saturday, April 11.

As the memory of this tragedy fades and we return to a kind of normalcy, I hope we can keep this spirit of unity alive. Let's do it in the memory of Office Michael Johnson.

For more information, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

Gold Award ceremony slated May 17 at San Jose Country Club

Girl Scouts of Northern California South Bay Alumnae have announced that the annual Girl Scout Gold Award Celebration event is scheduled May 17 at the San Jose Country Club.

The event honors Girl Scouts that have earned their Gold Awards in the past year in the South Bay Area. Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout can earn and nationwide and only 5.4 percent of eligible Girl Scouts successfully earn the award.



More than 20 of the 78 Gold Awardees and their families will be celebrating at the South Bay event, with an expected attendance of more than 130 people from the Bay Area.

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera will be speaking at the event and honoring the winners along with Girl Scout CEO Marina Park and other Girl Scout executives.

For more information contact Girl Scouts of Northern California South Bay Alumnae southbayalumnae@gmail.com.

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Times **Community Notebook**

Iguana's Restaurant expansion underway

By Frank Shortt
Staff Writer

No longer in the, once cramped space, where patrons had to line up out the door, Iguana's Restaurant at San Felipe Square is expanding into the building once occupied by Jamba Juice.

"We hope to have a grand opening soon to reveal all the improvements that are being made at our restaurant," said Jimmy Orozco, General Manager and CEO. We are happy to be able to serve this great Evergreen/Silver Creek community," Jimmy added.

"Business has been awesome the past year at this location, so we contacted Imwalle Properties, after Jamba Juice went out of business, about the possibility of expanding into the adjacent building," said Jimmy. "We were able to work out the deal and now we have room to seat at least 65 patrons without them having to line up out the door. We also have some huge tables that will seat a large group in case the whole family chooses to want to eat in," Jimmy explained.

Under the capable leadership of head cook, Ramiro, the San Felipe store has prospered greatly. All the food is cooked in-house, and is not a run-of-the-mill fast food establishment.



Jimmy Orozco (right) with Ramiro, head cook.

Employees fluctuate between ten and fourteen as needed. "It is a matter of keeping a good attitude toward business and the public that determines whether a business prospers or fails," said Jimmy. "We try to keep a positive attitude at all times."

Iguana's was founded in 1994 by Paul Orozco, Jimmy's uncle. Jimmy graduated from San Jose High School while still in the ninth grade. He met all the requirements for graduation at that time, so he decided it was time to end his public schooling. Since, he has worked his way from, what he says was "the bottom up," learning the business from dishwasher, busboy, cook, all the way to managing the four stores that Iguana's now has in Silicon Valley.

The other Iguana's locations are: downtown San Jose, Santa Clara, by the new Levi's Stadium, and Saratoga at Leigh, which by the way, is managed by Jimmy's sister, Felice. Iguana has been a family-owned and operated business from its inception.

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San Jose's College Prep among Samsung's grand prize winners nationwide

Samsung has announced the five grand prize winners in its nationwide Solve for Tomorrow contest, a competition to raise enthusiasm for science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education among U.S. public school students.

The five grand prize winners, listed below, were chosen from more than 3,100 schools from across the country. They will receive technology and other prizes from Samsung, Adobe, DIRECTV, Fortune, PBS TeacherLine, the National Environmental Education Foundation and Digital Promise.

- Downtown College Prep, San Jose, CA**
- Nicholson Elementary School, Picayune, MS**
- Galena High School, Reno, NV**
- Northwest Pennsylvania Collegiate Academy, Erie, PA**
- Hudson's Bay High School, Vancouver, WA**

Each of the five winning schools receive more than \$138,000 in technology products such LED TVs, laptops and tablets. Each school will be honored in a special Washington, D.C. ceremony on April 29. More than 3,100 schools from every state across the country entered the contest in August with an essay response on how STEM can help their community.

This group moved onto the next phase of the contest where 51 State Winners were selected to receive a camera, laptop, and Adobe Premier Elements software to create videos to compete in the video phase of the contest that answered the challenge: Show how STEM can improve your community. Then 15 National Finalists were selected to present their projects in person to a live panel of judges at the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City in March and their performance was part of the consideration in selecting the five National Winners.

