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## Benioff Children's Hospital

## WOOLY WARMTH

Mythri Ambatipudi, founder of Woolly Warmth of Evergreen Valley presents knitted and crocheted warm clothing to Ashley Goliti, Community Services Liaison for UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. Inset: Ying Yue is one of the many volunteers that crochet clothing items for newborns through the Woolly Warmth organization in Evergreen Valley. Yue, an Evergreen Community Center Volunteer is pictured here with founder Ambatipudi.

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## Silicon Valley Patent Trademark Office opens at SJ City Hall

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and many dignitaries celebrated the opening of the Silicon Valley Patent Trademark Office (Silicon Valley USPTO) located on the first and second floors of the Wing at San Jose's City Hall on Oct. 15.

Liccardo thanked former Mayor Chuck Reed and the Silicon Valley Leadership group for their leadership in the effort to bring a regional patent trademark office to San Jose. He also acknowledged the City Administration, San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Bay Area Council, San Jose State Univer-



Attending the Silicon Valley Regional Patent Office are former San Jose Mayor **Chuck Reed**, San Jose Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**, Congresswoman **Anna Eshoo** and District 10 Councilmember **Johnny Khamis**.

sity, Work2Future, and several Silicon Valley companies for  
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## Evergreen teen crochets cozy comforts for tiny tots

By William Bellou  
*Publisher*

“A baby is God’s opinion that the world should go on.” This profound statement by the renowned American writer, Carl Sandburg, is the guiding statement of Woolly Warmth, a non-profit organization founded by Evergreen Valley teen Mythri Ambatipudi.

The organization provides beautiful handmade, knitted and crocheted warm clothing, such as caps, socks, sweaters and blankets, to the families of newborns to keep their little ones cozy, com-

fortable and healthy.

Mythri, 15, started Woolly Warmth in 2014 when she began making baby caps for El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, thus becoming the youngest volunteer to be making such contributions. Mythri sought to expand her organization when other local hospitals began accepting contributions. Due to her tireless efforts, Woolly Warmth has now grown to 40 volunteers.

Mythri learned the art of crocheting from her grandmother. During one of Mythri’s visits to India, she saw her grandmother

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Times **Community News****Deadly hit-and-run on White Road**

Inderjeet Sharma, 72, died after getting hit by a pickup truck on North White Road near Florence Avenue at 7:05 a.m. on Oct 13.

Sharma was walking near North White Road when he was struck by a white Ford pickup truck driven by Pedro Cortez Bernal, 29. Sharma was pronounced dead at the scene.

Bernal fled the scene, but later turned himself in to authorities a few hours after the accident. He was arrested on suspicion of felony hit and run.

Persons with information about this incident or the location of the suspect vehicle are urged to dial "911" or contact the San Jose Police Department's Traffic Investigation Unit at 408-277-4654.

**Evergreen's Platinum Group purchased by Coldwell Banker**

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage announced the purchase of Icon Home Loans, Inc. in Evergreen. The firm operates as Coldwell Banker Platinum Group in Evergreen on Oct 21.

Platinum Group, located at 1630 East Capitol Expressway, will now operate under the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage banner.

With the addition of this firm, which has 86 affiliated agents and accounted for \$167 million in sales volume in the last 12 months, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage

strengthens its position as the largest full-service residential real estate company in the Silicon Valley and throughout the Bay Area.

"Coldwell Banker Platinum Group is a successful real estate firm with a strong team of experienced agents whom we are very pleased to welcome to our organization," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in the Bay Area, which is owned and operated by NRT LLC. "This acquisition adds to our already strong position in the marketplace and is part of our strategic growth plan."

Kamran Chitgar, former owner of Coldwell Banker Platinum, said their affiliated sales associates will gain a number of advantages, including greater resources to support buyers and sellers in the market. Chitgar will become an affiliated sales professional with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

"Having the scale and scope of the nation's largest residential brokerage company behind us, greater advertising and marketing support, advanced technological tools, and more networking opportunities, our sales associates will be well positioned to grow their business and improve their services to clients," Chitgar said. "We are pleased to continue under the Coldwell Banker banner."

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage's three existing offices in San Jose are: The San Jose Main office at 1045 Willow Street, phone 408.491.1600; the Almaden office at 1096 Blossom Hill Road, Suite 200, phone 408.448.4488; and the Willow Glen office at 1712 Meridian Avenue, phone 408.723.3300. For more information, please contact the offices directly or visit [www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com](http://www.ColdwellBankerHomes.com).

**Patent Office**

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their valuable contributions.

The process of opening OF Silicon Valley USPTO started in September 2011 when President Barack Obama signed the America Invests Act into law. The \$18 million Silicon Valley USPTO will house over 100 jobs. The City is projected to receive \$22 million in lease revenue over a 20-year period.

"This is a win for Silicon Valley's leading technology companies and early-stage entrepreneurs, who generate more patents than any other region in the country," said Mayor Sam Liccardo. "The USPTO is also a win for downtown San Jose, now the center of technology, hosting communities, industries and innovators from around the region."

Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Carl Guardino said that the regional patent office will be a "boon for start-ups."

The \$18.2 million office also will be "an embassy of innovation," and a two-way exchange of ideas and information, said Michelle K. Lee, undersecretary of commerce for intellectual property and director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Along with its three sister regional offices, it is intended to help reduce the backlog of unexamined patent applications — already reduced 25 percent since its high in 2009, Lee said. The office's goal is for a 20-month turn-around."



Mayor **Sam Liccardo** speaks at the office's opening.



Director **Michelle Lee** of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office said the new Silicon Valley Regional Office will reduce the backlog of unexamined patent applications.

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# Valley Currents

**cur·rent** (adj.) *Present, topical, timely, newsworthy.* (n.) *Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*

## Wizbotics team strive for a greener, cleaner, and zero-trash future

The Wizbotics are a Silicon Valley based Robotics Team set to compete in the 2015 First Lego League (FLL) Season. FLL is a robotics program designed to get 9- to 14-year olds excited about engineering and technology, and is co-sponsored by the Lego Group and FIRST.

The Wizbotics - Shyna Ballal, Sohan Chunduru, Arnav Jhingran and Madison Tong, all of Silver Creek Valley, have been preparing diligently, since August, to compete in this prestigious tournament.

The FLL Competition has three parts: the Robot Game, Project, and Core Values. The project topic for the 2015 season is Trash Trek, which challenges kids to address the growing problem of trash. From collection, to sorting, to smart production and reuse, there is more to your trash than meets the eye, and FLL is asking children to find real world solutions to this growing problem.

For their project, the Wizbotics decided to address the issue of reusing and recycling cardboard boxes. With the huge growth in online shopping there has been a sharp rise in the amount of cardboard, which is trashed.

More than 90 percent of all products are shipped in corrugated boxes, which amounts to over 400 billion square feet of cardboard.

