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Missing Evergreen resident found near Keaton Loop

E vergreen resident Robert Leste, 77, reported missing on October 30 was found safe by family members on Nov. 5.

Leste was found approximately a mile from his home by family members on San Felipe Road near Keaton Loop.

Robert Leste, 77, wandered away from his home on the 3900 block of Loganberry Drive, according to San Jose police. Family members told police that Leste has dementia and liked to take long walks.

Leste is the creator of the Coliseum City concept and ran and



Robert Leste owned the now-demolished Mac-Arthur Broadway Center in Oakland.

Evergreen High School Marching Band receive first place awards at recent WBA competitions

By William Bellou

Publisher The Evergreen High School (EVHS) Marching Band won a first place at two Western Band Association (WBA) competitions held on Nov. 7 in San Jose and Oct. 31 in Dublin, CA.

EVHS Marching Band received first place scores of 76.70 on Nov. 7, and scored 73.70 in Dublin. The next WBA Competition in which EVHS Marching Band competes takes place on Nov. 14 at Logan High School in Union City, CA. WBA events include 110 high school marching bands with more than 12,000 students participating.

"The Band has worked diligently to bring out all the elements of their show, both musically and visually, and that hard work has resulted in two first places and hopefully a third one this Saturday at James Logan High School in Union City," said Steve Barnhill, EVHS Band Director. "I'm extremely pleased with the effort given by these dedicated students and our *See BAND, page 17*

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Largest Christmas project opens local collection site Nov. 16-23

peration Christmas Child—the world's largest Christmas project of its kind, has announced their local collection site will be located at Evergreen Valley Church available from Nov. 16-23.

The annual Samaritan's Purse project is a favorite of many San Jose area residents, families, churches and groups who spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes with fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement.

"Through the simple act of filling a shoebox, someone here in San Jose can make a tangible difference in the life of a child halfway around the world. Anyone can participate and bring joy to a child facing difficult circumstances," said San Jose volunteer project coordinator Tess Shula.

The goal is to add 13,850 gift-filled shoeboxes to the 2015 global goal of reaching more than 11 million children in need. For many of these children a gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 124 million children in more than 150 countries

and territories.

With a computer or mobile device, anyone can conveniently pack a personalized Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift on the Samaritan's Purse website. Go to samaritanspurse.org/occ to select toys and gift items, write a note of encouragement and "pack" them in a shoebox. These gifts of hope will go to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries.

Using special tracking technology, participants can follow their box to discover where in the world their gift is delivered by using the donation form found at samaritanspurse.org/ occ.

For more information about how to participate in Operation Christmas Child call (408) 209-1632. Collection Location:

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2015 Silver Oak PTO Fitness Run held Nov. 6

n Friday, November 6, all 656 students at Silver Oak Elementary School participated in the annual PTO Silver Oak Fitness Run. A tradition at the school for over a decade, students and teachers in each grade who ran the most laps were given medals for their achievement.

Each year, the Fitness Run raises money from the community for specific school improvements. In the past, Silver Oak students have raised funds to build a shade structure, provide a fully paved running track and re-do the playground blacktop. This year contributions are designated in part for physical education equipment. For their efforts, Silver Oak students had the opportunity to win a grand prize by raising the most contributions. The student who collected the greatest amount of money this year won a GoPro 4 and a class in the upper grade (4-6) and lower grade (K-3) with the highest percentage of participating contributors each won GoPro 4s for their classrooms.

Our Fitness Run is fortunate to be supported in part by these community sponsorships this year: Freeman Orthodontics, Lillian Moore, State Farm Insurance, Vidya Bobba, DDS, and Silver Creek Valley Country Club.

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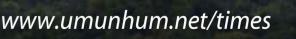
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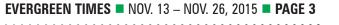
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Silver Oak Elementary School hosts wildly successful Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week

By Linda Paulson

Special to the Times ilver Oak Elementary students and families participated in National Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week with four out of five students participating in the annual event held last month.

Participation broke records again this year with students using their feet to get to school Monday thru Friday with a 79 percent school-wide participation level, up seven percent from last year.

The week-long effort helped families spend time together—simply by walking. Some joined with other families to walk and build a sense of community.

The first place classroom, with 99 percent participation for the week, was Mrs. Richard's third grade class; a repeat of her win last year. Vice Mayor Rose Herrera joined the festivi-



San Jose Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** presents the Golden Shoe Award to **Mrs. Richardson's third** grade class at Silver Oak Elementary. Also pictured is Silver Oak Principal Howard Greenfield.

ties to congratulate the class and present the Golden Shoe Award to cheering students along with Principal Howard Greenfield.

Silver Oak students had their hands stamped at checkpoints and every walker or biker



Strong views on all sides of abortion issue Editor,

In response to Mr. Lipari's letter to the editor (October 30 issue) I want to thank him for taking the time to read and respond to my OP ED. However, you seem to have very strong views on abortion.

Let me start by saying that the accusation you stated about Planned Parenthood cutting up baby parts and selling them is false. The faked video was proven to be a hoax and was displayed on many media outlets, including CNN. Straying away from stating false evidence to begin with your argument, you then state how Planned Parenthood encourages women to get abortions. Why would that be the case for expectant mothers who want children? Planned Parenthood provides the option of abortion for women who don't have the capability to take care of a child and provide the child with a good home. These agencies are located in places where hospitals and affordable healthcare for women aren't prevalent. They fight against income inequality by catering towards minorities, who have, statistically speaking, and lower annual income than the average American household. As stated in my OP ED, if a poor family does not have the means to support a child, the child will grow up feeling neglected, being in a broken household. These children turn to drug dealing and other crimes as a means of gathering money for their families and themselves.

You said that my statement of "It is acceptable to have an abortion to stabilize and maintain a normal healthy lifestyle" was false, stating that "Many women suffer irreparable damage, physically and emotionally because of abortion." Where is the proof for this statement? Every similar response is full of bias and propaganda. There

is no definitive way to find out whether women who had abortions unanimously agree that they had been emotionally scarred. I agree that my statement was false as well, for the same reason I said above. On to physical scarring, is that not expected of a surgery? On to my last point, the second half of vour response deals with famous people who have shaped our world for the better. That information is great and all, and we all know these people already, but what does this have to do with my OP ED? I repeatedly stated that women, who can't afford it, can't take on the emotionally and physically taxing job of raising a child should have the option to forego a better solution than allowing the

"Women who can't afford it, can't take on the emotionally and physically taxing job of raising a child, should have the option to forego a better solution than allowing the child to be born and raised in a household that cannot support and does not want a child." received a different colorful sticker each day. Participants were tallied every morning.