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Kelsey Ha won both Gold and Bronze in this year's US National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships.

Team-M athletes make 2015 US National Collegiate Team

Taekwondo M-Team's Lance Supnet (Cal State East Bay), Albert Jong (San Jose State), Kelsey Ha (Evergreen Valley College), and Kody Han (UC Berkeley) will be representing Team USA at the upcoming 2015 Summer World University Games in Gwangju, Korea July 3rd - 14th.

The Summer World University Games occurs once every 2 years which highlights every summer Olympic sport. The pre-Olympic event will consist of Collegiate

National teams from various countries all over the world.

Lance, Albert, Kelsey, and Kody earned spots on this year's Collegiate National Taekwondo Team by competing at the 2015 US National Collegiate Taekwondo Championships, held at the University of Delaware.

Team-M's full result from the competition:

Male Team: **GOLD** – Lance Supnet, Albert Jong, and Kody Han (Chin Woo Quan)

Pairs: **GOLD** – Kelsey Ha and Kody Han

Female Team: **SILVER** – Hazel Cruz, Kelsey Ha, & their teammate Heather Huynh (Minnesota TKD Family)

Male Individual: **SILVER** – Kody Han

Male Individual: **BRONZE** – Albert Jong

Male Individual: **BRONZE** – Lance Supnet

Female Individual: **BRONZE** – Kelsey Ha

This year's competition also included the 2nd Annual High School Divisions as a part of the 2015 Collegiate National Taekwondo Championships. Team-M had two athletes compete in the new high school divisions:

High School National Female Individual: **GOLD** - Aleena Duong (El Dorado Hills TKD Center)

High School National Male Individual: **BRONZE** - Kenneth Doan (America Taekwondo Center)

Team-M began its journey in Evergreen Valley. To continue following Team-M's dream, visit the team's website at www.mteam.net or via Facebook at www.facebook.com/mteamtkd.



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Friday- May 1st
Open House Social Dance Class and Party (All new dancers are free)
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Community Calendar



May 13

Free community "Stroke & Heart Health" lectures will be held Wednesday, May 13th from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. at Regional Medical Center of San Jose (225 N. Jackson Ave., San Jose, CA 95116) in the TCU Conference Room, Tower 2, 1st floor, by elevators.

Lecture topics include "Stroke: Recognize the symptoms of Stroke and learn your risks," and "Heart: Early Warning Signs of Heart Attack." Free health screenings (blood pressures, body mass index, carotid ultrasound screenings) will also be offered. For more information, call (408) 259-5000.

New Seasons Market Events

Fri, April 17, 5-7pm: Complimentary Wine Tastings & Cheese Pairing featuring Rutherford Ranch wines of Napa: three generations committed to 100% sustainable viticulture and the crafting of wonderful wines.

Wed, April 22, 6-7pm: Intro to Yoga Class. Try Hatha yoga in a friendly, safe environment, geared to your pace, and see how you like it. Hatha Yoga emphasizes therapeutic movement and meditation. With instructor Nicholas Rico. Free. RSVP: <http://www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com> or sign up at the Solutions Counter in the store.

Fri, April 24, 5-7pm: Complimentary Wine Tastings & Cheese Pairing featuring Compass Wines - rare wines of Washington State, and Dreyer Wine Co. Solitude Chardonnay.

Sun, April 26, 12-3pm: Grilled Cheese Showdown. Our employees who made it into the semi-finals will offer samples of award-winning grilled cheese recipes featuring Wisconsin Cheese. Sample and vote for your favorite. Free.

Fri, May 1, 5-7pm: Complimentary Wine Tastings & Cheese Pairing featuring bold, sophisticated wines of Gnarly Head Wines named for the old vines in their vineyard pruned in a mop-topped way.

Tues, May 5, 3-7pm: Mother's Day Gifts Extravaganza. Enjoy delicious brunch samples, chocolates, and sparkling wine as you explore many tables of Mother's Day Gift items including Gift Baskets, Bags, Body Care, Jewelry, and more. Free.