Cardboard makes up over 41 percent MSW (Municipal Solid Waste). Though cardboard is



Left to right: Wizbotics members Sohan Chunduru, Arnie Jhingran, Shyna Ballal, and Madie Tong.

widely used, it is harder to recycle than plastic. To recycle 1 ton of cardboard, it takes 390 kWh of electricity, 46 gallons of oil, 6.6 million watts of energy, and 9 cubic yards of landfill space. 15 percent of landfills are made up of cardboard waste. It takes approximately 50 times more water to recycle cardboard than it does to recycle plastic! Reusing cardboard would be a better solution.

The Wizbotics invented an innovative solution to reuse cardboard boxes. They have proposed a product called 'Vend-a-Box'. Vend-a-

Box is a vending machine, which will be installed by online vendors at their brick and mortar locations. The e-retailers would include Macy's, Walmart, Target, Pottery Barn etc. Amazon could conveniently use Vend-a-Box at their Amazon Locker locations.

Customers will deposit empty cardboard boxes into a vendor-specific Vend-a-Box to accumulate points. These points can later be redeemed for purchasing products or free shipping from the vendor. The boxes would be collected by the vendor and reused.

Vendors and customers would all play an active role in reusing cardboard, thereby helping the environment.

The Wizbotics met with waste management experts, and vendors, to come up with this remarkable idea, to help San Jose become a zero waste city. They have also done their share of community service by shredding cardboard which cannot be reused and donating it to pet shelters. Shredded cardboard makes a very comfortable bed for animals, before they are recycled.

If you would like to support and follow the Wizbotics, you can watch them competing at the Northern California Regional Tournament on Sunday November 15 from 10 a.m. to 30 p.m. at The PlaySpace, 2215 Oakland Rd, San Jose.

## Evergreen fundraiser raises funds for non-profit organization

By Sunay Sanghani  
*Special to the Times*

Sanjana Sanghani recently organized a successful musical fundraiser in Evergreen.

Sanjana, accompanied by her cousin, Dr. Saavani Divatia-Shah and her classmate, Shraddha Pandey, sang popular Hindi songs and captivated an audience of about 120 invitees. Sanjana was able to raise \$1500 to be donated to a non-profit organization, NASEOH, her favorite non-profit group.

NASEOH (National Society for Equal Opportunities for the Handicapped) is a charitable trust in India, which works to assess, treat, and educate children who are developmentally delayed. Their team of qualified medical professionals helps more than 180 kids, providing free classes to train

and educate the special needs kids.

Sanjana has been volunteering at this organization for three years. Taking time out from her busy school years, she frequently travels back to India to work with the kids at NASEOH. During her last visit, while helping a therapist, Sanjana observed that the therapist used music during the therapy sessions. "It was a gratifying experience for me to watch the positive response of the kids to the music," said Sanjana. "That was when the idea about using my talent to raise money to help the kids came about into my mind," she said. She had been planning the fundraiser since her last visit to the institute. Sanjana and her team worked hard through the summer, to bring the impressive show together.

For Sanjana, music has always been an essential part of her life.



She has been training in music since she was three years old. She is a member of her school choir and has received numerous awards for her singing talent. Recently, Sanjana participated in the Bay Area Teen Idol competition where she was selected as a finalist by the

"It was a gratifying experience for me to watch the positive response of the kids to the music," said Sanjana.

judges. She has received appreciation from all of her friends and family for her melodious voice. "I am so glad I could help NASEOH and the kids," said Sanjana. "I hope I can do something like this again and use my talent to give back to the community."

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Times **Local News**

The children had fun flaunting their costumes at the costume contest. *Photos by Pari Pham*

## First annual 'Fall Festival' at J.F. Smith School brings community together

By Bobi Thai

*Special to the Times*

The community recently gathered at J.F. Smith Elementary School yard to enjoy all kinds of Fall fun at the school's Annual Fall Festival.

This first time event was organized by the school's PTA team and volunteers, Sonia Fanelli and Vanessa Retuta, who worked tirelessly to bring this family engaging event to the school.

The field area was transformed into a pumpkin patch, cars were decorated for 'Trunk or Treat,' and there was even a petting zoo set up where the children had an opportunity to hang out with small animals.

The children had fun flaunting their costumes at the costume contest, proudly showcasing their carved pumpkins at pumpkin carving contest, getting down and messy at the doughnut eating contest. They also enjoyed being spooked by the volunteers at the "Trunk or Treats," and playing all the fall-themed games the school's PTA vol-



unteers prepared.

Families donated baked and purchased goodies for the bake sale which was a huge hit! The baked goods sale were just crowded with families wanting a bite of these goodies and didn't quiet down until everything was almost gone.

A special treat this year was the firefighters at Fire Station 24 who came to the event with their firetrucks to give quick tours of the fire trucks and provided photo opportunities to the families.



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## Times Local News

# Preparing for El Niño with lessons learned from the last big storm

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

*Special to the Times*

It seems almost unbelievable that in the middle of the worst drought in memory we are talking about preparing for heavy rains. The latest forecast from the National Weather Service predicts that this year San Jose has a strong chance of experiencing a very wet winter storm resulting from the global weather pattern known as El Niño. This means that our city will most likely be hit with heavier than normal rainfall. Stuck in the middle of a historic drought, our city's chances of flooding, or becoming hazardous are increased as well. With this in mind, city staff has been deeply engaged in comprehensive storm planning and preparation efforts to mitigate the impacts of a potentially severe storm season on the community. San Jose has applied the lessons learned from the last severe El Nino event in the 80's and is better prepared to cope with a once in a 100 years (or worse) storm event. The city has been coordinating with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the County, the State, the Federal government, and many other agencies to prepare for the coming rainy season and secure an emergency response plan. In particular the city and the county are working on building capacity for temporary shelters to house homeless individuals living outdoors. There are also many things you can do as residents to prepare your home and family for the coming weather.

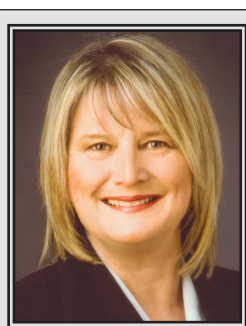
**Preparing for the storm**

The city and our partners have been work-

ing for years to prepare for heavy rainfalls. Since the 1980s the Water District has invested over one billion dollars in storm mitigation infrastructure. This is on top of recent activity by the City and partners to clear out natural and manmade waterways of debris and plant matter, a major cause of flooding in the midst of a drought. The 34,000 storm drain inlets are in the process of being cleaned out of all debris, and are expected to be ready to handle a majority of the coming rainfall. The 26 pump stations that keep water flowing through the system have been inspected and were all found to be in working order. Staff will inspect them again following the first rainfall. Our Department of Transportation, in tandem with the Water District, has been procuring sandbags to be stored throughout the city to enable quick deployment to needed locations.