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera supported the week by funding the safety whistles that were distributed to every student. This way, when students are walking or biking to school they can use the whistles to alert others in case they need assistance.

New Seasons Market provided juice and coffee on Monday to start the special week, and then provided a snack bag for each student for the topperforming class.

The week-long event was one of more than

5,000 registered events across the United States, and 680 registered events in California. Other Evergreen elementary schools registered for the event included James. F. Smith Elementary and Evergreen Elementary.

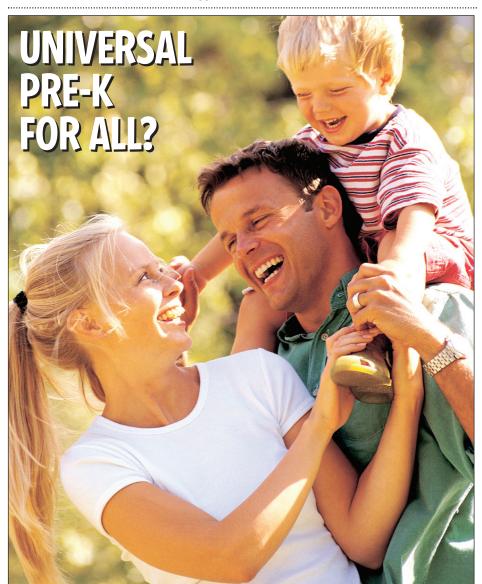
> child to be born and raised in a household that cannot support and does not want a child. Gandhi, Einstein, Martin Luther King Jr. George Washington, and Cesar Chavez all had families that wanted to have children and had the means to support them.

> All in all, your response is mostly based on the false assumption that every woman, if given the chance, would have had an abortion. Not to mention, you being with the false claim that Planned Parenthood cuts and sells baby parts. Next time you want to respond to an article, make sure to read the entire article and respond to it in a fashion that does not make any logical sense, assuming one woman who wants to have an abortion represent all women, including those who want children

> Thank goodness indeed that my parents wanted to have me. Thank goodness, that my parents had the desire and means to support a child I certainly would not want to grow up in a broken household feeling neglected, knowing that my parents did not want to have me. **Aviral Aggarwal**

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Times Local News



More than one hundred studies have shown that high quality preschool improves a child's K-12 readiness and performance.

OP ED

Why early childhood education is important

By Madison Nguyen Special to the Times

inding affordable and quality prekindergarten programs is extremely difficult for nearly every family. It's even more difficult for working families struggling to make ends meet as the cost of housing - and just about everything else continues to rise.

Pre-K programs offered through local school districts are often limited in the number of children they can accept, leaving some families to scramble to find space in successful programs. Early learning is not only crucial for a child's development and success later in life, but it can also lift a major financial stress off of parents' shoulders. Working families who can't get their child into a pre-school program must pay for childcare during the day.

More than one hundred studies have shown that high quality preschool improves a child's K-12 readiness and performance. Children who are not reading proficiently by the end of 3^{rd} grade are four times more likely to not graduate from high school. Early childhood interventions cost much less than other interventions later in life, which saves taxpayers money. A White House Report found that every dollar spent on early learning programs and initiatives provides a return of \$8.60 in benefits to society, about half of which comes from a child's earnings down the road. This is a return on investment that is hard to argue

with. However, we still don't provide preschool programs for every child in California.

That's why universal pre-kindergarten will be one of my top priorities as an Assemblymember. This issue hits close to home for me. I have a three year old daughter, named Olivia. She amazes me every day at her ability to learn new things at such a young age.

We know that brain development is rapid in the first few years of life, and we need to make sure that we are providing the education and enrichment programs for our children so they can reach their full potential. That's why our goal must be to make sure every child gets the support they need to succeed in school and life.

There are other ways we can make early childhood programs more effective by increasing parental involvement in the early learning process. Just one example - I strongly support the proposal from the American Academy of Pediatrics suggesting that books are "prescribed" and provided for children at all visits. Parents can take them home and read to their kids. Since reading regularly is crucial for a child's development it is just common sense that we help keep our kids healthy by helping them develop reading skills early.

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Gratitude in action by honoring vets, remembering Thanksgiving

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera Special to the Times

ovember is a month to give thanks. beginning by honoring our veterans and ending with traditional thanksgiving celebrations with family and friends and the start of the holiday season. It is also a time to reach out to those less fortunate. Showing our gratitude by taking action is a San Jose tradition. First, San Jose honored it's Veterans, at our annual Veterans Day Parade celebrating its 97th year and began the campaign to end Veteran's homelessness called "All The Way Home." Second, We have the opportunity to help others, burn calories and have fun at San Jose's Annual Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot downtown. And finally, we have the opportunity to support our local, small businesses on Small Business Saturday on November 28, 2015 the Saturday after Thanksgiving.

By the time you read this, Veteran's Day will have passed, but the importance of honoring and thanking our Veteran's should last all year long. Veterans Day was originally proclaimed "Armistice Day" in 1919 to commemorate the agreement that marked the end of battles on the western front of World War I. It honored the brave soldiers and sailors who died during the war. It was later designated an annual holiday to recognize the sacrifices of veterans of all wars. As a Veteran of the United States Air Force, the only Veteran on the San Jose City Council, and the appointed Veteran's Liaison for the city council, the recognition of our Veteran's service is very important to me. We had the opportunity to proclaim Veterans Day at the City Council this past Tuesday. Kerry Rigsdy, one of our combat Marine veterans who served in Iraq, spoke about his battle after coming home with physical and emotional issues that resulted in his becoming homeless. He shared how it took another combat veteran to convince him to get help.