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May 1

Mark your calendars for Silicon Valley Career Technical Education's (SVCTE) **11th Annual Custom and Classic Car Show**, benefiting SVCTE's SkillsUSA Club on May 1, from 5-8:30 p.m., at 760 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose.

A \$20 tax deductible donation in the form of a fee is all it takes to exhibit a custom, classic or vintage car, truck, motorcycle or bicycle in the SVCTE's auto show. Exhibitors will also receive one free meal. Pre-registration is not available. Exhibitors pay at the gate on the night of the event.

More than 1,000 spectators attend the annual event each year and this year SVCTE hopes to top more than 300 entries. All proceeds go directly to support students competing in annual SkillsUSA regional, state, and national competitions.

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Times **Feature****You're invited to the Friends of the Library's Book Sale**

On Saturday, April 25th, you are invited to **The Friends of the Evergreen Branch Library's Spring Book Sale**, which will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

Choose from thousands of gently used books and media for kids, teens and adults at great prices. Proceeds from this book sale will help support programs at the Evergreen Library. For more information, please contact us by phone (408-808-3060) or e-mail ev.sjpl@sjli-brary.org.

Parents and grandparents, did you know you can help your little ones become great readers starting from birth? Research shows that sharing books, conversations, and songs with young children builds their language skills, contributes to their healthy development, gives them the skills they need to succeed in school, and helps them learn to love reading.

San José Public Library challenges you to share 1,000 books with your child before starting Kindergarten. Reading 1,000 books is easier than you think. 3 books a day for 1 year = 1,095 books or 1 book a day for 3 years = 1,095 books.

Register for **1,000 Books before Kindergarten** at your nearest San Jose Public Library. Once you register, you'll receive a reading log where you can track your reading. Every time you share a book with your child, write the title down in your log. Each time you read 100 books, take your log to the library to get a progress sticker. When you reach 1,000 books, you'll receive a Kindergarten School Supply Kit and the option to add your child's name to our 1,000 Books Wall of Fame.

Ways to share a book:

- Read together
- Talk about the pictures in a book
- Read the same book over and over
- Let your baby play with a book while you talk to him
- Attend a library Storytime

At the Evergreen Branch Library, we offer several storytimes during the week so you'll be able to find one that is perfect for you and your child. Our two morning storytimes are tailored to the developmental needs of specific age groups. On Tuesdays at 11:30

a.m., we have **Preschool Storytime** for children ages 3-5, and on Thursdays, we have our Toddler Storytime at 11:30 a.m. for little ones ages 0-3. Wednesday evening is our **Family Storytime** at 6:30 p.m.

Besides sharing books, play is another important way that children learn. Through play, children gain important physical, cognitive, language and social skills. We are hosting two special programs to promote playtime at the library this April, which is Month of the Young Child.

On Monday, April 27th at 10:30 a.m., join us for a **Wee Play Date**. Enjoy fun activities with your children, meet other families, and watch as your children learn through the power of play. Activities will be directed at children 5 years and younger, but all families are welcome to play!

On Wednesday, April 29th at 6:30 p.m., we'll have **Rainbow Stories and Sensory Play**. Enjoy a story about rainbows and learn about these beautiful arcs of color. Following the story, children will take part in a rainbow activity with water beads. Water beads are a unique sensory play activity that will help children develop sorting, counting, and color identification skills. For ages 3 and up.

Additional Events

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

Parking

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

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



Off the Shelf
Amanda Choi
Librarian



Chaboya Red Team members competing at the 2015 on April 18 include: **Aarushi Mohan, Andrew Nazareth, Anish Parmar, Annika Iyengar, Akshay Venkatesa, Ishaan Nandwani, Kavya Kotha, Megana Arunarthi, Nidhir Guggilla, Nikita Salunke, Pranav Pusarla, Reva Prabhune, Ria Dutta, Saketh Rao and Santosh Lakshman.**

Chaboya Middle School Team advances to Norcal Science Olympiad state finals

A team of 15 students will represent the Chaboya Middle School in 2015 Science Olympiad State Finals at Turlock, CA on April 18th. This is the first time a team from Chaboya and the Evergreen School District has reached the finals.

