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K. Smith School launches safety and awareness campaign

By Charles Crosby
Special to the Times

Following a tragic incident that claimed the life of a woman in the neighborhood shared by Katherine Smith School, the school is doing its part to keep their community safer.

The school is taking a series of steps to raise awareness of the need for more conscientious driving in the neighborhood and to teach kids pedestrian safety.



Their information and awareness campaign will initially consist of three main elements:

1. Classroom meetings - Teachers in every class will engage student with interactive discussions about street safety rules from getting eye contact with drivers when crossing a

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Gifts for Teens: Gifts that keep on giving, and giving

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Sometimes when life is hard and you don't have much, just knowing someone cares can make all the difference. Gifts for Teens makes that difference.

Families living below the poverty line, and struggling just to get by, can't always afford new clothes for their children or presents during the holidays. Although organizations like Toys for Tots collect gifts for children, teens are often overlooked.

"Those teen years can be difficult anyway, not to mention if

your family is having problems," says Gifts for Teens volunteer Jeanne Carbone. "Gifts for Teens help them out and make them feel special."

While volunteering at a holiday gift sort, Gifts for Teens founder Elaine Benoit noticed the lack of items for teenagers and rallied members of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) to sponsor Gifts for Teens. In 1997, they started with compiling 21 baskets of cosmetics for girls. Over time, this evolved to stuffing about 1,400 duffle bags for

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Times **School News****Ramos named new Montgomery School principal**

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

"Offer children what they want so that we can give them what they need. It is essential that we educators foster a learning environment where children feel safe, look forward to attending, and where they want to be. We must be proactive in our approach in order to engage children in high level learning activities." – Guillermo Ramos



This is the motto of Guillermo Ramos, the new principal of Montgomery Elementary School in the Evergreen School District.

Ramos' roots go all the way back to the state of Michoacan, Mexico. "My father had 12 children with his first wife," said Ramos. "After her passing, he remarried and had four more children with my mother. I was my father's 16th child of sixteen children. After several stints as a Bracero worker, my father decided to immigrate to California in 1971. A few short months later I was born in Hollister, CA and I am the only member of my siblings born in the United States."

Ramos attended Cabrillo College and transferred to San Jose State where he received a B.A. in History in 1996, Teaching Credential in 2000, and M.A. in Education Administration in 2001. He is the only one of sixteen siblings to graduate college fulfilling the wishes of his father and mother that one of their children graduate from college. He is proud to be called a San Jose University "Spartan" and that America has given so

much to him. "My mother is very proud of me," said Ramos.

Ramos credits the public education system for his successes through college and his recent position as principal. In addition to the public system, Ramos attended a private Catholic club named the Penny Club in Watsonville which served children of field working parents. His educational background was enriched and strengthened through music and arts education and this is what he wants for every student that attends through Montgomery Elementary.

Ramos is proud of his background in teaching. "I started teaching in Pajaro Valley Unified School District in Watsonville, CA in 1997 as a migrant teacher and I eventually taught kindergarten, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades. I have been in administration the past 13 years - five as an Assistant Principal and now eight as principal. I was principal of Hall District Elementary in the Pajaro Valley for seven wonderful years where we made a lot of progress. I have to say that being principal has been the best job and experience that I have ever had."

Mr. Ramos' ultimate goal at Montgomery Elementary is to have students on track to be college and career ready. He would like for students in all grades to have hands on opportunities in the field of arts and technology and to continue exploring strategies so that

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New principal named for Cadwallader School

By Frank Shortt

Times Staff Writer

Cadwallader Elementary School in the Evergreen School District has named a new principal, Maureen McClintock.

"My first concern is the overall safety for all students and staff," said McClintock. "Secondly, I lead with joy," she explained. "School should be your happy place, whether you are a student or a member of the staff. We want our families to feel that sense of joy when they are on campus as well," said McClintock.

McClintock was influenced by her sixth grade teacher, Lou Williams, who emphasized both personal responsibility and



respect between the teacher and the students. After high school she attended West Valley College for two years and later went on to San Jose State University where she obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts with a minor in Elementary education. She earned her teaching credential and her Master's Degree in Education Administration and Supervision at San Jose State University as well.