There are approximately 700 homeless Veterans in Santa Clara County. I'm proud to say that through a Campaign called, "All The Way Home Campaign," the City of San Jose, County of Santa Clara, the County Housing Authority

and Destination Home are stepping up to end veteran"s homelessness. It is important to involve veterans in this effort. I've reached out to a number of veterans organizations and have formed a group called, "Veterans Empowering Veterans," to assist with reaching homeless veterans. Even though Veterans Day has passed, I ask all San Jose residents to express their deepest gratitude to military veterans for their selfless and extraordinary service that has preserved the freedoms we cherish as you encounter Veterans in our community – be it in your workplace, your houses of worship, or your own family. You can learn more about the "All The Way Home Campaign" at www.allthewayhomecampaign.org.

A great way to find a Veteran to thank over the Thanksgiving Day Holiday is to attend the Applied Materials 11th Annual Turkey



District o Report By Rose Herrera <u>City C</u>ouncilmember

Trot where they will honor U.S. active military and veterans with the KPMG sponsored "U.S. Military & Veterans 5K & 10K Challenge." It invites runners and walkers who have served, or are serving in the armed forces to have a fun competition with each other. Branches of the service are: Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard. For more information, go to: http://svturkeytrot.com/u-sveterans-5k10k/. My family and I have enjoyed this event for many years, and it's now a

family tradition! With donation totals over the past 11 years exceeding \$5 million dollars, it's a worthy event for worthy causes. Funds raised from the race go to support Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, Health Trust and Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

And when Thanksgiving is over and you're ready for holiday shopping, please consider keeping your tax dollars local and shopping at a San Jose Small Business. Every year, we proclaim the last Saturday in November, "Small Business Saturday." Small business is the heart of our community and critical to the quality of our life. In 2014, 88 million people got out to Shop Small on Small Business Saturday nationally, and we want to show our strength and support in San Jose in 2015. Consumers spent an estimated \$14.3 billion that day in 2014. Imagine the tax dollars that can be raised to go to pay for city services! To find local San Jose Small Businesses go to: https://shopsmallnow. americanexpress.com/ShopSmall?linknav= us-open-shopsmall-globalheader-map

Combining the efforts of establishing small businesses in our community and supporting Veteran's, I found a unique program that promotes both. The "Boots to Business" Program https://www.sba.gov/blogs/vetscan-continue-serve-starting-business is an entrepreneurial education and training program offered by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as part of the Department of Defense's Transition Assistance Program (TAP). The curriculum continuum includes steps for evaluating business concepts, the foundational knowledge required to develop a business plan and information on SBA resources available to help access start-up capital and additional technical assistance. According to the U.S. Census, nearly 1 in 10 small businesses in the U.S. are Veteran owned. It's a logical transition from military service to owning a small business where military training emphasizes discipline, hard work and determination. If you know a Veteran who could benefit from this training please direct them to this service to startup website: http://boots2business.org/.

Have a wonderful holiday and my best wishes to you and your family. If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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Village Del Lago celebrates 'Happy 30th Anniversary'

arlene Akin and Stephen Tritto (standing) and Heroilda Martinez and Judy Gehman (left to right, seated) are all smiles at the sign-in desk for the "Happy 30th Anniversary" Village Del Lago dinner at the Cribari Center on September 30, where good neighbors had fun celebrating their togetherness in living at Village Del Lago at the Villages.

The 174 units in Village Del Lago were designed by the award-winning architectural firm Aram Bassenian, AIA & Associates, Inc., and were built by UDC Homes. The streets are named after cities in Italy, and five lakes give this beautiful village the name of Del Lago. *Photo/caption by Thom Harney*



News from the Villages



Silver Creek, Villagers play tennis at Fall get-together

By Wendy Ferguson

Special to the Times The Silver Creek girl's tennis team played the Villages women in their annual fall tennis get-together at The Villages recently.

One lucky and highly qualified senior player will receive a Villages Tennis Scholarship to help with her college education (one also goes to a boy's tennis team member). This is the 12th year that the scholarships have been awarded

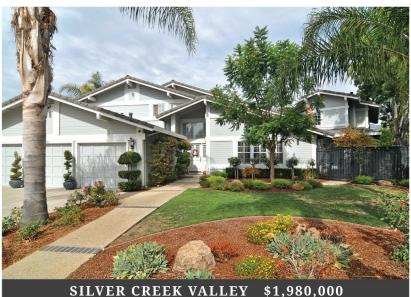
To date, 23 students have received \$36,000 in scholarships. To apply, an applicant must have a 2.5 GPA, played two years on the tennis team, and write an essay.

During the "match," everyone had a great time, and enjoyed the tennis. And, by the way, the Villages women were victorious. A HOUSE IS FOR LIVING

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Profile: Nanette Donohue new Principal at Norwood Creek

By Frank Shortt

Times Staff Writer orwood Creek Elementary School's new principal is modest while speaking of herself; she would rather talk about the good things being done by all staff and Community in the school

neighborhood. She comes to Evergreen having fifteen years of experience in education before becoming Norwood's principal.

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Her first experience at teaching was at Poway School District in San Diego beginning in 1998. In 2000, she transferred to Cupertino Union School District where she taught for thirteen years.

Donohue came to Evergreen School District in the year 2013 and this is her first year as a principal.

Nanette attended Humboldt State University acquiring a BA Degree and later she attended San Marcos State University acquiring a Teaching Credential. Her Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision was obtained at San Jose State University. All her Degrees, plus actually spending time in the classroom, has given her great credentials for becoming an administrator and leader in education. "An education in America, she affirms, was not difficult to attain to, only a lot of devotion and poring over the books."

"As educators we have a responsibility to our students, and their parents, to ensure the academic and social success of every student,



and 'Whatever It Takes' has become my rallying cry," said Donohue. "Our community at Norwood Creek is working toward our shared goal of cultivating an innovative community of learners who engage creatively with passion and purpose to achieve academic and personal

success. Donohue said her teachers are some of the most passionate educators education has to offer. "They have a 'Whatever It Takes' attitude to ensure the academic and personal success of all students. Norwood teachers are committed to growing as leaders within our organization so they can continue to engage students deeply in the learning process.

Nanette sees no problems at Norwood Creek, only challenges. "With every new challenge brings about a new and innovative solution," said Donohue. "At Norwood Creek we are focused on ensuring that every student is academically and socially successful. In order to make this happen we look for creative solutions to solve everyday challenges. We are looking at innovative ways to engage students deeply in their education while using their 21st Century skills of collaboration, communication, creativity, and critical thinking.'