At the Northern California Regional Finals, held on March 14th 2015, at San Jose City College, three Chaboya Science Olympiad teams won a total of 11 medals for various events including Bio-Process Lab,

Crime Busters, Fossils, Green Generation, Simple Machines, Bridge Building, Can't Judge a power, Experimental Design, Write-it-do-It, Experimental Design and Fossils

Chaboya parents, Sathyan Iyengar, Rashmi Kiran and Chandrasekhar Pusarla coordinated the event and efforts of parents to work hard behind the scenes in supporting, coaching and helping kids prepare & participate well.

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Times News Briefs

Cortese embraces water desalination technology

By Bill Bellou
Publisher

The president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, Dave Cortese, says the county should start looking at desalination technology; the process of removing salt from sea water to make drinking water.

"Cities and counties should seriously consider using desalination to supply desperately needed drinking water," said Cortese. "We can't get to a situation where people can't turn tap water on in their homes," he said.

It's a potentially controversial idea. Some environmentalists have expressed concern saying desalination can harm marine life due to the deterioration of water intake pipes and the possible discharge of wastewater. Desalination plants also require a huge amount of power to operate efficiently. However, given the current drought and with no recharge in sight for the already taxed and damaged water table, the bay should be considered an alternative source to be tapped said Cortese.

"It's not the kind of solution that we can wait any longer, because it's not an immediate fix," Cortese said. "I don't want to get to another low snow winter and find out we should have been working on this, when people aren't getting water in their homes."

The supervisor claimed a desalina-

tion plant could generate 10 percent of the region's water supply. Governor Brown has recently mandated a 25 percent cut to water use.

"There have been a lot of good ideas out there," he said, "but not a lot of action to date." Cortese said he plans to bring the matter to a committee meeting sometime this month. Cortese added there may be a way to bring a floating plant to the bay, which would meet more immediate needs than constructing a permanent facility.

In early 2004, the Santa Clara Valley Water District and other Bay Area agencies announced the findings of a study that concluded such a treatment plant is feasible.

McHarris selected as new San Jose planning official

Harry Freitas, Director of the Planning, Building & Code Enforcement Department, announced today that he has selected Steve McHarris to serve as the department's new Planning Official.

McHarris will head the Planning Division, staffed by approximately 45 planners and support staff who work on San José's long-term planning projects, associated ordinances, and review zoning, development, and building project proposals.

McHarris has overseen award-winning planning projects and brings deep experience in guiding teams on the complexities of mixed-use, transit-oriented developments, planning for a BART station, and managing

capital and operating budgets. "Importantly, for our organization and community, Steve has also demonstrated that his leadership begins with positive employee relations and successful community engagement," said Freitas.

Steve holds a B.S. from California Polytechnic State University-Pomona and a Masters in Public Administration from Cal State Fullerton. He is a registered planner with the American Institute of Certified Planners.

Assistance League and Bloomsters collaborate to hold 'Floral Fantasy'

Kren Rasmussen of Bloomsters will demonstrate his unique and creative flower arrangement techniques at Assistance League of San Jose's bi-annual Floral Fantasy fundraiser.

The fundraiser is Assistance League's major event of the year. Funds raised are used to perform much needed services for children and senior citizens in the community.

An elegant Champaign Brunch will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the scenic Cinnabar Hills Golf Club. Admission tickets for the Brunch and floral demonstration can be purchased by going to the organization's website www.alsj.org. Regular admission is \$75. Packaged options are also available. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 9th. Donations in excess of \$30

per person are tax deductible.

Kren and Assistance League of San Jose are collaborating to make this event an elegant and majestic gala for everyone attending. All of Kren's arrangements will be raffled off at the end of his demonstration along with quilts donated by Karen Traiger, premier quilt maker.