**Preparing for a worst case scenario**

In addition to the considerable time and effort spent preparing for the more likely storm scenarios, the city has devised a contingency plan to respond the possibility of an unexpected once in a 1,000 year event. To help create the plan the City coordinated with the National Weather Service local office and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers along with other local partners. In case of



## District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera  
City Councilmember

flooding our Department of Transportation is ready to either divert water or divert traffic, reducing the chances of residents getting hurt or having their property damaged. The department has also secured additional portable water pumps that can quickly be deployed to prevent flooding in more flood prone areas like Alviso.

As for our local partners, PG&E now has their own separate department, solely dedicated to emergency situations. With a high potential for downed trees this year, PG&E is ready to help the city and their partners remain in contact while assisting crucial first response efforts in the event of an emergency. To compliment this, the city has increased their contractual capacity to deal with downed trees within the Department of Transportation.

**What can you do?**

I would also like to encourage all residents to take some time before the rainy season starts to make sure you and your family are prepared for coming winter storms. Checking on trees, clearing gutters, and applying mulch where appropriate to prevent erosion can help minimize standing water.

Disaster preparedness is important for many different potential events including earthquakes. Before the earthquake or dis-

aster strikes is always the best time to ensure that you have 3 days' worth of supplies for everyone in your residence, with special attention to adequate food and water. Emergency preparedness kits can be very helpful as well. Instructions on how to build a kit, along with many other resources can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov). You can also sign up for AlertSCC.com or follow the City on twitter at @SanJoseInfo. The AlertSCC system will give users messages when hazardous conditions present themselves throughout the City and will help you stay in safe areas. The following radio stations will be broadcasting information in the event of an emergency as well:

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KSOL - FM 98.9 (Spanish)  
KSJX - AM 1500 (Vietnamese)

The city has set up a webpage at [www.SanJoseCA.gov/EINino](http://www.SanJoseCA.gov/EINino) dedicated to providing resources and information concerning El Niño to the community at large. Here you can find a link to the full staff report on El Niño preparation, AlertSCC, ready.gov, and State and Federal resources.

Should you have any more questions please feel free to contact my office at (408) 535 4908 or email me at [distrct8@sanjose-ca.gov](mailto:distrct8@sanjose-ca.gov).

## SEEING STARS

## Montgomery Hill Observatory to host free public astronomy talk

Montgomery Hill Observatory, located at Evergreen Valley College, hosts a free public Astronomy talk and free public stargazing on the first Friday of each month. Monthly Astronomy talks are presented on interesting Astronomy topics such as Mayan Astronomy, Interpretation of Eclipses in Ancient Babylon, and Jupiter's Moons.

The facility has two observatories, a dome observatory, home of a seven inch refractor telescope and a roll off roof observatory, home of 14 inch SC telescope. They also have many other telescopes which are available to public use during each stargazing event.

Hundreds of people from Evergreen and the surrounding area participate in the stargazing event every month, enjoying the observatory's telescopes and several portable telescopes set up outside the observatory buildings.

A first time visitor to the observatory, Warda Ali expressed her stargazing experience, "The star gazing event at the Montgomery Hill Observatory was quite literally a childhood dream of mine. When I heard there was a public event at the Observatory, I could hardly contain myself! We saw Saturn's rings in

sharp relief, Jupiter and its four moons, and the twinkling Venus. Seeing our own Moon, though, humbled me beyond belief."

The host of the public stargazing events, Dr. Celso Batalha, is the Physics and Astronomy professor at Evergreen Valley College. Dr. Batalha said that science is always in the process of finding new things because it is fed by human curiosity, and nobody is more curious than a child. "We are investing a big deal of time promoting programs that attend children in different age groups," said Batalha.

The Evergreen Valley College's Astronomy Public Outreach Program frequently offers free interactive Astronomy workshops, such as "Lunar Geology" for Middle School students and "The Moon's Cycles" for High School students.

The Public Outreach Program's plan is to start a free interactive Astronomy workshop for preschool kids, in order to create curiosity and develop interest in Astronomy and Science at an early stage of their life.

For information on future public events at the Observatory check out their website at [evc-cit.info/astronews](http://evc-cit.info/astronews) and join the Observatory's Meetup group at <http://www.meetup.com/Starry-Evergreen-at-the-Montgomery-Hill-Observatory>.

## News from the Villages



### 'And Then There Were None' keeps audience spellbound

Shown here are the cast members taking a curtain call following the commanding performance of the Villages Amateur Theatre production of Agatha Christie's "And Then There Were None" at the Cribari Auditorium at the Villages on opening night on Friday, October 23. Performances followed on Saturday, October 24, and Sunday, October 25. Pictured above right are set designer Jim Grove with wife, Kathy.

Talented cast members in order of their appearance were: Jan Day, Geri Zeri, Tom Carson, Larry Miller, Madie Yannaccone, Mary Neill, Doris Adams, Claude Ashen, Sherle Frost, Nick Yannaccone and Pam Casey. The production was made possible by the contributions of Director Tom Carson; Assistant Director Pam Casey; Producer Lori Williams; Stage Manager Kathy Thompson; Microphones and Lighting, Mary Little and Denis Zeri; Sets and Scenery, Jim Grove, Reine Fedor, and Kay Rogenbuck; Costumes, Geri Zeri; Makeup, Sonda Heiser and Diane Stoiber; and Publicity, Tom Stoiber. Photo/Caption by Thom Harney



### Jo-Ann Graham takes bow at Retirement Celebration Cheers Dance

Jo-Ann Graham, Villages Dancing Teacher Emeritus, and Larry Martinson, Cheers President, are shown at left taking the "Million Dollar Dance Step" at Jo-Ann Graham's Retirement Celebration Cheers Dance at the Foothill Center on Monday, October 19. Dancers hit the rhythm at the event. Photo/Caption by Thom Harney





