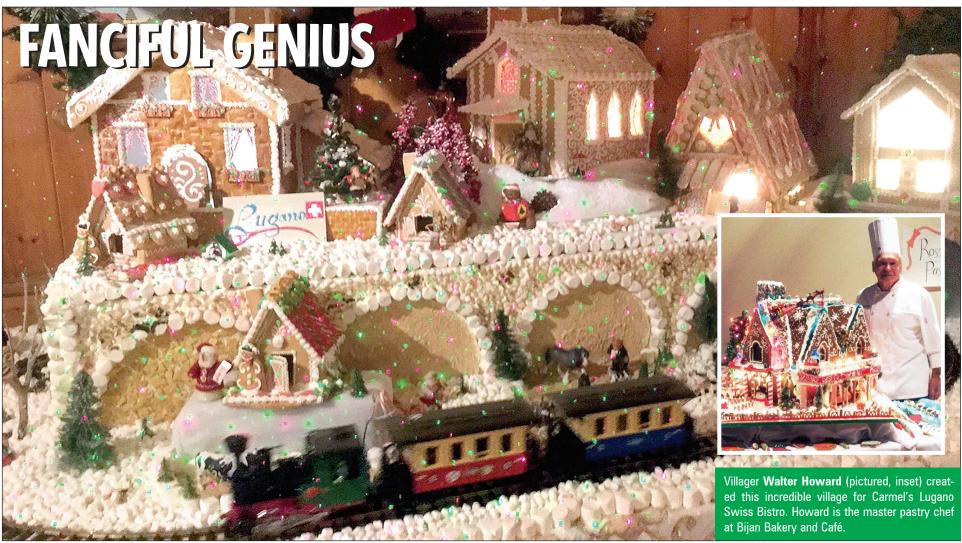
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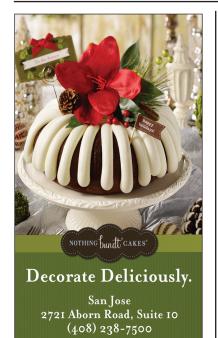




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District 8 candidate Joshua Barousse holds fundraising event

oshua Barousse, who is a candidate for Evergreen's City Council District 8, held a fund raising event on Dec. 14 at Evergreen Square. The seat is currently held by San Jose Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, who will be termed out in November, 2016.

Joshua Barousse serves as a Council Assistant to District 2 Council Member Ash Kalra. Barousse, a San Jose native, has holds a Master's Degree in Public Policy from San Jose State University.



(Left to right) - Josh Barousse and Angela Nguyen (Former District 8 See BAROUSSE, page 3 Youth Commissioner).

Villager creates Villages

By William Bellou

Publisher

illage's Golf and Country Club resident Walter Howald is a genius at designing and creating fanciful gingerbread villages to the delight of locals and visitors lucky enough to see the beautifully crafted displays.

As the master pastry chef at Bijan Bakery and Café, Howald designed, baked and decorated an entire gingerbread village for the Fairmont Hotel's entrance in downtown San Jose. The Lugano Swiss Bistro restaurant in Carmel is also displaying another Howald creation.

The villages that Howald

builds take more than 120 hours of create. Each village is loaded with gingerbread, meringues and fondant. Howald's villages also include animation, such as moving Ferris wheels and skaters on a pond. Each window in the village is laced with icing curtains, the steeples display the town timepiece and the window boxes contain beautiful blooming flowers.

"This is the fourth year in a row that both the Fairmont and the Lugano Swiss Bistro have asked me to create my gingerbread village, which is quite an honor," said Howald. "You know, I am retired now, so it pleases me that I can do just what

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Jeremy Barousse, Lucy Barousse, Josh Barousse, and Ken Heredia.