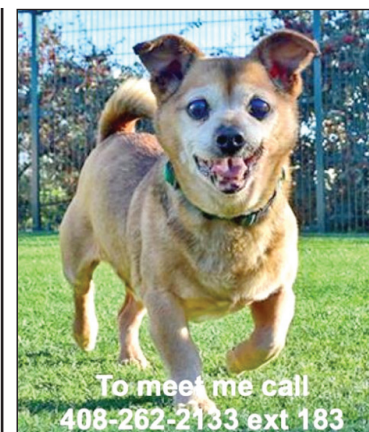
Ainsley House to present 'Our Changing Climate'

The Ainsley House has announced the "History Happy Hour" lecture series will host Dr. Eugene Cordero, a SJSU professor and climate scientist who will discuss "Our Changing Climate," on April 24 at 5:30 pm.

The discussion is expected to be lively with an intimate venue to explore how and why the climate is changing and what we can do to help. History Happy Hour is a great place to meet new people and learn something new! Programs are held each month February through October from 5:30-7:30pm.

Registration is required as seating is limited (36 people max). \$15/person admission price will include: snacks and wine and a walk through the historic Ainsley House. Please note that these programs will be for ages 21 and over.

Registration can be taken online at: www.cityofcampbell.com/museum, at the Campbell Recreation Office (1 W. Campbell Ave Rm C-31, 95008), or by phone at (408) 866-2104.



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Humane Society of Silicon Valley wins 'Shorty Award'

The Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) has won "Shorty Award" with their Eddie the Terrible outreach and successful adoption story in the "Best Social Good Campaign" category. Up against heavy hitter finalists like UNICEF, American Red Cross, and AT&T, HSSV's in-house plucky Marketing team could not be more excited to be honored for the lifesaving work they do.

This win is made possible by the amazing collaborative efforts between the in-house Marketing, Adoptions, Foster, and Behavior and Training teams, as well as volunteer help. Eddie the Terrible is a small, two-year-old tan Chihuahua that, at the time, was having a hard time finding a family after over fifteen months in HSSV's care.

The teams knew something rather extreme needed to take place. The "Eddie the Terrible" campaign launched with a brutally honest and humorous blog post included a satirical press release, social media posts, and videos showcasing Eddie's 'terribleness.' Financially supported only by \$45 in Facebook Boosts, his story garnered national attention after HuffingtonPost.com took notice. From there, the story grew legs and took on a life of its own with features on ABC's "Good Morning America," "Inside Edition," and SiriusXM's "Jay Thomas Show," just to name a few.

"This campaign highlights the unique approach HSSV takes in marketing our organization and the animals in our care, as well as the programs and services we provide the community," says HSSV president Carol Novello. "This win solidifies HSSV as a trend setter in the animal welfare industry, embracing the paradigm shift towards less barriers and debunking the age old myth of animals in shelters being broken, beaten down and not worthy of a second chance."

Humane Society Silicon Valley is a privately funded, non-profit organization with an Animal Community Center in Milpitas, and three Neighborhood Adoptions Centers in West San Jose Petco, Sunnyvale Petco, and Mountain View PetSmart. They have been connecting people and pets in the Silicon Valley community for over 80 years.

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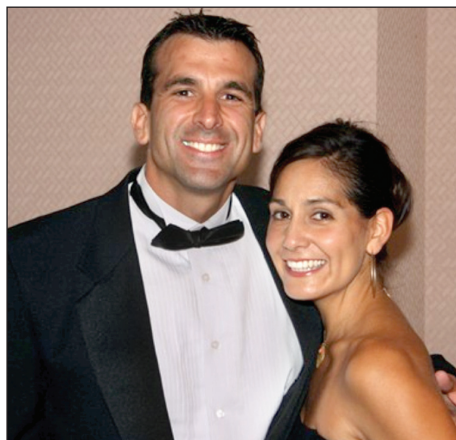
Mayor Sam Liccardo featured speaker at Republican Club event at the Villages

The Republican Club at the Villages Golf and Country Club announced that San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo will be the featured speaker at its April 23rd 5:30 pm dinner meeting at the Villages Clubhouse.

Prior to becoming Mayor, Sam represented the third district on the City Council, where he focused on improving public safety, revitalizing the downtown, expanding affordable housing, and making San Jose an environmental leader.