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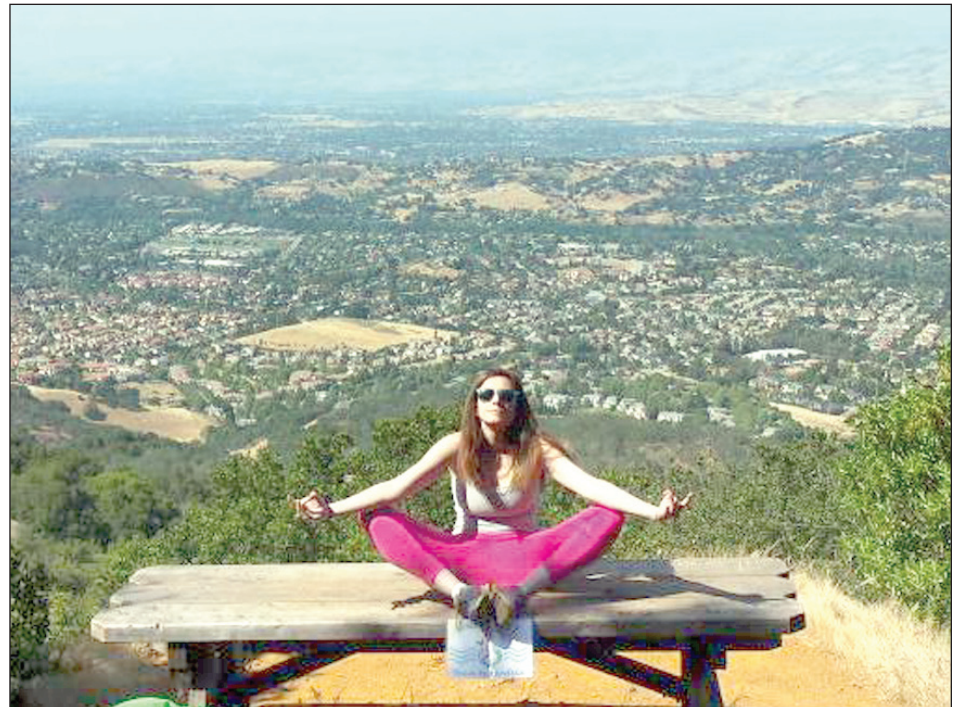
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Teams of two to three people can select adventures based on interests and skill-level to conquer and acquire points during the three-month competition.

## 'Parks for Life Challenge' game returns

The "Parks for Life Challenge" game returns for a third round of the outdoor adventure happening in Santa Clara County Parks. The game runs through December 15. The challenge is free to play. The outdoor social media game incorporates social media with outdoor recreation. With more than 314 teams competing from the previous round, summer participants have and continue to be actively connecting on Facebook and other social sites to exchange pictures and videos to showcase their team's talents and creativity.

Expanding over a 3-month game period, summer teams fulfilled over 11,000 adventures each designed to provide an entertaining activity while featuring the sweeping vistas, miles of beautifully carved trails, historical attractions and the variety of amenities covering the nearly 49,000-acre County Parks system.

"We spent a lot of time outdoors and really enjoyed exploring different areas. I was appreciative of being out in nature with my daughter seeing and experiencing all the different parks, some that I didn't know even existed", stated a summer participant.

The Parks for Life Challenge is designed to encourage people of all ages to experience the benefits of nature and outdoor play at any of the County's 29-pristine parks

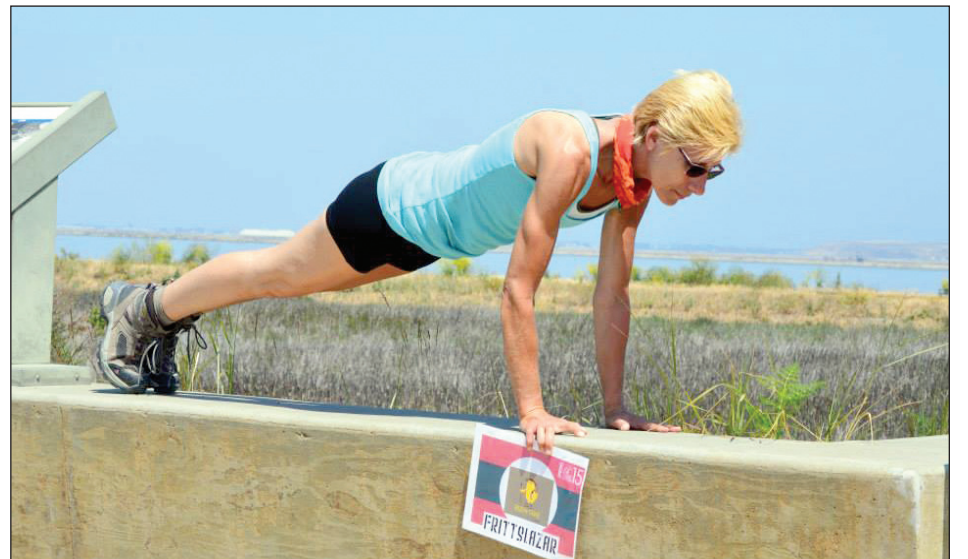
through friendly competition with other participants.

The game is exciting, engaging and simple to play making it ideal for all ages. The Challenge offers over 200 fun-filled adventures for participants to choose from, each valued on a point scale. Teams of two to three people can select adventures based on interests and skill-level to conquer and acquire points during the three-month competition.

Proof of completion is documented by taking photos or videos of team members holding their team flag on location to post on Facebook, Twitter or You Tube. Teams can log-in to compare rankings with other team participants in hopes of landing the grand prize or one of many top-level prizes.

The top 25 teams receive grand prizes that include REI sports gear, a GoPro camera, annual Parks Adventure Pass, Sports Basement gift cards, CineLux movie passes and more. The level of excitement builds from week-to-week because the Parks For Life Challenge game coordinator motivates players with weekly benchmark prizes available to win regardless of your current team standing.

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## Times News Briefs

## Laurelwood Elementary School presents its annual 'Harvest Festival'

Excitement fills the air as Laurelwood Elementary School prepares for the annual Harvest Festival October 30 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Festival involves the entire school community. Parents and families are encouraged and welcome to attend. The Harvest Parade will take place at 1:45 p.m. when grades one to six will show off their creative costumes.

All proceeds from teacher booths and classroom baskets will be distributed equally among all classrooms. There will be food trucks, games, classroom baskets, and more. The food trucks are a very popular venue as parents and children are able to sample several examples of ethnic foods.

Volunteers are needed, so please contact the Laurelwood PTA at: laurelwoodpta2015.2016@gmail.com.

## Happenings at the Evergreen Community Center

Friday, November 13th and Saturday, November 14th, 9:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. both days, will be the annual Holiday Boutique at the center. For the kiddies, Santa will be on hand to greet the children and also will be available for photographs. For the grown-ups there will be a raffle drawing. Come do your early Christmas shopping for specialty gifts and one-of-a-kind items. Ijeoma Eke, Gerontology Specialist says, "This is a special day for families and should be a time of enjoyment for all involved."

On Friday, December 4th, 6-8 p.m., will be the day for "Cookies

With Santa". Be sure to mark this date on your calendars as all ages are welcome. Children ages 2-12 years of age will be charged \$5, and will love decorating their own cookies, sipping hot chocolate, making crafts of all kinds, and getting their face painted. Children under 2 and adults have no admission fee. Please bring your camera for photo opportunities with Santa. Pre-registration is required.

If you are not already a member of the Evergreen Community Center Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services, please take the earliest opportunity to become a member. Memberships offer many opportunities for adults, seniors, and children alike. You will be entertained, enlightened, and they even have lunch for seniors each weekday.