Donohue feels that support staff is an incredibly valuable part of any organization. 'Together with our parents, students, and teachers, everyone works to ensure the success of all students," said Donohue. Photo by Frank Shorrt

Profile: Silver Oak Elementary School Principal Howard Greefield

By Frank Shortt Times Staff Writer

oward Greenfield, a native of New York State, has traveled a distance to Lbecome Silver Oak Elementary School's new principal.

Greenfield began his teaching career at John Adams High School in New York City. After teaching for thirteen years, he began his first job as Principal at the Alum Rock School District in East San Jose. He did a four year stint as principal at Fischer Middle School before being hired as Principal at Silver Oak

Greenfield attended elementary and high school in New York, and He began his college education at the State University at Albany where he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Biology. Moving on to the College of Saint Rose, he obtained a Master of Science degree in Special Education. Later, he attended Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts gaining an Administrative credential. Greenfield states that he had no problem obtaining an education in America. This speaks highly of our educational institutes.

As Silver Oak's new leader, Greenfield has a great vision for his award winning school.

"Entering the 21st century instruction should be innovative and reflect the valley we live in. Our educators should be leading our students on how to use all technology, their creativity, collaboration, critical thinking and communication skills. This will help to deepen their knowledge around real life topics that are

relevant to their daily lives. We have a great opportunity, with the resources we have, to transform the educational experience for our students!'

His goals for Silver Oak, chosen by the students themselves, are:

Kindergarten: All students will speak in complete sentences. No slang, or starting with "and" or "but". First and Second grade:

Enrich our guided reading program with non-fiction text, which will increase stureading fluency. dents' Comprehension will also improve.

Third Grade: Students will use digital platforms profi-

ciently and effectively to apply and achieve the 3rd grade standard. Fourth Grade: Students will use grade spe-

cific content vocabulary when answering questions.

Fifth Grade: Students will be independent problem solvers.

Sixth Grade: Students will be involved in their own assessment and learning, thereby improving their performance.

Greenfield is very avid about the goals outlined at Silver Oak, and after being at the school since opening for the semester, Greenfield does not foresee any problems there. He states, "everyone is working together to make sure our students are successful.

"We are a team, and everyone needs to work together to make sure learning environments are ready for education to occur," said Greenfield.

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Off The Shelf: Homework help at the local library

By Amelia Vander Heide Special to the Times

o you have a K-8 student in need of extra homework help? Then Evergreen Branch Library would like to invite you to participate in our **Homework Club**. This free weekly program is every Tuesday afternoon from 4-5:30 p. m. in our community room. Our dedicated teen tutors come from our highly popular Math Companions program and the National Honor Society at Evergreen Valley High School.

This is a drop-in program and is limited to the first thirty students. Children can seek homework assistance on any school subject. Interested students are encouraged to bring their assignments with them to the program. Parents and guardians with additional questions may call the library at 408-808-3060 and ask for Alison de Geus or Amelia Vander Heide.

As always, the Evergreen Library will be hosting a variety of events. Join us for **Turkey Day Storytime and Craft** on Saturday November 14 at 1 p. m. This special family story time will be an early Thanksgiving celebration for children of all ages. This is a first come, first serve program with space limited to 35 children. Teens are welcome to join the teensReach Diwali celebration on Wednesday November 18 at 5:30 p. m. by participating in a **Rangoli Craft** project. This program is for middle school and high school teens ages 13-18. Children ages 5-12 are encouraged to attend our Mad Science: Up, Up, and Away! program on Saturday November 21 at 1 p. m. During this program, children will observe the creation of a hot air balloon, see giant smoke rings generated by a vortex generator, and watch a hovercraft in action.

The Evergreen Branch Library would like to remind patrons that all San Jose Public Library locations will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 26 and 27.

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.

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

'Bird-napped' crow home safe again

By William Bellou Publisher

Those who prayed for the safe return of Marley, the bird-napped American crow stolen from the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley can rest easy now. Thanks to Shirley Jones, the beloved crow is home again on Nov 5.

Shirley said she saw the crow standing in her backyard. "I couldn't believe my eyes," said Shirley. "I was wondering why he was just standing there but I didn't want to approach the bird in case the bird was sick or injured."

Animal control authorities were called and they in turn called the Wildlife Center.

Ashley Kinney of the Wildlife Center said Marley lost some weight and he is suffering from dehydration.

Marley was "bird-napped" from the Wildlife Center on Oct. 24. He requires special housing, food and behavioral care, as he was previously kept illegally as a pet, resulting in losing his natural instincts. Marley has been at the Wildlife Center since June 2011.

Marley was the second bird taken from the center. Now, extra security measures have been put in place to prevent another theft at the center.

Shirley got hugged at the center during



Marley (above) was "bird-napped" from the Wildlife Center on Oct. 24, but is home again thanks to **Shirley Jones**.

the emotional reunion for the crow among employees and volunteers at the center.

The break-in is being investigated by San Jose police. The bird's enclosure is blocked from public access and not visible to the center's visitors. This is the second time someone has broken into the facility to steal a bird.

Editor's note: Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley serves all of Santa Clara County and rehabilitates more than 5,000 wild animals each year, including birds, squirrels and other creatures.

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Girl Scout Troop 60742 also delivered 200 pounds of candy to the school on their behalf.

Candy Drive at James Franklin Smith School benefits troops

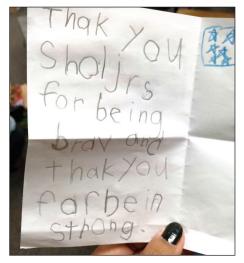
he James Franklin Smith PTA conducted their annual Candy Drive for the troops on Monday and Tuesday after Halloween, Oct. 2-3.

The PTA's "Go Green" Team organized parent volunteers to collect candy from students, teachers, and families during the two morning drop-offs.

Girl Scout Troop 60742 also collected candy and delivered 200 pounds of candy to the school on their behalf. After all of the collected candy was sorted and boxed, the final total weight count exceeded 700 pounds.

JFS students wrote thank you notes to the troops to accompany the candy. Then these boxes were taken to the local storage facility for "Operation: Care and Comfort."