Liccardo served in the Santa Clara County District Attorney's Office as a prosecutor of sexual assault and child exploitation crimes and as a federal prosecutor. His work in the community includes teaching political science at San Jose State University, serving on the boards of several affordable housing organizations and advocating for two successful countrywide transit ballot measures responsible for bringing BART to San Jose.

Sam and his wife, Jessica, live in Downtown's Northside, which boasts San Jose's oldest neighborhood association.



Mayor Sam Liccardo with wife Jessica

Sam and Jessica live a block from where Jessica grew up, and a dozen blocks from the neighborhood grocery store that Sam's paternal grandparents operated in the 1940's and 50's. On his mother's side, Sam's ancestors were among the first Mexican settlers in the Bay Area, while his maternal grandmother emigrated from Ireland.

After graduating from Bellarmine College Prep, Sam attended Georgetown University. He was captain of the Georgetown heavyweight crew, and graduated magna cum laude in 1991. Sam then enrolled at Harvard Law School and the Kennedy School of Government, graduating with a law degree and a master's degree in public policy.



'Brigadoon' keeps audiences enchanted from beginning to end

Shown here are the cast members of "Brigadoon, lyrics by Alan Jay Lerner and music by Frederick Loewe, the production of the Villages Amateur Theatre (VAT) as they take their well-deserved curtain call, following their enchanting and wonderful performance in the Cribari Auditorium at the Villages Golf and Country Club on Friday evening, March 7. Leading roles were played by Nancy Miller (Fiona MacLaren) and Larry Miller (Tommy Albright) and they are center stage here on the curtain call. The Music and Artistic Director for the production was Larry Miller. Producer was Bill Rodman. Stage and Technical Director was Tom Carson. Piano Accompanist was Mike Rosenblatt. Stage Manager: Kathy Thompson.

Choreographers: Marion Logie; Ellen Lovell. Set: Jim Grove; Reine Fedor; Kay Roggenbuck. Kilts and Scottish Accessories: Ina and David Baxter; Christy Reid; Johnathan and Ellen Lovell; Marion and Jim Logie. Costumes: Ina Baxter; Nancy Carson; Pam Casey; Nancy Keane.

Audio/Microphones/Lighting: Mary Little; Denis Zeri. Photo/Caption by Thom Harney

President of Empire Broadcasting Corp. speaks to Villages Democratic Club

Robert S. Kieve, President, Empire Broadcasting Corporation, is shown here speaking to the members and guests of the Villages Democratic Club at the Foothill center on Tuesday, April 7.

Kieve told his enthusiastic audience of his special experiences when he was a special assistant and staff writer for President Dwight David Eisenhower. Kieve has been the president of Empire Broadcasting Corporation since 1967 and is a regular commentator on Empire Broadcasting Corporation's radio stations: KLIV, KRTY, and KARA. Photo/Caption by Thom Harney



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Creativity

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The Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program whose mission is to provide creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Through solving open-ended problems, students develop creative-thinking skills that can be applied to real-life situations.

Teams from throughout the U.S. and more than 20 other countries participate in the program. Odyssey of the Mind competition combines theatre and problem solving with a creative twist. Students with talents in many areas find a unique opportunity to showcase their gifts in script writing, costume creation, music, dance, visual arts, props and scenery construction, engineering, problem solving, leadership, and critical thinking.

The Ranatra Fusca Award, named after a uniquely propelling water strider insect, promotes and recognizes exceptional creativity. This award represents the essence of the Odyssey of the Mind program. It serves as an incentive for risk-taking and out-of-the-box thinking.

The team, Speedious Ravenous Smilodons, has actively participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competitions for 5 consecutive years, since being founded at the James Smith Elementary School. The students are currently enrolled at various local schools: Valmic Mukund and Jashan Pabla at Chaboya Middle School; Rishab Yeddula at Valley Christian Junior High; Arnav Bhau and Samrit Mathur at Basis Independent School. The team worked hard for over six months to put together an eight minute performance for the competition.