Maureen began teaching in Evergreen in 1997 and spent most of her teaching years at Holly Oak Elementary. "The atmosphere at Holly Oak was very much like what I find at Cadwallader," she said. "The community of staff, students and families know each other

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street to using the corner or crosswalks only. They will brainstorm strategies, role play scenarios, and ensure every student understands why and how to stay safe

2. Using Parent Pride weekly meetings to engage parents – The group will explore possible tactics to increase safety awareness in the community including crossing guards, improved city street signs, a "walking school bus", or increased safety committee involvement. The school's leadership will empower parents to fight for better resources and improve the ones we have.

3. Pedestrian safety posters – K. Smith students will remind speeders why we need them to drive safely. Students have been challenged to make safety posters, which

will be posted on streets signs throughout the neighborhood.

"When there is a problem, we work to solve it. The recent tragedy will be our opportunity to make our community safer, especially for our student's journey to and from school each day," says K. Smith Principal Aaron Brengard. "I met with the family of the victim Laura Rosales last Friday. They hope to bring meaning to this tragedy and to keep the same thing from happening to someone else."

Those interested in providing support to the K. Smith safety and awareness campaign should contact Aaron Brengard, principal of K. Smith School, at abrengard@eesd.org or call the school office at 408-270-6751.

Editor's note: Charles Crosby is Director, Communications, Evergreen School District; email: ccrosby@eesd.org

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Humane Society's 13th annual 'Walk 'n Wag' to be held Oct. 3

Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV) is holding its 13th Annual Walk 'n Wag on Saturday October 3 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. at Heller County Park.

The fundraiser, benefiting the animals in need throughout Santa Clara County and beyond, culminates in a celebratory Walk or Run on Saturday, October 3 from 8am – 1pm at

Hellyer County Park. Four-legged friends are encouraged to participate in the two scenic walk routes or a 5K timed race.

Featuring special guest emcees, Mix 106.5 FM's Pope & Marla, Walk 'n Wag is a fun-filled day for the entire family, including a "Doggie Fun Zone" obstacle course, vendors, crafts for kids, a dog costume contest, food trucks and



more!

Funding collected through this annual event helps HSSV pursue its mission "to save and enhance lives" and highlights how with support from the community, a better future for homeless pets is achievable. This year's fundraising goal is \$300,000, and with the help of presenting sponsor, Abaxis, Inc. and fellow sponsors PetCo Foundation, Synaptics, Casino M8trix and Animus Veterinary Group, just to name a few*, HSSV looks forward to another successful event. To register and learn more, visit hssv.org/walk

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Petition supporting wildlife corridors gathers strength with thousands of signatures

A Care2 petition is calling on Gov. Jerry Brown and Transportation Secretary Brian Kelly to support the building of wildlife corridors in California after a male mountain lion, known as P-32, was struck and killed on Interstate 5 on August 10. The petition has gathered thousands of signatures.

"It's absolutely tragic to think of the animal lives that have been lost due to California freeways," said Katie Cleary, president and founder of Peace 4 Animals. "We have it within our power to coexist peacefully with mountain lions, and we need to start by respecting their need for safe spaces to roam. Wildlife corridors are an easy way to mitigate the violent impact our fast-paced lifestyle has on these animals."

When P-32 was struck and killed in the early morning, he became the 12th mountain lion to be killed on California freeways since 2012. He was first tagged and collared in the Santa Monica Mountains near Point Mugu State Park, and had wandered an impressive distance. After crossing Highway 101 near Thousand Oaks on April 3, he became the first known male lion to successfully leave the Santa Monica Mountains since researchers began a long-term study of the population.

After that, he crossed three other freeways. Still, thousands of animals are hit by vehicles in California each year. For the 5,000 mountain lions living in the state, vehicle collisions are the number one cause of death.



BREAKFAST MEAL ESCAPES

A brightly colored bobcat was spotted by photographer Lou Alexander on September 10 in a tree hunting for food behind his home at the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen. When the bobcat climbed up a giant California Oak, jays and crows squawked an alarm for other animals. Eventually the bobcat climbed down and left after about 15 minutes of hunting. Lou took his photos shortly after a squirrel the bobcat was hunting scrambled away to safety.

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Times **Local News****SPORTS BRIEFS****Youth basketball league begins September 11th at Chaboya Middle School***Open to boys and girls in the 5th thru 8th grade*

Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, September 11th thru November 20th for all interested boys and girls in grades 5th thru 8th regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the 120 available slots are full (60 players in 2 divisions).

There will be two co-ed divisions of 6 teams and no more than ten players on each team. In this “funpetitive,” league everyone plays equally for four quarters.

Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game). Cost for the league is \$165 which includes a game jersey, 8 or more games, personal basketball, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies, facility rental and officials.

For more information or to register, phone John at (408) 605-1513 You can also stop by Chaboya, or e-mail E.A.S.Y. Hoops Basketball at easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form.

Be a part of this exciting league every Friday afternoon and prepare yourself for your upcoming school and recreational leagues.

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students are challenged in an environment where there is high quality instruction and learning.

“It is essential that I create a positive working relationship with the entire school community,” said Ramos. “So far, it’s been a wonderful transition and I have to say that all the adults and students have been very respectful. I am happy to be here and to enrich the lives of students at Montgomery Elementary.”

Ramos continues: “I am still learning about the school community, however, I like what I have observed so far. Dr. Rucker (former Principal) and the Montgomery staff

have done an incredible job as they have met some previous goals such as achieving the CA state target of an 800 API in 2012 and 2013. There is a very strong foundation in place. Our office and custodial staff are essential in helping to accomplish my goals in classroom instruction. Ms. Petula Poon, manager of the office staff is very professional and handles her responsibilities effectively. The office staff supports parents with any questions or needs that may arise and makes the faculty’s jobs easier by responding to their requests. The custodians, Jermaine Balcer and Alfredo Rodriguez also play a large role as they ensure that students and faculty have facilities that are safe, clean and conducive to learning. Thus far, the office and custodial staff have fulfilled their roles so that I can focus on instruction and learning.”



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Times **Local News**

Day in the Park 2015 brings community together for fun, food, adventure

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

Special to the Times

Did you know that for almost 20 years the community has been coming together at Lake Cunningham Regional Park to celebrate Community and Culture at “Day in the Park”? This year we invite the community to come out on Saturday October 3, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event brings our community together for food and fun at Lake Cunningham where we also encourage families to explore the opportunity for outdoor adventure at the park. If you are looking for information about community resources this event features over 60 community partners - from non-profit services to local small businesses who offer products and services. Day in the Park 2015 will offer a multitude of resources including United Way, San Jose Police Department Crime Prevention, New York Life Insurance, The Foundation for Hispanic Education and many more.

Free BBQ and free pumpkins are always a favorite of our Annual Day in the Park and this year is no exception! We're happy to announce that our retired Police and Firefighters will be back at the barbeque grill flipping burgers. This is the 7th year that our office has hosted this event bringing families, friends, and neighbors to Lake Cunningham Regional Park for a day of active, outdoor adventures along with culturally diverse dance and music performances by local groups. Come early at 8 a.m. and create a lasting memory with your children at the free

fishing clinic. I took my grandson and was amazed at how quickly he caught on and landed a fish.

Day in the Park 2015 will offer something for everyone including a free BBQ, free pumpkins, skate park access, outrigger canoe lessons, a job and community resource fair, food trucks (Treatbot and Mogol), live entertainment, an obstacle course, rock climbing wall, and back again this year – a photo booth!

We have a plethora of mascots visiting us this year including Danny the Dragon, Sharkie, “Q” (from the San Jose Earthquakes), and Gigante (from San Jose Giants Baseball). Come hug your favorite mascot, wish their team success, and grab a fun picture to share with friends.

Day in the Park is also partnering with Brian Hom and the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Connection Team's (FAACT) event - Walk/Run for Food Allergies - to raise awareness of food allergy issues. We are looking forward to helping spread awareness of this issue that affects so many people while also sharing Day in the Park with even more participants! To register for the walk, visit our website <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3874>.

I'm so appreciative of our event sponsors and how they rally in support of our community by partnering with us to produce this festival every year. Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsor this year - The Woods (an Arcadia Company), our Gold Sponsors -

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And for all their time spent in planning this annual event, I'd like to also thank the 2015 Day in the Park Steering Committee Members: Brian Hom, Steve Ryan, Siddharth Vankatraman, Andre Morrow, Candace Tran, Doug Colbeck, Richard McCoy, Albert Rodriguez, and Rose Dhaliwal.

And of course, thank you to all of the volunteers! We have 200+ volunteers who help with this event each year, and we couldn't do

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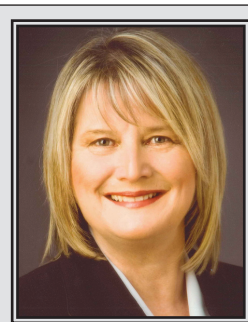
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Consider this your personal invitation from me to you to join us at the 2015 Day in the Park. Bring your neighbors, bring your friends, and bring your dog on a leash! All are welcome to get out and get active.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the 2015 Day in the Park!