The volunteer group delivered the candy to U.S. Military troops stationed here in the United States and also overseas.



The PTA says the Candy Drive is a great way for the families to work together to make a difference.

Residents from all over San Jose come out to honor the dead on Dia de Los Muertos

hile colorful skull masks and skeletal costumes may remind some of Halloween, they were also used to represent a completely different recent holiday: Dia de Los Muertos, or the "Day of the Dead."

Dia de Los Muertos is a holiday celebrated in Mexico that has made its way across borders to many other countries, and it represents a time when families gather to remember ancestors or members who have passed away, to honor their memories and to ponder their spiritual journeys.

On Oct. 31, a number of Mexican dance troupes gathered at San Jose's Calvary Cemetery to celebrate Dia de Los Muertos. The festive activities included face painting, booths to purchase colorful sugar skulls and momentos, and a community altar for people to use to honor their deceased family members.

Pictured here are dancers from El Grito de la Cultura, a dance academy led by Elena Robles. The group performed before a celebratory crowd in the heat of an unusually hot



Halloween day, before many of the younger members rushed home to change into different costumes for their annual chance to go trick-or-treating.

Learn more about El Grito de la Cultura at fnmjuvenil.weebly.com.

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The winning photograph for our October photo contest is of a father and daughter, sharing an apple kiss! The photo is by **Elaine Taylor.** Congratulations, Elaine!

November's Theme: Friendsgiving/Around the Table ENTER TODAY!

OFFICIAL CONTEST RULES: **Deadline** – Photos must be received before 5:00 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 31, 2015 and should be emailed to: **photocontest@timesmediainc.com**.

PHOTO AND PHOTOGRAPHER ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may enter a photo in the contest. All ages are welcome. Photos should be no smaller than 800 by 600 pixels but no more than 2MB in file size. Images should be submitted in JPG (at high quality). No panoramas please. Image Modifications: Minor digital enhancement is permitted, but images that have been significantly modified or appear unnatural will be disqualified. Images must be in natural color. No watermarks, signatures, or copyright notices may be added to images. All winning images will be displayed with the photographer's name. Adding or replacing elements in an image is not allowed.

October's Runner-Up:



"My husband and I had the clever idea to post us looking all proper for our wedding picture with the minor detail of chocolate all over our teeth. Fancy. :-)" Photo by **Edesa**

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Realtors Association members travel to China to discuss global real estate

embers of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS® returned from their trip to China last week after learning about the differences that exist in real estate between the U.S. and China. The excursion included a professional conference with Beijing real estate agents.

"We have a huge percentage of Chinese buyers in the Bay Area," explained SCCAOR President Craig Gorman. "In order to work with them effectively, you need to know about Chinese culture. The best thing is to go there and experience it yourself."

More than 150 top-producing agents attended a oneday conference at Beijing Homelink, the country's largest real estate agency. Some of the many topics discussed included buyer and seller representation, fiduciary duty, ethics, portals and web sites, and the tremendous influence that Asian culture has had on real estate in the U.S., for example with Feng Shui.

"There is no course that can be taught that can

replace what one learns from personal experience," said Hilda Ramirez, Director of Professional Development at SCCAOR, who led the delegation to China. "The excursion provided an invaluable look into the everyday lives of the Chinese people at a variety of economic levels. An information exchange with Homelink agents in Beijing is an experience REAL-TORS® dream of."

Anne Hansen, a broker with Realty ONE Group, had the opportunity to meet with 30 year-olds who aspire to be real estate professionals. "They were seeking information, such as How do you get listings? How do you get inventory? They definitely want to be trained in sales. I think they're very passionate," said Hansen.

Editor's note: SCCAOR, established in 1896, is California's oldest real estate association. It exists to meet the business, professional and political needs of its members and to promote, protect homeownership and private property rights.

Preparing for flooding during a drought is necessary

By Linda J. LeZotte, Director Special to the Times

ho wants to think about flooding when we are in our fourth year of drought? We all should! With predictions of a strong El Niño this winter, we must all prepare for a high volume of rain, which, if it comes all at once, could lead to flooding.

Parts of Santa Clara County are susceptible to flooding and have been throughout history. The Santa Clara Valley Water District is the flood protection authority for the county, and so we work diligently to keep the community safe through ongoing stream maintenance and major flood protection projects. We also provide community members with tips and assis-



tance before, during and after floods.

You may see our crews at work in streams as part of our Stream Maintenance Program. This program includes the removal of vegetation and sediment that can impede the flow of a stream, as well as repairs to stream banks and the removal of blockages from trash and fallen trees.

This work is generally scheduled to be completed in October, though work can continue through November as long as no storms have occurred. If the rainy season starts early, our crews will go out after storms to clear debris. For significant blockages, they will even go out during the storm to clear creeks and streams to help prevent flooding by allowing water to flow to the bay.

The water district takes flood protection seriously; starting with our annual winter preparation meetings and coordination with other jurisdictions in order to plan and train for storms and weatherrelated emergencies.

Residents and businesses can also do their part to help keep their communities safe in the event of strong rains, too.

Make sure you have an emergency plan and kit in case you are stranded at home. This way you'll have what you need to make it through until help arrives.

Also know your flood hazard, and if you are in a flood hazard zone, be sure to purchase flood insurance, which is important in helping you recoup any losses after a flood. You can call your city to find out more.

A clogged storm drain can lead to street flooding. Clear the area around storm drains and be sure not to dump anything down them.

Don't drive through flooded areas. It only takes 2 feet of moving water to carry away most vehicles including pickup trucks and SUVs.

Know where your local sandbag distribution point is, and how to prepare a sand wall. The water district, as well as cities, frequently has them near areas prone to flooding.

If you see a blockage, such as trash or a tree down during a storm, let us know so we can send a crew to clear it! Call the flood hotline at (408) 630-2650, or report it online at www.valleywater.org and click on the Access Valley Water button.

This year, because of hardened soils compacted by four dry years, we may see greater runoff than normal from early season storms. So please be prepared and stay alert for potential flooding. Sign up to receive flood safety alerts and tips by texting the word "WATER" to short-code number 84444.

Visit http://www.valleywater. org/Services/FloodSafetyTips.asp x for flood protection information and safety tips that can help you before, during and after a flood.