The team's problem specification was to design, build and operate one or more vehicles that travel on tracks and make stops at different stations without touching the floor. While traveling between stations, the vehicles had to overcome several obstacles such as moving uphill, and towing something.

The team's unique story included a computer virus downloaded on to a cyborg monkey, where it transforms into a real virus which then infects an entire forest of monkeys and the whole world. But lo and behold, it turns out to be a benevolent strain of virus which makes the infected subjects happy. Their props included working models of cyborg monkey which was one of their trains, carrying cells, viruses, bacteria and other pathogens as its passengers.

Evergreen Elementary teams compete

Six teams from Evergreen Elementary participated in the Silicon Valley Regional competition on February 28. Two teams participated in the Primary Division, which is non-competitive. The remaining four teams participated in Division I and II, which are judged competitively.

The four Evergreen Valley student teams won first and second place at the Silicon Valley Regional competition in their respective problem areas, and moved on to participate at the California State competition. Of the four Evergreen Elementary teams, one team won the Second place and will be travelling to University of Michigan to compete in the World Finals.

"This is a great achievement for the children, the coaches, the parents and the schools, given that this is only the second year that Evergreen Elementary has participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition," said parent volunteer Madhavi Gupta.

The four winning teams travelled to UC Riverside to compete in the California state level competition on March 28th, 2015. There were fifteen teams in each problem area with teams from all the regions in California coming together to select the state champions that will go to compete in the World Finals.

Two additional Evergreen Elementary teams had honorable mention as they were placed within the top six teams in the state. The winning team, Tech Band-Its, is now preparing to meet teams from all over the world on a problem titled 'Experiencing Technical Difficulties' where they build rubber band powered devices and tell an engaging story which combines creativity, problem solving and dramatic presentation.

James Franklin students win Style award

Evergreen public School James Franklin students won 1st place for "Style" and 3rd place overall at California State Tournament.

The Evergreen team, Fairytale Expressway, won the first place for their artistic props, and theatrical performance. The team earlier won first place at the Silicon Valley Regional Tournament held in San Jose on February 28. The team is comprised of Srushti Roy, Esha Wanzakhade, Reya Yeddula, Aayuash Vemuri, Megan Do.

The Fairytale Expressway team worked hard for over six months to put together an eight minute performance for the competition under the dedicated Evergreen parent coach, Sanjay Wanzakhade and Sumit Roy. The Team worked under the guidance of dedicated Evergreen Parent coaches Sujana Mukund, Shridhar Mukund and Pratap Yeddula.



Above: (Top to bottom) Diamond Entertainers: Vibha Kashyap, Atchuthan Rangarajan, Natasha Joshi, Kabir Rakshe, Mihir Garg, and Vaishali Jha. Star Tech: Preeti Nalluru, Advait Pathi, Ketan Sivarapu, Tejas Singh, Iha Rastogi, Neil Billimoria and Sourish Saswade. Speedious Ravenous Smilodons: Rishab Yeddula, Arnav Bhau, Samrit Mathur, Jashan Pabla, and Valmic Mukund. Fairytale Expressway: Reya Yeddula, Megan Do, Aayuash Vemuri, Ashwith Mathur, Srushti Roy, and Esha Wanzakhade.

Times News Briefs

Silicon Valley traffic more congested

Is Silicon Valley traffic better or getting worse? A new survey says Silicon Valley traffic is bad and getting more congested. San Jose now ranks as the sixth most congested American city in the "Tom Tom Traffic Index," with a 30 percent congestion level. That means our roads are considered "congested" for 30 percent of the day. But by comparison, Los Angeles and San Francisco are the two most congested U.S. cities with 39 and 34 percent congestions. The TomTom Index provides the general public, industry and policy makers with unique and unbiased information about congestion levels in urban areas.

How to protect children during a measles outbreak

A measles outbreak that began in late 2014 in California has since spread to multiple states. Most of those who have gotten sick from this highly infectious disease were not vaccinated against measles.

Experts are calling the current outbreak an important reminder to vaccinate children fully against the disease.

"Vaccines are one of the most important ways parents can protect their children from measles and other diseases," says Sandra Hassink, MD, FAAP, president of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). "The measles vaccine is safe, necessary and effective."