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District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

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McClintock

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well,” she explained.

“I was principal at James Franklin Smith Elementary School for three years. This year the Superintendent decided to spread our talents around to other areas. I am happy to be here at Cadwallader and believe that I can be a positive influence in this community.”

For three years Cadwallader has had a program called Visual Thinking Strategies (VTS).

This is a program where students and teachers analyze images and ask probing questions to gain insight on what students are seeing:

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What more can you find?

McClintock plans to continue the program with an added strategy called Accountable Talk. Accountable Talk is the use of sentence frames to respectfully agree or disagree with a classmate. “I agree with Lilly because it says on page two in the first paragraph that the dog wouldn’t eat his food.” The important element is that students cite evidence from either an image or from text to support their statements.

Maureen is assisted in the office by the talented and always cheerful, Dilly Bhoot, who is a former Cadwallader parent and knows the community well.

“Dilly is well known in our community and keeps our school running smoothly. In addition, Sherry Gilmore is our health clerk

who teams with Dilly and the rest of our staff. Schools operate successfully with a great office staff and a strong custodial staff.”

This observation of Mrs. McClintock seems to resound in all the schools throughout San Jose. Support staff is a strong foundation for our schools in addition to our talented teaching staffs.

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren speaks to Villagers

Congresswoman **Zoe Lofgren**, California 19th Congressional District, United States House of Representatives, spoke to the Villagers and their guests at the Town Hall Meeting for All Villagers, sponsored by the Villages Democratic Club, at the Cribari Center Auditorium on Thursday, August 20.

Duane Jones, President of the Villages Democratic Club, opened the very special event and gave a very warm welcome to the Villagers and their guests, and introduced Congresswoman Lofgren with a very special introduction to the very enthusiastic audience.

Congresswoman Lofgren discussed immigration reform, growing a strong economy, innovation and technology, the environment, foreign policy, health care, human rights, and education. Following her talk, members of the audience asked questions at an open microphone. (Caption/Photo by Thom Harney.)



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President Carter's local appearances remembered

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Jimmy Carter's sojourn as president of the United States proved not to be such a success due to extenuating circumstances, and he may have been a little too unliberal for his liberal minded counterparts.

Carter was said to have failed to gain the release of hostages, taken by the Iranian Government, on November 4, 1979. After two failed attempts to rescue the hostages, the majority of them were kept 444 days, even though diplomatic efforts on the part of Carter prevailed little.

It is not really known what caused Iran, on January 20, 1981, to release the remainder of the hostages. This happened to be the day that Ronald Reagan was sworn in as president of the United States. Carter met the hostages in Germany to insure that they were well represented by the United States.

Jimmy (as he likes to be called) became active on many fronts after his presidency, notably, his Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat organization has been an active force for good throughout the world for many years. He has also been an integral figure in gaining peace between Israel and Palestine. World leaders have recognized him as a man of his word and have depended heavily upon his guidance and leadership.

February 8, 1995 dawned drizzly with a promise of rain the whole day. This was the day that Carter was coming to the Bay Area to conduct a book-signing for his book of poetry, *Always a Reckoning, and Other Poems*, illustrated by his own granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Chuldenko.

I was invited by a work colleague to go stand in line to obtain a signed copy of the book. I, in fact, took along another book by Jimmy and when I reached the table where he sat, I asked him to sign the other book for my wife. He graciously greeted me, signing both books, and smiled a knowing smile, as if to say, "That is what I would have done also."

This prompted me to write the following poem for Jimmy Carter after I returned home.

February 8, 1995

*Palo Alto was a' hum last night
The media recorded it all
People lined the adjacent streets
To answer the collector's call.*

*There was Bob, Leonard, Helen and Frank
And a lady who "loved" to read
An impressionistic artist who was married to Bob
And a hippie of no certain creed.*

The incessant rain was no hindrance



*To this headstrong, determined group
Their minds made up to endure to the end
They all showed plenty of poop.*

*Finally, the doors were swung open
To the cultural hall, and their goal
For hours and hours they had waited
Did anyone mind? Not a soul.*

*All this standing and aching
For four seconds of valuable time
As Jimmy signed volume on volume
He longed for ole Georgia's clime.*

Frank Shortt
February 9, 1995

After writing the poem, I did not feel that it should be presented as only a typed document. A friend of mine, Pam Maroni, was a wonderful Calligraphist, so I asked her if she would mind doing the poem in calligraphy. She graciously did so and I sent it to Jimmy along with some photographs that another friend had taken at the book-signing.