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"Residents of Evegreen San Jose came together to join a campaign for a better San Jose and hear my vision for District 8," said Barousse. "As a lifelong Evergreen resident and officer of the District 8 Community Roundtable, I know first-hand the issues that impact our neighborhoods," added Barousse

District 8 candidate pool is filling up

Another contender for the District 8 Council seat is attorney Jimmy Nguyen. Nguyen ran in 2012, finishing second in the primary field and lost to incumbent Herrera.

Also running is Jenny Do, a workers compensation attorney with a long history of activism in the Vietnamese community.

Pat Waite, retired businessman, and businesswoman Denise Belisle, may enter the race next month.



'Star Wars' breaks multiple movie records

States last Thursday, and quickly blew past previous box office records by making \$288 million domestically to date, and \$611 million worldwide to date, proving that force remains with Star Wars fans.

Pictured above are "Star Wars: The Force Awakens" director **J.J. Abrams** with original "Star Wars" director **George Lucas** at the film's world premiere in Hollywood on December 14.

The event, which Abrams called "incredibly low key" in a wry speech, closed down four full city blocks in the heart of Tinsel Town, with a Disney-designed party that hosted the "whoest" who's who of Hollywood.

Disney paid \$4 billion for Lucasfilm in 2012, and expects to make up to \$2.5 billion from the box office receipts for the newest Star Wars film alone, and possibly \$5 billion or more on merchandise.

Planning on seeing the film? San Jose's "The Tech Museum of Technology" is showing the



Harrison "Han Solo" Ford at the premiere

film in its incredible Hackworth IMAX Dome Theater, which is one of only eight theaters in our entire solar system that will screen the film on a rare 70MM projector, and the only one west of Des Moines. Tickets are available at thetech.org. —Jeff Baham

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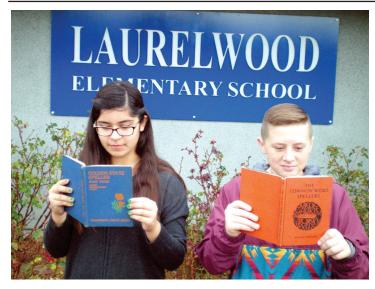
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Aleah Moore and **Stephen Accacia** using 1935 model spellers to cram for the Spelling Bee at Laurelwood Elementary School.

Students prepare for first annual Laurelwood Spelling Bee

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

It is a time for tense moments, deep thinking, and a general all around good time as Evergreen School District's Laurelwood Elementary School will hold its first annual Spelling Bee

Top finalists from the written spelling bee will advance to the oral spelling bee on Jan. 6, 2016. Laurelwood is one of four schools in the Evergreen School District that will participate in the Spelling Bee.

The winner of Laurelwood's spelling bee qualifies to participate in the Bay Area Regional Spelling Bee sponsored by KPIX-Television in mid-February.

The oral Spelling Bee will be held in the multi-

purpose room at Laurelwood Elementary. The written Spelling Bee was held on Dec. 14 in each upper grade class. A panel of judges decides who will advance onward.

Students are given 'study tips' to prepare for the Spelling Bee. It is suggested for students to compile a spelling notebook. Different sections can feature trouble-

some word endings, homonyms, difficult double letter spellings, or specialized terms.

Students are encouraged to visit the Scripps National Spelling Bee website for tips and information about the Spelling Bee. Words used in the Laurelwood written Spelling Bee will be selected from the 2016 Spelling Bee Study List. Additional words will be from My Spellit.com and spellingbee.

Words used in the oral part of the Spelling Bee at Laurelwood



will be selected from the 2016 Spelling Bee Study List and from the Webster's Dictionary, Unabridged copy of 2002.