The AAP is offering some fast facts about measles and the measles vaccine.

- Measles is a highly contagious respiratory disease that spreads easily through the air or on infected surfaces. It causes rash, high fever, cough, runny nose and red watery eyes. In rare cases it can cause encephalitis that can lead to deafness or mental retardation. Of every 1,000 people who get measles, one or two will die.

- The AAP, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the American Academy of Family Physicians all recommend children receive the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine at age 12-15 months, and again at four to six years old.

- It's best to protect children with MMR vaccine as soon as they are old enough to receive it. Delaying vaccination leaves children vulnerable to measles for a longer period of time. Vaccinating on time also protects other children in the community, including infants younger than 12 months who cannot be vaccinated and are most susceptible to serious illness, hospitalization and death due to measles.

- Getting the measles vaccine is

much safer than getting the measles infection. Like any medicine, the vaccine is capable of causing side effects but usually these are mild, such as pain or swelling at the injection site and a fever that lasts a day or two. The risk of the measles vaccine causing serious harm is extremely small.

- If you are not sure if you or your children have been fully vaccinated against measles, talk with your doctor to see if anyone in your family needs to be vaccinated. There is no risk in receiving the measles vaccine if you have been immunized before. Your pediatrician is your best source of advice on vaccinations.

More information about the measles and the measles vaccine can be found by talking with your pediatrician and by visiting www.healthychildren.org.

When it comes to your children's health, take control when and where you can. Experts agree that a great place to start is by ensuring your children receive the measles vaccine, as

well as the full range of vaccines recommended by your pediatrician.

—StatePoint

Homeowners rally against fireplace retrofit proposal

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

Under the proposal, a home with a wood-burning fireplace could not be sold or rented until the fireplace is replaced with an EPA-approved option such as natural gas or electricity. The other alternative would be making the fireplace inoperable.

Homeowners would incur the cost of replacing the fireplace or making it inoperable. Retrofit costs homeowners several thousands of dollars,



depending on the home and the type of fireplace that is installed and the complexity of the retrofit.

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

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

Many of the nearly 100 people who attended a public meeting about the proposed ordinance in Morgan Hill late last month expressed their concern. Some said they don't even use their wood-burning fireplace but that they would still like to have the option to use it.

Others were shocked to learn that their EPA-approved fireplace would no longer be approved and that they would have to retrofit with a device that meets the higher EPA standard. Still, others expressed their discontent at having to pay a fee to register their wood-burning device.

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

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Evergreen Area Meetings

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District 8 Community Roundtable (D8CRT)
The District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) meets the first Thursday of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Community Room in the new Evergreen Branch Library on Aborn Road. <http://d8crt.org>

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

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

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

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

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVERMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and

pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

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

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee
The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2011-12 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club
Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 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 chhprahiy@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
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Falls Creek Neighborhood Association
Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior

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

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

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

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant,

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

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

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

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.

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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 baramocshesney@sbcglobal.net

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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6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Michele Rogers Brigham
408 268-0243
www.AlmadenCongregational.org
We are a welcoming Church engaged in progressive approach to faith, worship and giving to our local community. We are proud to be UCC, Open and affirming (O&A) and welcome members of the LGBT community. We support local Invision Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty.
Worship 9:00AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM Sundays.
1st Sundays in Worship: Holy Communion
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VBS: June 22nd – 26th (5:45-8:30pm) & Sports Camp: July 20th – 26th (9am -12:30pm) For more details or to register please visit our website
Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Patrick Boyd, Children's Ministry Director – Julie Garcia, Celebrate Recovery Leader – Anne Friend
We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail info@eastvalleychurch.com
We are associated with Converge Worldwide www.convergeworldwide.org

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

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

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We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STAT-IC); Scripture Study (day &

evening); Senior's Group and many other adult ministries as well. Saint Anthony parish is located in Almaden Valley at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+(408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchstanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

5111 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135
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www.stfrancisofassisi-preschool.org
We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star - Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass
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Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)
Sunday 8:15 AM
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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