The address is: 4860 San Felipe Road, San Jose, Ca. and the phone number is (408) 270-2220. Hope to see you there!



Robert Farmer

## Suspected cat-napper arrested in San Jose

The suspect involved in several alleged cat thefts in has been arrested. Robert Farmer, 24, of San Jose, was arrested after officers found him sleeping in his car, with a cat's carcass within arm's reach, according to police. He was booked on one count of felony animal cruelty

and other unspecified misdemeanors. A surveillance video was used by investigators to identify Farmer of a cat-napping as well as information from eyewitnesses. All the cats who have gone missing recently were roaming free.

## Clothing donation boxes may not have valid permits

San Jose code enforcement officers are on the lookout for clothing donation boxes that do not have valid permits, and the City does not know how many boxes are suspect.

Two years ago the City Council voted to allow as many as 18 donation boxes in commercial or industrial areas throughout San Jose at any given time, but currently only two boxes in the city have valid permits.

Diane Buchanan, deputy director for the city's code enforcement division, admitted she doesn't know how many boxes are scattered around and whether they're being misused.

In many cases the companies that set up donation boxes have questionable operations and people don't know where the money goes, according to Goodwill Silicon Valley president and CEO Michael Fox. "Some of the money may be leaving the state," he said.

## Water conservation rate maintained

The Santa Clara Valley Water District noted the continued and successful effort of the people of Santa Clara County to save water by 35 percent for the month of August, the third month in a row.

The State Water Resources Control Board said statewide savings for the month of August were 27 percent, exceeding the state mandate of 25 percent.

With more predictions of a strong El Niño, water district officials don't know how much rain and snow will fall on Northern California to elevate the drought, so the water district encourages everyone to continue saving water throughout the winter months.

# Mailbox

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Reader disagrees with abortion article

Editor,

I am in total disagreement with young Aviral Aggarwal in his opinion on abortion in your October 16 Evergreen Times.

Yes it is a very controversial subject in our society, a central subject with all of our presidential candidates. The exposure of Planned Parenthood and the selling of aborted baby parts show how ruthless an organization it is. How can you dice up a baby for certain parts, only to sell them for the so called reason of saving other lives, doesn't make sense.

Planned Parenthood encourages many young women to have abortions. Many of these woman are minorities, Blacks and Latinos make up the very large group. Many of the "other" health related issues are referred to other agencies. Have you noticed that most of Planned Parenthood offices are very close to high schools? This is who they prey on.

"Young women who find themselves pregnant and unprepared" says it all. Women just don't all of a sudden find themselves pregnant. Through lack of morals, education, self-esteem, peer pressure, which also applies for the young man, pregnancy occurs. Remember, we are born with the highest intelligence of all creatures; it doesn't take much thought for a man and woman to refrain from jumping into bed with each other. There are consequences for poor decisions; one is playing Russian roulette to think nothing will happen.

Many young woman and some men carry the effect of abortion all through their life. Really, this is more a man problem. It's the man, many times, who push the woman into the abortion, and it's also family and friends who push the woman into abortion.

Other things to think about: how about all

the infectious, contagious, or inflammatory diseases that occur from multiple partners?

"It is acceptable to have an abortion to stabilize and maintain a normal healthy lifestyle." Another false comment: Many women suffer irreparable damage, physically and emotionally because of abortion. In 2013, Planned Parenthood performed over 300,000 abortions. Out of these 300,000 babies killed just think, maybe the cure for cancer, AIDS, autism and other ailments that affect mankind could have been discovered. We'll never know.

As early as the fourth century of the Christian era, St. Gregory of Nyssa had advocated the view which modern science has confirmed almost to a certainty, namely, that the same life principle quickens the organism from the first moment of its individual existence until its death. Translation: Life occurs at conception.

Why is killing a baby in the womb legal but yet if that same child, thrown in the trash by its mother after birth, is called murder?

Aviral states that "many argue that abortion is taboo because many believe that an unborn baby is an innocent life that should not be taken", wow are you correct on that point!

Just to name a few leaders of our world who have made such a huge contribution to our society and the world. If their fathers and mothers decided on abortion where would society be today?

Mahatma Gandhi - Gujarat, western India, October 2, 1869 - 30 January 1948), he set about organizing peasants, farmers, and urban laborers to protest against excessive land-tax and discrimination. Gandhi led India to independence and inspired movements for civil rights and freedom across the

world.

Albert Einstein was a German-born theoretical physicist. He developed the general theory of relativity, one of the two pillars of modern physics (alongside quantum mechanics). He received the 1921 Nobel Prize in Physics for his "services to theoretical physics", in particular his discovery of the law of the photoelectric effect, a pivotal step in the evolution of quantum theory.

Martin Luther King, Jr. (January 15, 1929 - April 4, 1968) was an American Baptist minister, activist, humanitarian, and leader in the African-American Civil Rights Movement. He is best known for his role in the advancement of civil rights using nonviolent civil disobedience based on his Christian beliefs.

George Washington (February 22, 1732 - December 14, 1799) was the first President of the United States (1789-97), the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army during the American Revolutionary War, and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. He presided over the convention that drafted the current United States Constitution and during his lifetime was called the "father of his country".

Cesar Chavez; March 31, 1927 - April 23, 1993) was an American farm worker, labor leader and civil rights activist. Chavez became the best known Latino American civil rights activist. Co-founded the National Farm Workers Association (later the United Farm Workers union, UFW).

For a better and stronger America, abortion is an evil to a modern society.

Thank goodness, Aviral, that the positive decision and the love your mother and father had for you, allowed you to be born.

E. Lipari



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# THE GORY DAYS



## Disneyland's Haunted Mansion has a strange, shadowy past

By Jeff Baham

*Special to the Times*

For many of us in the Bay Area, a trip down to Disneyland is an annual tradition. Whether it's a summer getaway, a Halloween trick-or-treat party with Mickey, or a magical holiday season, Uncle Walt's original theme park seemingly has something for every-

one – even those folks who might not seem to be of the princess or mouse-eared mindset.

Believe it or not, Disneyland has a dark side – a history shrouded in the mists of time. And round about the Halloween season, fans of the darker realms revel in the result of that storied history – Disneyland's Haunted Mansion.

The Haunted Mansion, ostensibly a ride in a theme park, has taken on an (after?) life of its own since its highly-anticipated debut in August of 1969 – a debut which led to an all-time attendance record of 82,516 guests on August 16 and four hour waits for the ride, despite a capacity of 2,300 guests per hour. "If you've never been, you're really missing out," said David Collier, San Jose resident and owner of ClubHaunt.com, a spookily-themed website about all things scary. "The Haunted Mansion is my favorite ride at the park. It just gets me into the right mood for Halloween. It's also tame enough that some kids will get a kick out of it. Just don't bring your very small children inside – it's still pretty intimidating in the dark."