Jimmy was very pleased with the poem and sent me autographed photos, as well as, returned my check that I had sent to pay the return postage.

My next encounter with Jimmy Carter was when he came to San Jose on October 8, 2013 with his Habitat for Humanity group. That morning he arrived in Evergreen and entered the gate at Lake Cunningham Park and later going to the Cesar Chavez neighborhood to work on some houses there that needed repair. My article appeared in the Evergreen Times.

Now Jimmy is undergoing treatment for the dreaded disease, cancer. He still insists on teaching his Sunday school class Plains, Georgia, as well as trying to keep up with correspondence for several of his other causes.

Jimmy, our prayers are with you, and I count it a pleasure to have, in a small way, shown my appreciation for all that you have accomplished as the humanitarian and gentleman that you are. Keep up the good fight!

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Evergreen author releases suspense thriller about Silicon Valley

A year in the making, acclaimed Evergreen Valley author **Ann Bridges** (right) releases in all formats her debut novel, *Private Offerings*, a thriller about China's growing hunger for Silicon Valley's cutting-edge technology.



Bridges weaves a complex tale around venture capital and Wall Street wheeler-dealers jostling for position against Chinese interests, ahead of a high-stakes, DARPA-funded international IPO with cutting-edge security implications. A former IPO business executive, Bridges has lived and worked in Silicon Valley for decades.

"This is a good read! If you have ever walked the corridors of Silicon Valley, you will have met the characters in this book in conference rooms, at business and technical forums, coffee shops and airports from San Jose to San Francisco. It appears Bridges has captured many closely guarded conversations," said Stephen Tritto, Villages resident, retired Silicon Valley executive and award winning author.

Private Offerings is the first-ever suspense thriller set against the backdrop of Silicon Valley's modern day Gold Rush. Additionally, Bridges

is one of few women writing in this traditionally male genre. Following in the footsteps of best-seller novelists Tom Clancy and Michael Crichton, Bridges writes from her female perspective with a no-holds-barred look into the technology and investment communities against a backdrop of today's political economic and political realities.

"Ms. Bridges dances [her multi-dimensional characters] through the perfectly captured intensity of the Silicon Valley business world," praises Pat Waite, Evergreen resident and San Jose political figure. "*Private Offerings* is a compelling read: hard to put down and a pleasure to get back to," said Waite.

Editor's note: Ann Bridges will appear at Barnes & Noble in Eastridge Mall to answer questions and sign books on October 8 at 7pm, with special guest Vice Mayor Rose Herrera. Ms. Bridges will also speak at San Jose's "C2SV: Creative Convergence Silicon Valley" on October 8, 11:30am-1:00pm, and at a public forum at King Library on October 28 4:00-5:30pm as part of the 2015 San Jose State University Campus Reading Program.

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Times **Feature**

Long term 27-acre lease adjacent to Evergreen College to be discussed

The District 8 Community Round Table will host a meeting to discuss Republic Urban Properties proposal for their long term lease of 27 acres of property adjacent to Evergreen Valley College. The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Evergreen Community Center on Oct 1 starting at 7 p.m.

Representatives from Republic

Urban Properties have been invited to attend along with the College District and the community to present their thoughts on the project to the community.

At their April 14, 2015 meeting the San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees received an offer from Republic Urban Properties to enter into a long term lease of approxi-

mately 27 acres of property adjacent to the Evergreen Valley College. Republic offered the district \$1.5M annually for a 99 year agreement; there were no competing bids. One week later the offer was accepted.

Republic intends to develop the parcel as a mixed-use project, potentially including over 400 residential units along with retail and

commercial office facilities, subject to the approval of the City of San Jose.

The land, which was declared surplus in 2004, is not currently zoned for such development. The College District has identified several guiding principles for the development. Ideally, it will link to and enhance the identity of the Evergreen Valley College campus

while serving as a destination for visitors, residents and employees.