If we all work together we can keep our loved ones, homes and businesses safe.

To reach Linda LeZotte, call (408) 265.2600 for suggestions and comments.

Times Feature

Pat Tillman honored by Arizona State University

By William Bellou

Publisher Publisher at Tillman was honored by Arizona State University on Oct. 29 when the Sun Devils Football Team wore a PT-42 line of "Darks Ops" Adidas gear commemorating Tillman's heroic sacrifice.

Arizona State Football Coach Todd Graham said the uniforms are designed to replicate those Tillman and the 1996 team wore for their 1997 Rose Bowl appearance, while honoring his military service. To finish off the look, ASU wore "Dark Ops" cleats and camo socks. This is the first time the Tillman Foundation has worked with ASU to design a uniform.

"This special tribute honors Pat's example as an athlete, scholar and soldier, while raising awareness and academic support for the Tillman Scholars who are carrying on his legacy," said Tillman's widow, Marie Tillman, who heads the Pat Tillman Foundation. "We preach the value of passion and character to our players and no one embodies those qualities more than Pat



Marie Tillman



Pat Tillman (left) and his brother Kevin joined the military after 9/11. Photo courtesy Pat Tillman foundation

Tillman," she said.

Tillman excelled on the Leland Football Team in San Jose, having led his team to the Central Coast Division I Football Championship. His considerable talent landed him a scholarship at Arizona State University (ASU), which he attended after graduating from Leland.

Tillman played linebacker for the Sun Devils from 1994 to 1997, before being drafted by the Arizona Cardinals. He gave up his football career to enlist in the military in 2002, joining the Army Rangers. He was killed in Afghanistan in 2004.

Tillman, who graduated with a marketing degree and a 3.85 grade-point-average, was a seventh-round NFL draft pick in 1998. As an all-pro safety in 2002 for the Arizona Cardinals, he turned down a three-year, \$3.6 million contract and put his professional football career on hold to enlist in the U.S. Army with his brother, Kevin. The brothers completed basic training together and were deployed, but not until Pat Tillman married his high school sweetheart, Marie Ugenti Tillman.

A portion of all sales of Adidas' Tillman-inspired gear goes to the Foundation, which offers scholarships to veterans and their spouses.

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All drones to require federal registration

Thinking of buying a drone for Christmas?

The FAA predicts that more than 1 million drones will be sold this holiday season, but the U.S. Government believes they are not toys and must now be registered with the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The hobbyist drone community has been self-regulated for more than 30 years, but now the new law makes each drone a regulated flying technology and it's the first step toward alieving fears from the public about drones' use in spying operations and about crashes.

"The law says drone operators can't recklessly endanger the public, but if you don't know who (the drone operator) is, you can't really enforce the law," said attorney

Lisa Ellman. "People are buying these as toys and not realizing they need to be truly responsible."

Fines for illegal dumping approved by City Council

Individuals caught dumping illegally in San Jose will face hefty fines.

The new fines have been approved by the San Jose City Council and are much higher than the \$3,000 to \$4,000 recommended by staff.

First time offenders will now be fined \$2,500, second time violators \$5,000, and three or more violations will result in a \$10,000 fine.

The council ordered City staff to incorporate a reporting tool on the city's website to report any illegal dumping.

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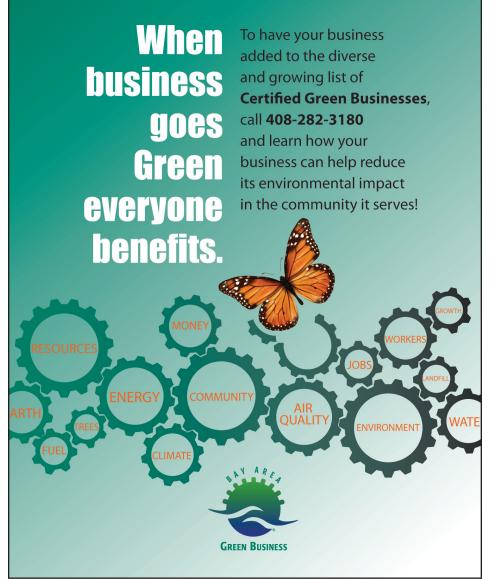
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stand and evolve to the greatest level of their potential.

Evergreen Valley High School Marching Band

Director: Steven A. Barnhill Assistant Director: Rick Pina Design Staff Music: Scott Pierson

Design Staff Visual: Rick Pina **Design Staff Percussion:** Brian Sears and Adam Tsukamoto

Design Staff Auxiliary: Megan Wong

Instructional Staff : Tim Bacon - Winds, Conner The, Robby Lee and Kristian Llanes - Drums, Peter Nguyen - Front Ensemble, Justin Cunha and Malik Campbell -Visual, Megan Wong and Kelly Hartnett - Guard

Drum Major : Aarush Tyagi Captain : Ailan Nguyen Number of Performers: 70 Name of 2015 Program: Danzon

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EVHS Band Competition San Jose, CA November 7, 2015

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1. Evergreen Valley HS			
2. Beyer HS			
3. Terra Nova HS			
EVHS Band Competition			

Dublin, CA October 31, 2015 AA Division results

1. Evergreen Valley HS	73.70
2. Los Altos HS	71.40
3. Vanden HS	66.80
4. Santa Clara HS	68.05
5. Christopher HS	68.30
6. Phillip/Sala Burton HS	59.70

WBA History

In January 1979 a group of band directors met to change the face of Marching Band in Northern and Central California. These leaders were Mike Rubino (Live Oak HS), Ramiro Barrera (Lincoln HS), Dan Smith (Independence HS), Gary Runsten (Modesto HS) & Mel Stratton (Clovis HS). The goal was to create an educationally based competitive performance opportunity. Standardized rules and score sheets were designed to assure the bands the competitive experience envisioned.

Join the Band Boosters!

Are you looking for a way to EVHS contribute to the Instrumental Music Program? The Band Boosters are looking for people to help out in a variety of roles, from selling cookies at a concert, to loading and unloading equipment at marching band concerts, to being a Band Booster Officer. To volunteer your time and talent, contact Mr. Steven Barnhill at (408) 347-7034, or at email: barnhills@esuhsd.org.