True enough, yet much less intimidating than what might have been. Although the Haunted Mansion opened in 1969, its planning and design work started in the early 1950s. Originally intended to be a walk-through attraction (similar to San Jose's Winchester Mystery House, which Walt had his representatives visit during the design phase to pick up some mansion-touring tips), the Haunted Mansion would have taken small groups of people through a walking tour of a dank, decrepit house once owned by a mysterious sea captain, who was thought to have died at sea. As the proposed story would have it, the captain was secretly a blood-thirsty pirate, who had murdered his bride in a rage and bricked her up in the walls of the Mansion before his fateful last trip out to sea.

"His ghost had returned to the mansion, and he would appear in the middle of a room in front of a brick fireplace, covered in seaweed with the rain pouring down on him," said Rolly Crump, a retired "Imagineer" who worked on concepts and illusions for the original Haunted Mansion and reported directly to Walt Disney himself. "The ghost's wife would appear behind the brick wall, and suddenly

lunge out screaming, trying to attack him, and then they'd both suddenly disappear," leaving a horrified tour group agape. Disneyland's darker side, indeed.

The idea of a ghostly bride found its way into many of the plans for the Haunted Mansion. Most involved some sort of wedding party attended by famed historical ghosts, though only the bride herself wound up in the mansion when it opened its creaking doors to the public. Well, the bride and a suitor of sorts,

who stood across from her in the mansion's attic: a decaying old man with scraggly white hair, a gold-toothed skull for a face and a hatbox dangling from his trembling bony fingers, into which his skeletal head would appear and disappear with in sync with the audible heartbeat from the ghostly bride. This "Hatbox Ghost," as he has come to be known, was only in the attraction for weeks at most before being pulled out

because the disappearing head gimmick wasn't up to snuff.

(Being unceremoniously yanked from the ride just made old "Hattie" an un-living legend, and over the years, he became one of the Haunted Mansion's most popular – and commercialized – characters. In fact, earlier this year, the Imagineers figured out how to make his head properly vanish on command, and the figure is finally back in his rightful place near the bride of the attic, who also has changed over the years, and now brandishes a menacing hatchet.)

Vanishing heads aside, the murderous pirate scene never made the cut. After years of development and disagreement about just how scary this scary ride should be, that ghoulish subplot was abandoned for lighter fare. Mostly. For you see, if you look carefully as you enter the Haunted Mansion and walk down a long, dark corridor, one of the portraits on the wall pictures a majestic clipper ship, which mysteriously transforms into a ragged ghost ship destroyed by the sea before your very eyes.

And as you leave the Haunted Mansion for warmer climes, take a quick look back over your shoulder at the weather vane atop the mansion's cupola – a vane adorned by the silhouette of a lone clipper ship, twisting with the wind.

Jeff Baham is the author of "The Unauthorized Story of Walt Disney's Haunted Mansion," published by Theme Park Press and available from Amazon.com. The book has been designated an Amazon "Best Seller" in Theme Parks. Visit [www.doombuggies.com/book](http://www.doombuggies.com/book) for more information or to order a copy, and visit [doombuggies.com](http://doombuggies.com) to learn more about the Haunted Mansion.



Retired Imagineer **Rolly Crump** worked on illusions and designs for the Haunted Mansion.

*Photo by Jeff Baham*

At left, top: Disneyland's newest ghoul, the "Hatbox Ghost." *Photo by Harshlight (Flickr/CC)*; left center: A press photo from 1969 notes that Disney "Illusioneer" Yale Gracey (who supervised Imagineer Rolly Crump) is arranging a tombstone as an interested spectator seems to look on; left bottom: The Haunted Mansion's ghost ship (©Disney).



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Times **Feature****Wooly***Continued from page 1*

knitting a sweater for one of her cousins. In order to keep the young grandchild busy, Mythri's grandma taught her to make simple stitches with a crochet needle. Over the next few years, Mythri perfected her skill and was soon gifting crocheted items to friends and family.

Her motivation to use her skill for a bigger cause came when her mother showed her some of the family's cherished possessions, the baby clothing presented by the staff of El Camino Hospital where Mythri was born.

"I realized how special such a gift is to the family of a newborn," said Mythri. "The birth of a baby is a momentous occasion for the entire family. However, such personalized gifts make the event even more memorable. They create a special bond between the family and the hospital staff that took care of the baby and the mother. Also, there are many families who cannot afford warm clothes for their newborn. Personalized gifts of baby caps, socks, blankets and sweaters take care of the immediate necessity and relieve the families of stress. I wanted to contribute to the happiness of all these families. This was the driving force behind my starting Wooly Warmth."

During the past year, Wooly Warmth has contributed crocheted baby clothes to local hospitals such as UCSF Benioff Children's hospital in San Francisco, Washington Hospital in Fremont, Good Samaritan Hospital in San Jose, El Camino Hospital in Mountain View and Lucille Packard Children's Hospital in Palo Alto.

The efforts of Wooly Warmth have



**Mythri Ambatipudi**, founder of Wooly Warmth displays some crocheted warm clothing, such as caps, socks, sweaters with **Angus Cochran**, Executive Director of the Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation.

been graciously recognized by all the hospitals. "For more than two decades, Lucille Packard Hospital has provided compassionate, family-centered, and evidence-based care for all," said Brian Perronne, Senior Vice President of Development and Administration at Lucille Packard Hospital. "The dedication of friends like you have made it possible for Packard Children's to achieve key milestones in pediatric and obstetric medicine, and we are grateful for your partnership."

Angus Cochran, Executive Director of Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation in Fremont, was extremely encouraging of Mythri's efforts. "On behalf of Washington Hospital Healthcare Foundation, I would like to thank Wooly Warmth for their generous contribution of knit baby caps, socks and sweaters for our pediatric patients," said Cochran. Words of encouragement and acknowledgement from people such as Karen Kane-Foempe, Auxiliary Board President of Good Samaritan Hospital, and Mark R. Laret, CEO of UCSF Benioff

Children's Hospital, have motivated Mythri to expand her efforts.

Mythri has been able to fund the cost of yarn and crochet supplies needed by Wooly Warmth from generous donations. Companies such as Yarnspirations.com and Red Heart have supported Mythri's efforts by shipping the organization yarn. Mythri has also used the monetary awards she won at science competitions to purchase supplies for Wooly Warmth.

In the summer of 2015, Mythri contacted Ms. Vilma Carnahan of St. Jude organization and expressed her wish to contribute to

their organization. Ms. Carnahan informed Mythri that since the patients at St. Jude were young kids suffering from cancer, all caps would have to be made from 100 percent cotton yarn to suit their needs. It was a gratifying moment for Mythri when, at the end of July 2015, St. Jude acknowledged the receipt of twenty-five cotton crocheted children's hats.