The project is a component of the Board's long term strategy to stabilize the funding variability driven by California's economic cycles. During the last downturn, the District was taxed with cutting approximately \$3.5 million from its operating budget, in addition to losing about \$1.0 million in funding due to lower student enrollment. The Board believes that the current campus footprint of 130 acres can support the current and future needs of the college and has developed a master plan consistent with that belief.

Some area residents take issue with the proposal, and have launched a Facebook page, Friends of Evergreen Valley College. They note that Evergreen Valley College offers significantly fewer degrees and certificates than other nearby community colleges. Many Evergreen students drive across the valley to DeAnza or West Valley to get into the programs that they want, adding to the traffic congestion for which the Valley is known. These residents believe the land is better used to improve the number and quality of programs, facilities and fields at Evergreen Valley College as a way to help relieve congestion and reduce carbon emissions.

The development proposal must work its way through San Jose's comprehensive planning process, which includes community meetings as well as hearings by the Planning Commission and, ultimately, the City Council.

Editor's note: The Evergreen Community Center is located at 4860 San Felipe Rd., San Jose, CA 95135.

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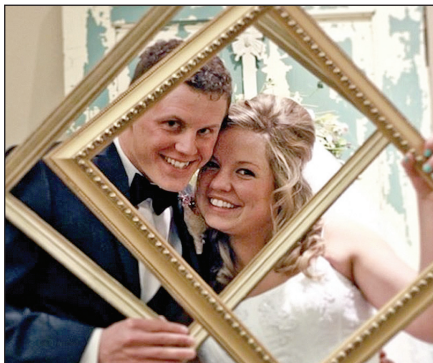
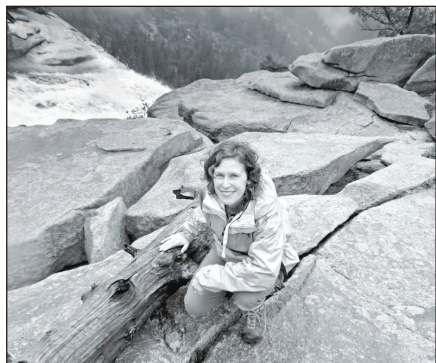
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Times Features

Day on the Bay at Alviso Marina County Park promises fun with a focus on health

By Supervisor Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

Pumpkins and kayaks and Sharks, oh my!

Join me from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday, October 11, at Alviso Marina County Park in San Jose for our 6th annual Day on the Bay multicultural festival and resource fair.

As always, the festival and all its fun features are free. Young attendees can choose a pumpkin, ride in a kayak through the scenic waterway around the park, build and race a zucchini car and scale up a climbing wall. Visitors of all ages can enjoy grilled hamburgers, dancers and musicians performing on two stages and drawings for prizes throughout

the day.

But wait, there's more! Sharkie, the San Jose Sharks mascot, will be there, along with a Slap Shot Inflatable. That's a 12-foot by 18-foot inflated target designed for people of all ages to test their puck-shooting accuracy. And our Bike Valet will watch over your bike while you enjoy the event, and Bay Area Bike Mobile will provide minor bike repairs.

And I'm especially excited that we've added a Farmers Market, with nine booths selling healthy fruits and vegetables. Besides being fun, Day on the Bay is focused on health and promoting a healthy lifestyle. Our Resource Fair will offer more than 100 information booths, many focused on health, offering free flu shots, dental and visual checks and type 2 diabetes screenings.

Day on the Bay, which is sponsored by my office and the Santa Clara County Parks Department, has its origins in an event I held at Lake Cunningham Park when I was a San Jose City Councilman representing the Evergreen area. When I



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

became a Santa Clara County supervisor, I wanted to continue the tradition but needed a new location.

In 2010, we celebrated the reopening of the Alviso Marina boat launch ramp, which gave Santa Clara County access to the San Francisco Bay for the first time in 30 years. It became the ideal site for Day on the Bay and has been designated as a site on the San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail. The festival has grown every year in attendance and community participation.

Along with all the healthy fun attractions at the festival, Alviso Marina County Park is a wonderful place to spend the day. Besides kayaking and boating adjacent to the Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge, the

park offers walking trails and connects with the Guadalupe River Trail for pedestrians and bicyclists.

For more information on the festival, contact Vanessa Turner at 408-299-5030 or visit the Day on the Bay web page. Click here for more information on the park.