The band receives last minute instructions from Director Steven A. Barnhill. Below: EVHS Marching Band. Photos by Wesley Lee





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Burrito	Dance	Men's clothes
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TURKEY DAY TIPS

Thawing Your Turkey

Roasting the Bird

The sight of a beautifully cooked, golden brown bird being brought to the table is one of the most memorable moments of any Thanksgiving gathering. Follow these tips to prepare the perfect centerpiece for your holiday meal:

For every 5 pounds in weight, thaw in original wrapper for 24 hours in the refrigerator. Thaw faster by covering with cold water in the sink and soaking approximately 30 minutes per pound.
 Refrigerate as soon as thawed or cook immediately. For best quality, do not refreeze uncooked turkey.

Baste with extra virgin olive oil.
Baste with extra virgin olive oil.
Place breast-side-up on rack in shallow roasting pan. Cook in 325 F oven.
For an unstuffed turkey, place a stalk or two of celery, seasonings, a cut-up onion and a handful of parsley in the cavity to keep it moist.
Lay "tent" of foil losely over turkey to prevent over-browning.

Turkey is done when meat thermometer is 180 F or when the red stem on the pop-up thermometer rises.
For easier carving, let turkey stand at room temperature for at least 20 minutes.

Grilled: Grill 15-18 minutes per pound. Air in grill must be between 225-300 F.
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per pound in 350 F oil. Smoked: Cook 20-30 minutes per

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per pound on medium power. Rotate during cooking.

More Ways to Make the Perfect Centerpiece

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Proto courses of Getty Images A COMPLETE Thranksgiving would be incomplete without any of them, but the most important is the holiday To od. Friends. Family. Football. Thanksgiving would be incomplete without any of them, but the most important is the holiday the the same plays in the background. Serving up a full holiday spread-

from turkey to dessert - that is sure to bring everyone back for years to come is easy with these tips for every stage of the meal

From a Farm Family's Table to Yours

Pair this perfectly pumpkin dessert with a glass of milk for a tasty twist on a holiday favorite. From fourth-generation dairy farmers – Ryan and Susan Anglin and their sons, Cody and Casey, of Triple A Farms in Bentonville, Arkansas – this savory dessert, featured in *The Dairy Good Cookbook*, is sure to become a tradition in your family, just as it is in the Anglin family. For more recipes, visit MidwestDairy.com.

Pumpkin Pie Squares with Cinnamon Sugar Yogurt Topping

Total time: 1 hour, 20 minutes Servings: 16

- Servings. 10 Crust: 1 cup graham cracker crumbs 1/2 cup old-fashioned oats 1/4 cup brown sugar 1/4 cup butter, melted 2 tablespoons low-fat milk cooking spray

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tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

4 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese,

4 large eggs
Topping:

package (6 ounces) pecan halves
tablespoons packed light brown sugar
tablespoons orghum syrup, divided
tablespoons unsalted butter
t/2 cup packed light brown sugar
tablespoons heavy cream
teaspoon vanilla extract
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Heat oven to 325 F. Lightly spray bottom and sides of
9-inch non-stick springform pan with removable rim. Place
pan over center of 3 18-inch sheets heavy-duty foil and
securely wrap foil around outside bottom and sides of pan.

securely wrap foil around outside bottom and sides of pan. For cheesecake, in small bowl, combine butter and 2 tablespoons sorghum syrup. In medium bowl, toss graham cracker crumbs and sorghum butter mixture

cups sorghum syrup, divided cups graham cracker crumbs

sorrerea 1/2 cup sour cream 1/3 cup packed light brown sugar 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour 1 cup sorghum syrup 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Sorghum Pecan Praline Cheesecake

Recipe developed by Brenda Watts, Gaffney, South Carolina

softened

4 large eggs

Cheesecake:

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cups canned pumpkin eggs 2

- 3/4 cup sugar
 3/4 cup low-fat vanilla yogurt
 1/2 cup low-fat milk
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon pumpkin spice
 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup pecans, chopped
- Topping: 2 tablespoons sugar 1 teaspoon cinnamon 1 cup plain nonfat yogurt
- Heat oven to 350 F. In large bowl, mix together graham cracker crumbs, oats, brown sugar, butter and milk. Press into thin layer in a 9-by-13-inch pan greased with cooking spray. Bake for 10 minutes

for 10 minutes. While crust is baking, in another bowl, beat together pumpkin through salt. Pour over crust and bake for 40 minutes or until set. Sprinkle pecans over filling and bake another 10-15 minutes or until center is set. Cool

slightly in pan. Mix together sugar and cinnamon. Mix in yogurt. Top each square with 1 tablespoon yogurt topping.

together until crumbs are moistened. Press crumb mixture evenly into bottom of prepared pan. Bake 8 minutes to form crust; remove from oven and cool 10 minutes over wire rack.

In large bowl use electric mixer on medium speed to beat cream cheese, sour cream, brown sugar and flour, 3 minutes, or until well blended and smooth. Gradually 3 minutes, or until well blended and smooth. Gradually add 1 cup sorghum syrup, vanilla and eggs (one egg at a time) and continue beating 3 minutes longer from low speed increasing to medium speed, or until mixture is well blended and creamy. Pour filling evenly over crust in pan. Place pan in center of large baking pan (e.g., roasting pan) and pour 1-inch of hot water in large bak-ing pan, around filled prepared pan. Bake 1 hour and 15 minutes or until center is almost set but slightly jiggles. Remove from oven, remove cheesecake from baking pan and gently remove wrapped foil from cheesecake. Place cheesecake onto wire rack to cool 15 minutes. Run thin, sharp knife around edge of

foil from cheesecake. Place cheesecake onto wire rack to cool 15 minutes. Run thin, sharp knife around edge of pan to loosen edges; cool in pan 2-3 hours in refrigerator. Meanwhile, prepare pecans. Increase oven temperature to 350 F. Line baking sheet with large sheet of parch-ment paper. In bowl, sprinkle brown sugar and drizzle 1 tablespoon sorghum syrup over pecans. Using large spoon, toss to evenly coat and spread pecans flat over parchment paper-lined pan. Bake pecans 8 minutes or until lightly browned and glazed. Place pan over wire cooling rack, use large spoon to separate and evenly coat pecans; let cool 10 minutes. In heavy duty 1-quart non-stick saucepan, melt butter

coat pecans; let cool 10 minutes. In heavy duty 1-quart non-stick saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add brown sugar and 3 tablespoons sorghum syrup into melted butter and cook 2 to 3 minutes or until blended and heated through, stirring constantly. Stir heavy cream, vanila and salt into mixture; continue stirring constantly until praline mixture comes to a boil. Simmer until slightly thickened, about 3 minutes. Stir occasionally. Remove from heat and let cool

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New Seasons Market's 'Smart **Giving Program'** underway

hroughout the month of November, for every 10

pounds of "Smart Chicken" purchased at New Seasons Market Evergreen, one pound of poultry will be donated by New Seasons Market and Smart Chicken's producer to Second Harvest Food Bank.