Dr. Hong Nguyen, Principal at Laurelwood, promises that this will be an exciting time for both students and parents as they jointly prepare for this important event. For additional information email: hnguyen@eesd.org



Bobcat spotted

A large bobcat, spotted in the Villages Gold and Country Club at 8 a.m. on Dec. 15. Lou Alexander said he was finishing our morning walk. "He moved away quickly through the front yard of a home and then into the greenbelt behind our house," said Lou. *Photo by Lou Alexander*



Boastwain's Mate Adera

Local resident Aviation Boatswain's Mate (Equipment) Airman **Eyob Adera**, cleans the lower rails of a catapult on the flight deck of the U.S. Navy's only forward-deployed aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76). Ronald Reagan provides a combat-ready force that protects and defends the collective maritime interests of the U.S. and its allies and partners in the Indo-Asia-Pacific region.

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Above left photo: (Far left standing) EMMA SCARRA, ESHA KIDAMBI, KRITIKA YERRAPOTU, KRITIKA YERRAPOTU, HOLLY J. HARWOOD SHREYA S. BALUSU, JESSICA KLIEWER. Coach - George Gemellos. (Far left front row) ALEXIS WOO, SPOORTHI VALLAMKONDA, SHEVALI KADAKIA, JULIANNA N. NIJMEH, MEGANA ARUNARTHI, ALISHA DHAR. Above right photo: The team celebrates by hoisting their trophy into the air.

Chaboya girls basketball team wins championship

By Spoorthi Vallamkonda

Special to the Times

he eighth grade Chaboya Lady Colts Basket Ball Team competed in the Willow Glen Tournament and advanced to the top of the bracket, placing first on Dec. 5. Next, the team defeated Britton in the

Quarterfinals and advanced to the Semi Finals.

After a close game with Valley Christian the Lady Colts made their way to the

Championships.

Ending with a score of 61-38, the eight-grade Chaboya team earned the title "East Section Eight Grade Champions".

Overall, the team now has two back-to-

back undefeated middle school years and finished with a 31- 0 record. The eighth grade Lady Colts team have had two amazing seasons and are looking forward to playing for their High School Teams.



'Reaching out' distributes food to needy families

Reaching Out Food Center at the Cathedral of Faith held its annual 'Celebration of Love' earlier this week.

More than 2,500 grocery carts full of food are being distributed to more than 4,500 needy families. The grocery carts full of food include turkeys, fresh produce, vegetables, milk, bread, and pastries. The retail value of the distributed food is more than one million dollars.

"This year, we've seen a much greater demand in our services," said Jim Gallagher, Reaching Out's director. The mostly-volunteer organization, which operates out of a debt-free, 16,000 square foot distribution center on the Cathedral of Faith campus, provides emergency food

and basic life necessities for over 120,000 economically disadvantaged.

More than 500 volunteers are participating in the distribution of food through the program. This year Reaching Out also partnered with eight local public schools that see a need for food for their students' families.

Reaching Out provides monthly food distribution to more than 1,200 families with children attending the Rocketship Si Se Puede Elementary School, Canoas Elementary School, Mathson Middle School, Ace Academy, Renaissance Academy, Cesar Chavez Elementary School, Overfelt High School, and schools in the Franklin McKinley District.

The non-profit organization will take the food to the schools, where parents pick it up when they pick up their children from school. The Celebration of Love Food Distribution on Dec. 22 event takes about two hours to pull off—with the help of hundreds of volunteers from the church congregation. More than 4,500 vouchers are being distributed to recipients over the next month, and each will present their voucher to receive their food. "No one will be turned away," Gallagher said.

For more information about Reaching Out or the Cathedral of Faith, log onto www.cathedraloffaith.org, or contact Jim Gallagher, Director, at 408.979.3090 or jgallagher@cathedraloffaith.org.

OBITUARY

Eric Roy Anderson April 12, 1954 - Dec. 14, 2015

ric Roy Anderson died peacefully at his home in Los Angeles on Monday, Dec. 14, 2015 at the age of 61.

Eric grew up in
Fanwood, New
Jersey, graduated in
Scotch Plains
Fanwood High
School and has
been an outstanding realtor for
almost 30 years in
Silicon Valley.