"I would like to extend the contributions to hospitals all over the country and in time to hospitals outside the country too," said Mythri. "As a next step, I have also begun working with American Cancer Society and making caps for patients receiving chemotherapy. I hope that the colorful caps that I make bring peace to those in pain. I am also trying to increase the number of volunteers for Wooly Warmth."

*Editor's note: If you would like to help Wooly Warmth with yarn supplies or cash donations, contact Mythri by email: president@woolywarmth.com. To read more about the positive, helpful efforts of Wooly Warmth and to see pictures of the handmade items, please visit woolywarmth.org.*

**OP ED****Mistaken identities can be troublesome**

By **Nirban Singh**  
Times Staff Writer

Did you know that 70 percent of people cannot identify a Sikh man in a picture as a Sikh? Sikhs are often on the receiving end of fallacies as they are mostly believed to be Muslims.

An astounding 49 percent of Americans believe "Sikh" is a sect of Islam. The religion of Sikhism originated in Punjab (North India). Sikhs believe in the tenets of one God, equality, justice, and serving the community. In fact, some of their ideals have similar qualities to the beliefs of most Americans.

Observant Sikhs can be identified with their visible articles of faith which include beards, uncut hair, and turbans. After the 9/11 attacks, Sikhs have been subject to many mistaking their identities for something else.

Due to the image of Osama Bin Laden having a turban and beard, Sikhs have been mistaken for terrorists. 4 days

after 9/11, a Sikh man who was mistaken for an Arab due to the way he looked was shot and murdered at a gas station. Balbir Singh Sodhi, a hardworking man who immigrated to the U.S. to live the "American Dream" had put enough money together to buy himself a gas station, yet his investment was short-lived due to this tragic incident. Mr. Sodhi will always be remembered for his legacy as a martyr for the Sikh community will stand forever. Sikhs have been the victims of malicious acts due to the lack of knowledge about Sikhs.

There have been reports of racial hatred against Sikhs all around the U.S. In 2012, a man opened fire in a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin and killed six innocent worshippers while wounding four.

Sikhs are Americans just like every citizen of the United States of America. Sikhs are not terrorists and only preach peace and kindness to all.



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**Fri, Oct 30 & Sat, Oct 31, 11am-7pm: Halloween Trick-or-Treating.** Bring kids in costume for tasty, all-natural treats in various departments throughout the store. Free.

**Every Friday, 5-7pm: Wine Tastings & Food Pairings:** Join us for a sample of quality wines paired with cheese and food; a different winery featured each week. Educate your palette! Oct 30: Gnarly Head Winery, Nov 6: Martin Ranch Winery, Nov 13: Downhill Winery. 5pm-7pm, Complimentary.

**Every Saturday, 2-4pm: Wine Tastings & Food Pairings.** Explore great tasting wines for the holidays & special occasions. Oct 31: Chronic Cellars Winery, Nov 7: Rare Red Blends, Nov 14: Rutherford Ranch Winery. Complimentary.

**Wed, Nov 11, 3-4pm: Afternoon Tea Party for**



**Seniors.** Enjoy a relaxing cup of tea and assorted tea breads fresh-baked by New Leaf. Meet friends and make new ones. Café seating area. Free.

**Sat, Nov 14, 11am-12:30pm: Gluten-Free Holiday Cooking Demonstration.** Join Wellness Coach & Chef Kim Rice for a demonstration of inspired, delicious gluten-free recipes. Take home recipes and preparation tips. Free. Please preregister.

**Sat, Nov 14, 2-4pm: Holiday Centerpiece Demonstration.**

Join Debbie Cederlof, Floral Director for Nor-Cal Produce, for a demonstration on how to make simple, attractive centerpieces for special occasions. Learn to incorporate into your tablescape fresh flowers and produce you ordinarily wouldn't think of, such as mini pumpkins, gourds, artichokes, or carrots. Free. Please preregister.

*To preregister, visit the Solutions Counter in the store or go to: [www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com](http://www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com). New Seasons Market is located at: 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200. [www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen](http://www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen)*

## HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTACT LENSES

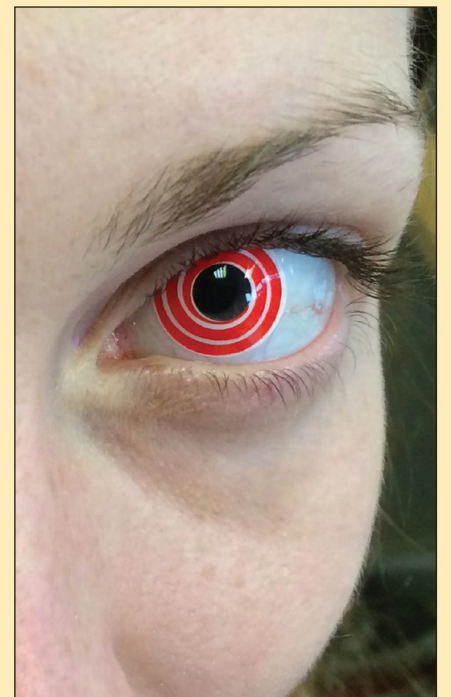
# Chlorine, iron found in non-prescription contact lenses

Research data published late last month found chlorine in three types of non-prescription costume contact lenses, with one pair leaching potentially harmful chlorine after a routine rinse. Iron was found on four pairs of lenses.

The chemicals may come from colorants used to tint and create playful patterns on the lenses, says the study, which was conducted in Japan where decorative lenses are extremely popular and largely unregulated.

While popular around Halloween time, the Academy advises against wearing decorative lenses without a prescription. In addition to the potential hazard above, lenses not approved by the FDA and obtained without a prescription can cause severe infections that end in vision loss or blindness.

For more information on costume contact lenses, visit the Academy's public information website, [geteyesmart.org](http://geteyesmart.org).