'Silicon Valley Cares' announces 2015 Broomstick Ball and Par Tee Classic

The sixth annual Broomstick Ball, a Halloween costume party, is scheduled for Oct. 17, 2015 at the Fourth Street Summit Center in downtown San Jose. The event is sponsored by Silicon Valley Cares (SVC), a non-profit organization serving Silicon Valley.

The purpose of Silicon Valley Cares is to raise funds for non-profit organizations, which provide ongoing services to bay area families and critical community services within Santa Clara County. The Broomstick Ball is a costume-encouraged event including a wonderful dinner, casino play, silent auction, music, and dancing.

"Silicon Valley Cares puts the FUN in fundraising by offering the community a unique approach to raising funds with no live auctions or drawn out speeches," says SVC Founder, Kelly Dippel.

Beneficiaries

This year's beneficiaries: *Youth Science Institute* – offers hands-on, nature-based, science education to children, families, and the general public, with a focus on ensuring these programs are available to low income, academically at-risk, and underserved populations; *Nike Animal Rescue Foundation* – is dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating and rehoming companion animals throughout Santa Clara County; and *The Alzheimer's Activity Center* – provides day care and enrichment activities to clients affected by Alzheimer's and dementia while offering support to the families caring for them at home.

About Silicon Valley Cares

SVC is a non-profit organization that unites Santa Clara County women with a common commitment to raising funds for local charities. Since its inception, SVC has grown to over 60 members. For more information on Silicon Valley Cares or the Broomstick Ball and Par Tee Classic ticket purchases please visit www.siliconvalleycares.org.

Free public astronomy talk at Montgomery Hill Observatory

A free public astronomy talk "Got planets?" will be presented on Friday, October 2, during 6 -7 p.m. in the lecture hall S140, Sequoia Building, at Evergreen Valley College.

After the talk, the audience can participate in a free stargazing night at the Montgomery Hill Observatory of Evergreen Valley College from 8 -10 p.m.

To obtain additional information about future free events sponsored by the Astronomy Meetup Group, visit Meetup.com/Starry-Evergreen-at-the-Montgomery-Hill-Observatory. For questions, contact Nargis Adham at montgomeryhillobservatory@gmail.com.



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Times Features

OFF THE SHELF: Drought forum, credit score program and Happy Birds are on the way

By Amelia Vander Heide

Special to the Times

Living in California we have all felt the pinch of the seemingly unending drought. Lawns have gone brown, showers have become shorter, and the fire season has started even earlier than normal this year. It takes a community to ban together and fight these drought conditions and work together to help with conservation efforts.

That is why California Assembly member Nora Campos will be presenting a **Drought Forum and Legislative Update** in the Community Room of the Evergreen Branch Library on Saturday September 26 from 1-3pm. This event will feature speakers from the Department of Water Resources, Santa Clara Valley Water District,

Master Gardeners of Santa Clara, and the CA Landscape Contractors Association talk about the drought and how residents can be more drought conscience and water efficient.

The library will also be hosting another exciting adult centered program: **Understanding and Improving Your Credit Score: Impact, Truths and Fallacies.** This program will take place on Thursday September 24 from 5:30-7 p.m. Credit Scores are used not only by financial institutions, but also by insurance companies and by certain employers to evaluate risk. Come join us at this stimulating session and review the basics of the Credit Scores, min and maxes, and the components of the score. The presenters will also discuss how to improve overall score through credit



Parrots will amaze and delight audiences this weekend at the Evergreen Library.

restoration, and what fallacies/scams to avoid.

We encourage children of all ages and their caregivers to come and enjoy **Happy Birds** on Saturday September 19 at 11:30am. This show will amaze and delight the audience as they watch parrots sing, talk, ride bicycles, and perform flying tricks. This program is generously sponsored by the Friends of the Evergreen Library. Children and their caregivers, who are ready to learn more about pedestrian and bicycle safety, will also enjoy **Officer Bailey Safety Storytime** on Wednesday September 30 at 6pm.

Girls in grades 7-12 and their guardians will be happy to hear that **Girls Who Code** is back this fall. Girls Who Code is a national non-profit that encourages girls to learn more about STEM careers through learning to code. This program will be every Tuesday evening from 6-8pm starting September 29 and running until June 2016. This is a class and girls must be willing to commit to the entire course and provide their own laptops. Interested students can register either in-person or over the phone by calling 408-808-3060.