Last holiday season, 1.5 tons of Smart Chicken was donated to Second Harvest through the Smart Giving program at New Seasons Market Evergreen and its sister store, New Leaf Community Markets in Half Moon Bay.

"We are very grateful for the poultry we are receiving thanks to a partnership with New Seasons Market and MBA Poultry, "said Kathy Jackson, CEO of Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. "Second Harvest provides food to nearly a quarter of a million people every month. Poultry is a great source of protein for the children, seniors and families we serve," said Jackson.

"New Seasons Market, located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd in San Jose, is very appreciative of Smart Chicken's producer, MBA Poultry, for their generous support of those in need in our community," said Chris Farotte, meat and seafood director, New Seasons Market Evergreen. "We are also very appreciative of our customers for joining with us to make this annual effort for food banks such a success."

Smart Chicken is made from 100 percent all-natural, freeroaming, grain-fed chickens that are raised without animal byproducts, antibiotics, or hormones. The poultry is processed using purified cold air instead of being chilled in non-potable communal water baths, which eliminates water absorption and cross contamination. The company maintains high standards for how the chickens are raised, transported, and prepared for market, and is proud of their Certified Humane status.

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Community Calendar

New Seasons Market Evergreen Events

Every Friday, 5-7pm: Wine Tastings & Food Pairings: Enjoy a sample of quality wines paired with cheese; a different winery featured each week. Nov 13: Downhill Cellars, Nov 20: Scotto Cellars. Complimentary.

Every Saturday, 2-4pm: Wine Tastings & Food Pairings. Explore great tasting wines for the holidays & special occasions. Nov 14: Scott Family Estate, Nov 21: Rutherford Ranch Winery. Complimentary.

Fri, Nov 13 & Fri, Nov 20, 1-4pm: Holiday Meal Tastings. Sample family style and side dishes off of our extensive Holiday Meal Menu.

Sun, Nov 15 & Sun 22, 2-4pm: Holiday Meal Tastings. Sample family style and side dishes off of our extensive Holiday Meal Menu.

Sat, Nov 14, 11am-12:30pm: Gluten-Free Holiday Cooking

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Sat, Nov 14, 2-4pm: Holiday Centerpiece Demonstration. Debbie Cederlof, Floral Director for Nor-Cal Produce, will give an inspiring demonstration on how to make simple, attractive centerpieces for your special occasions using fresh flowers and unexpected produce like mini pumpkins, gourds, artichokes, or carrots. Free. Preregister to reserve your place.

Through Nov 30: New Seasons Market's Smart Giving Program. For every 10 pounds of Smart Chicken® purchased at New Seasons Market Evergreen this month, one pound of poultry will be donated to Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo

Counties by New Seasons and the poultry producer.

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



Sun., Nov. 22

13th Annual Holiday Market at Silver Creek Valley Country Club. Featuring a Unique Selection of Handmade Goods & Holiday Gifts. Located at 5460 Country Club Parkway, San Jose, CA 95138. Open Sunday, Nov. 22 from 10 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Silver Creek Women's Club

Pumpkin auction raises more than \$18,000 for K.R. Smith School

The Santa Clara County REALTORS® Foundation, the charitable arm of the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®, raised more than \$18,000 for Katherine R. Smith Elementary School at its 17th Annual Pumpkin Auction held at BJ's Restaurant on Oct. 28th.

"It was very successful," said Dave Walsh of Alain Pinel REALTORS®, who founded the event. "We had some very generous members of SCCAOR - both REALTORS® and Affiliates - dig deep and write checks for a very worthy cause. It was our most successful auction ever."

The majority of students who attend Katherine R. Smith Elementary are from families whose household income falls below the poverty line and whose parents did not finish high school.

As in the past, the money from the fundraiser will be used to cover field trips that the school wouldn't otherwise be able to provide. Additionally, the funds will be put toward transportation and beautifying the campus with landscaping and murals.

"It is impossible to truly express how grateful we are for the support provided by SCCAOR," said Aaron Brengard, Principal at Katherine R. Smith Elementary. "Our families face a lot of adversity. The additional financial support helps us improve our campus, enhance the instructional programs, and give our students field trips and other opportunities that would be financially out of reach."

This year, a pumpkin with the word "Hope" and a yellow ribbon was created by a fifth grade class in honor of a Katherine R. Smith Elementary School student who has recently been diagnosed with Ewing Sarcoma, an adolescent bone cancer. His teacher attended the auction. The pumpkin was purchased for \$500 and Don Jessup of Silicon Valley Associates matched that amount, bringing the total to \$1,000.

About 150 REALTORS® and Affiliates attended this year's fundraiser. Bloomsters, a florist located in Almaden Valley, provided flower arrangements that were sold at the event.

Mercedes Kronfeld of Alain Pinel Realtors, who attended the Pumpkin Auction for the third time, bought a double pumpkin creatively decorated as the droid of Star Wars, as well as a floral arrangement to give as a gift to give to one of her clients.

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

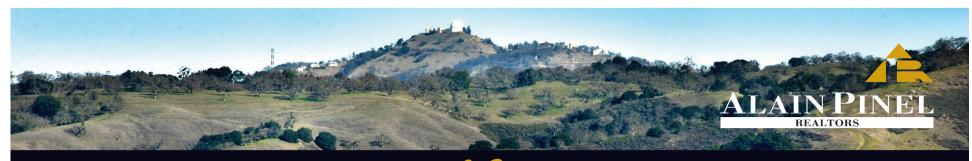
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SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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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