Eric is survived by his loving wife of 13 years, Rica

Anderson; his children Johann and Josiah Anderson; Kersten Anderson; step children Sean and Shanika Bautista; and grandchild Valerie. He also leaves his brothers Dr. Rick Anderson and Ray Anderson.

Funeral Services and Burial was held at the Oak Hill Cemetery.



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Emilie Wu is a winner in the New Seasons photo contest with her entry "Miranda likes to fuel her fun by eating freshly picked apples from Gizdich Ranch in Watsonville." Emily, with daughter Miranda, receives a \$150 New Seasons gift certificate from Conly. "What a two-fold prize I won," said Emilie. "Not only did New Seasons give us a generous gift card for groceries, but this gave me such a great opportunity to veer from my usual shopping routine. With such and impressive selection and friendly employees, I'll be shopping much more often at New Seasons from now on."

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Times Local News

Umunhum radar tower considered important by many locals

By Sam Drake

Special to the Times

he Radar Tower atop Mount Umunhum is considered by many in Silicon Valley as an important part of our local history and an integral part of the South Bay skyline.

Many residents served at the Almaden Air Force Station atop the mountain to keep us safe. Those of us in the South Bay see the Tower every day; when we see it we know we are home.

Unless funds are raised to preserve the Tower it faces an uncertain future. The Open Space District that owns it does not spend money on historic preservation.

The Open Space District made it clear that their plan is to completely demolish the Tower or to remove the top 80 percent, leaving only a shade structure behind. This action would eliminate the landmark that we see from the valley floor and the integrity of the historic structure. If the community raises the funds needed to preserve the Tower, it can be saved.

The Open Space District has given the fund raisers until October 2017 to raise the necessary funds (approximately \$1.5 million). Today funds 20 percent of the way towards that goal! With less than



Mt. Unumhum from Santa Teresa County Park. Photo: Don DeBold (flickr.com/CC)

two years remaining we have a lot of work left to do, but I am confident that with your help we will be successful.

2015 progress:

Over 3000 additional people have supported us on social media such as Facebook (nearly 9000 in total)

Sponsored over a dozen presentations about the history of the Almaden Air Force Station atop Mt. Umunhum.

Signed up the first corporate sponsors. Please thank them for their support of the Conservancy!

Added to the list of local political figures who support preserving the Tower.

Continued to work with the Santa Clara County Historical Heritage Commission to secure historic status for the Tower.

This outpouring of support makes it clear: our community wants to preserve the Tower. But ultimately that support has to turn into the funds to preserve it. Your support is needed to preserve our local history!

Here are great ways to make your gift go even further:

Your donation before the end of 2015 will be matched dollar for dollar by the Umunhum Conservancy Board up to a total of \$20,000.

Consider donating stock to the Conservancy. In many cases, donating stock allows you to avoid paying capital gains taxes while maximizing your donation.

Many employers match their employee's donations. Be sure to check with your employer's human resources department.

As you do your holiday shopping this year, remember that Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of all your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to the Conservancy. Instead of going to Amazon directly to shop, instead start here: http://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-1438547!

DOING GOOD

Ann Liem cleans up

Ann Liem encountered an enormous paper spill on the side of Tully Rd. last week.

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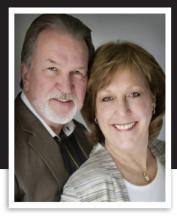
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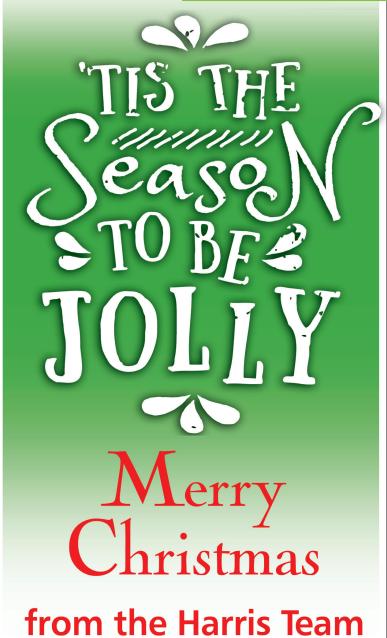




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Times Feature

Year one - how did we do?