Teens should be sure to stop in for Banned Books Week, September 27-October 3. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrated at schools, bookstores, and libraries throughout the country. This event raises awareness about frequently challenged books and highlights the need for continued access to information. Teens can learn and celebrate the freedom to read by checking out the library's banned books display and participating in our **Banned Books Scavenger Hunt**. Teens that complete the scavenger hunt will be entered in a prize drawing for a \$25 Target gift card.

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.

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Times Features

Gifts

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boys and tote bags for girls.

"I think it means a great deal to receive a gift, and know that people in the community care about them," says Benoit. "It raises their self-esteem. Most importantly, these gifts motivate teens to connect with city agencies which can get help them with counseling, job training, educational programs and sometimes housing, changing lives."

The teenagers, recommended by local San Jose service agencies, are family members of Sacred Heart Community Service, homeless youth helped by Bill Wilson Center, street kids served by HomeFirst, and teens living in group homes run by Unity Care Group and Advent Group. They face financial hardships, and some live on the streets.

The gift bags provide the teens with a fleece blanket, t-shirts, USB flash drive, hat, socks, flip-flops, underwear, water bottle, Frisbee, playing cards, journals, cosmetics, personal care items, dental supplies, school supplies, jewelry, snack bars and a candy cane. Gift cards are included for The Tech Museum, Golfland, movies, Target, and fast food. The teens also receive warm clothes they might not otherwise have. The girls receive knit caps, scarves and gloves, and the boys get baseball caps and sweatshirts. Due to a generous donation from Cisco, this year the boys will receive leather jackets as well.

In addition, due to a \$24,300 grant from the Sharks Foundation, and a \$5,000 grant from the Trombetta Foundation, each teen will receive a \$25 gift certificate to buy a new pair of shoes at Payless. "Getting them a new pair of shoes has always been our dream," says Gifts for Teens volunteer Arlene Shaughnessy. "It's wonderful they'll have the opportunity to shop for something they want, and it's so important for them to know someone cares."

The gifts bags were received with great appreciation last year. "This gift bag is the only gift I received," said one teen. "It means so much that someone cared enough to put the bag



Gifts for Teens volunteers **Jeanne Lewis, Lois Schultz, Jan Giroux, Elaine Benoit, and Lea Kammerer**: Gifts for Teens volunteers want needy teens to know they're cared for.

together just for me." "This was one of the best Christmases of my life," said another.

"I loved the sweatshirt; it doesn't show dirt," said a recipient. "Without this sweatshirt, I wouldn't have anything nice to wear to my job interview." "I want to thank you for taking time out of your day to buy the gifts you brought me for Christmas," shared a homeless boy from a group home. "If I could buy you a present, I would have done the same for you."

One of the girls in a group home wrote in a thank you note that she was happy to have her own shampoo, and a father said he was finally able to have presents under the tree for his kids.

"Hearing the feedback is heartwarming," says Gifts for Teens volunteer Beverly Bassett. "It means so much to them, and brings tears to our eyes. We have such a diversity of incomes in the San Jose area. To be able to help those that don't have advantages in life...families struggling with two or three jobs to do the best for their kids...knowing I'm doing something to help them, is very rewarding."

"I love that there's something available for older kids," says Gifts for Teens volunteer Norma Faulkner. "The comments are so touching. I hope Gifts for Teens continues for time to come. There's always going to be a need."

"So many people don't realize that there's such a struggling class in San Jose," says Bassett, "and there are things that can be done to help them."

"It's a wonderful thing that we are able to help these young people who have little, if anything," says Benoit. "It's extremely important that we're getting the word out to the community that there's a need out there and the community is responding." "It's wonderful some companies are stepping forward," says Benoit. "SanDisk gave us 800 USB drives so the kids can store school work and resumes."

For more information, contact Elaine Benoit at 408.268.9654, or elaine@gifts4teens.org. To volunteer (signups start in October) or donate gift items, go online to: www.gifts4teens.org.



Lea Kammerer and Elaine Benoit hold a sweatshirt and tote, which will be donated to teenagers.



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District 8 Community Roundtable (D8CRT)

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

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization

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

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

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

The Evergreen

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

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Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

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

Evergreen School District

Parent Advisory Committee

The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 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

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campus-grid.net/> home and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center

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Friends of Evergreen Library

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

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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.

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251-4939. For more information visit www.rhvaa.org.

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

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Story Road Business Association

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San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the district board room on the Evergreen Valley College campus, 4750 San Felipe Rd. 270-6402.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational

Partnership

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

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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