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**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

**\$11,999**

3 AT THIS NET PRICE #502411, 502413, 502415

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CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL BONUS CASH ..... -\$1,000

CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH\* ..... -\$500

**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

**\$16,888**

2 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE #748686, 748687

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**2016 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT FWD**

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MSRP ..... \$24,290

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$3,902

SALE PRICE ..... \$20,388

CHRYSLER CALIF. 2016 BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH ..... -\$1,000

CHRYSLER CALIF 2016 RETAIL BONUS CASH ..... -\$500

**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

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2 AT THIS NET PRICE VIN 125322, 116105

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2 AT THIS NET PRICE #745176, 735290

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CHRYSLER RETAIL BONUS CASH ..... -\$1,000

**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

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2 AT THIS NET PRICE #858625, 886837

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DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP ..... -\$7000

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JEOP CELEBRATION CASH ..... -\$500

**NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

**\$8,000**

1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #749827

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**NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

**\$10,000**

1 AT THIS NET SAVINGS VIN #797562

**2015 DODGE DURANGO**

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36 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

MSRP ..... \$31,490

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$3,792

SALE PRICE ..... \$27,738

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH ..... -\$750

**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

**\$26,988**

2 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE #127356, 946020

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SALE PRICE

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1 AT THIS SALE PRICE VIN #117365

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MSRP ..... \$33,865

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$6,372

SALE PRICE ..... \$27,493

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH ..... -\$3,500

**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

**\$23,988**

1 AT THIS NET PRICE #868198

**2016 JEEP PATRIOT SPORT 4 DOOR**

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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

MSRP ..... \$21,045

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$3,132

SALE PRICE ..... \$17,888

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH ..... -\$1,000

CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH\* ..... -\$1,000

**\$15,888**

1 AT THIS NET PRICE VIN #505740

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**2016 CHRYSLER 200 LIMITED**

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NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

MSRP ..... \$25,345

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$5,366

SALE PRICE ..... \$19,999

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH ..... -\$1,000

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL BONUS CASH ..... -\$1,000

CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH\* ..... -\$1,000

**\$16,999**

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #127941, 127939

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**2015 JEEP CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4**

4 DOOR SUV 3.2L V-6 W/9-SPEED AUTOMATIC

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

MSRP ..... \$34,480

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$3,392

SALE PRICE ..... \$31,088

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH ..... -\$2,000

CHRYSLER CALIF BC RETAIL BONUS CASH ..... -\$1,000

JEOP CELEBRATION CASH ..... -\$500

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2 AT THIS NET PRICE #759357, 759325

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JEOP CELEBRATION CASH ..... -\$500

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MSRP ..... \$27,990

DEALER DISCOUNT ..... -\$3,491

SALE PRICE ..... \$24,499

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# EvergreenAreaMeetings

## Adlibmasters

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

## 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@sbcc-global.net](mailto:parosej@sbcc-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.esusd.org](http://www.esusd.org)

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

**The Evergreen Business Association** is intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this fast growing part of San Jose.

We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/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 2015-16 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 [chhaprahiya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhaprahiya@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, call (408) 274-6756.

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

## Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in

Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their web-site at [friendsofvergreenlibrary.org](http://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.

## 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.rhva.org](http://www.rhva.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. See pg. 19

## Handyman

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# Places of Worship

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## CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF ALMADEN VALLEY, UCC

6581 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120  
Pastor, Rev. Dr. Michele Rogers Brigham  
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[www.AlmadenCongregational.org](http://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 Innvision Shelter Feedings once a month, San Francisco Night Ministry, Second Harvest Food Bank, Church World Service, and Communities Responding to End Poverty. Worship 9:00AM, Sunday School 10:00 AM Sundays. 1st Sundays in Worship: Holy Communion  
2nd Sunday in Worship: Folk Choir  
3rd Sundays at Coffee Hour: Round Table Disc.  
4th Sundays in Worship: Blessing of Birthdays/Anniversaries/other "joy" Occasions  
Tuesday, AA Meetings, 8:15-9:15 PM.  
Wednesdays, 9:30 AM., Women's Study Group

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship at 10:30 AM  
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## EAST VALLEY CHURCH

East Valley Church  
We are a Multicultural Christian Community committed to making Christ known to our Neighbors, Community and World. Sunday Schedule: Breezeway

Café 9:15am, Worship 9:45am, Sunday School for all ages 11:15am  
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Community-Life Pastor (Youth/College & Career) – Pastor Patrick Boyd,  
We are located at 2827 Flint Ave (Between Tully & Norwood) San Jose, CA 95148, Phone 408-238-0231, e-mail [info@eastvalleychurch.com](mailto:info@eastvalleychurch.com)  
We are associated with Converge Worldwide [www.convergeworldwide.org](http://www.convergeworldwide.org)

## THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH IN ALMADEN

6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector  
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Web: [www.eca-sj.org](http://www.eca-sj.org)  
At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. 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, valued and empowered to serve. 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 7:30AM and 10:30AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

## EVERGREEN VALLEY CHURCH

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Mann Community Center (7th and Santa Clara Streets). Worship includes both contemporary and traditional music, a message that is relevant to real life, based in the Bible, and meaningful to people of all ages and backgrounds. We work in our community to provide real assistance and long-term, life-saving solutions: food, housing, counseling, and spiritual direction. Our children's & families' ministries include Sunday classes, outdoor family activities such as bike rides and fishing trips. Come, Make a Difference and feel the difference God can make in your life!

## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Faith.Knowledge.Community - this is our promise to our members. If you are looking for an active Christian faith community, we invite you to experience Holy Spirit Parish Community. All are welcome! We are located at 1200 Redmond Avenue, San Jose, CA 95120. Mass is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Monday - Friday. Our weekend Mass schedule is Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Rite of Reconciliation is every Saturday at 4 p.m. or by appointment. Our Parish Office is open Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.

## THE POINT CHURCH

[www.ThePoint.Church](http://www.ThePoint.Church)  
3695 Rose Terrasse Circle. San Jose CA 95148  
Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave. Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor. 10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese and Cambodian. Spanish at 1:00 PM.

## SAINT ANTHONY CATHOLIC CHURCH

We invite you to become a part of our hospitable, intimate Catholic parish. We are a caring community, promoting spiritual growth, reaching out to people in need and where you get to know people by name. We offer children's religious education (CREATE); Youth Ministry (BLAST & X-STATIC); 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.churchsanthony.com](http://www.churchsanthony.com). Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

## ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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[www.stfranciscofassispreschool.org](http://www.stfranciscofassispreschool.org)  
We invite you to join our community of faith located in the Evergreen area of San Jose. We are an inclusive diverse community striving to serve as Disciples of Jesus Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis, offering prayerful and joyful liturgies; evangelization, fellowship, and service opportunities to the community. We offer spiritual opportunities for all ages, including children's liturgy, dynamic E.C.H.O - Jr. High, IGNITE - High School and North Star - Young Adult Ministries, along with small faith communities and opportunities to help the poor and marginalized of San Jose. Our Preschool is the only Catholic Preschool offering quality family oriented service in the Evergreen and Silver Creek areas. Our Chapel, Gathering Hall, Parish Office, Mission Center, Parish Gift Shop, Memorial Garden and Preschool are all located at 5111 San Felipe Rd. Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations: St. Francis of Assisi Chapel Saturday 5:00PM, Sunday 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM, 4:00 PM (Mass in Vietnamese), 6:00 PM Youth Mass  
St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall  
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM  
Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road  
Sunday 9:30 AM  
The Villages Gated Community (Cibari 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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## Evergreen Area Meetings

### Continued

**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 Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

### San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose.

Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email [barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net](mailto:barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net) for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedro-squares.freetoasthost.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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