From the

Mayor

Sam Liccardo

By Mayor Sam Liccardo

Special to the Times

appy holidays! Amid all of the celebrating, we are near the completion of our first year in office. It's time to

assess our progress, and to take stock of opportunities to improve in the year ahead.

My first "State of the City" address in March focused on two key themes: improving public safety, and broadening economic opportunity. I am proud to say we've made significant progress along both of those broad ambitions:

We've stemmed the bleeding of police officers and other key employees from our ranks by settling disputes over pension reform with 10 of our employee unions. These

agreements will generate \$3 billion in savings over the next 30 years by reducing retiree healthcare and pension costs.

We've approved funding to aggressively recruit, hire and train new officers, nearly doubled the number of Community Service Officers (CSOs) to handle lower-priority calls, and added 14 firefighters to improve our emergency response.

We've invested in technology to make our officers more effective, such as upgrading computer systems in patrol cars, outfitting officers with body-worn cameras, creating a voluntary video camera registry, launching "Smart Pole" technology with new LED streetlights, and using data analytics software to better anticipate "hot spots" of crime.

We've expanded educational opportunities for kids from high-poverty neighborhoods, by opening all of our branch libraries six days per week, launching innovative after-school learning programs in 16 schools, and expanding free tutoring through "1000 Hearts for 1000 Minds."

We've added more jobs than any large metro area in the U.S., with more than two



We're making strides against homelessness by buying two deteriorating motels that we'll restore for homeless

housing, incentivizing landlords to accept homeless veterans with housing vouchers, and investing tens of millions of dollars in in new affordable housing construction.

We launched "San Jose Works" providing summer jobs to over 700 teens living in gangimpacted neighborhoods, ensuring that the kids received job training and financial literacy along with their first paycheck. We also boosted anti-truancy and gang-prevention efforts at local schools.

Beyond any of these accomplishments, I'm also grateful to my Council colleagues and members of the City workforce for elevating the public discourse above the acrimony of years past.

Of course, we have much more to do. I look forward to working with you in 2016 to make San Jose the city that engages our collective imagination, and inspires our civic work. Together, we are San Jose!

MOVIE REVIEW: 'In the Heart of the Sea' a whale of a tale

By Steven Leonard

Special to the Times

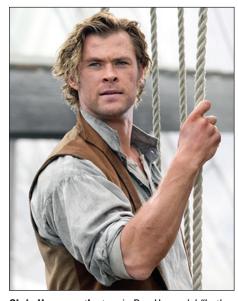
In the Heart of the Sea is a 2015 American biographical adventure thriller film based on Nathaniel Philbrick's 2000 non-fiction book of the same name.

The story is about the sinking of the American whaling ship *Essex* in 1820 that inspired the tale of *Moby-Dick*.

The film, directed by Ron Howard, stars Chris Hemsworth, Benjamin Walker, Cillian Murphy, Tom Holland, Ben Whishaw, and Brendan Gleeson. It was released in the United States on December 11, 2015.

Chris Hemsworth is an Australian actor. He is best known for his roles as Thor in the Marvel Cinematic Universe films *Thor* (2011), *The Avengers* (2012), *Thor: The Dark World* (2013) and *Avengers: Age of Ultron* (2015).

In 1820, the whaling ship *Essex* is crewed by the Captain George Pollard, Jr., first officer Owen Chase, second officer Matthew Joy, and cabin boy Thomas Nickerson. During their voyage, the ship is sunk when it is rammed and split in half by a very large and enraged bull sperm whale, ultimately leaving its crew shipwrecked at sea for 90 days and more than a thousand miles from land. After the attack, the crew sails for South America and is forced to resort to cannibalism.



Chris Hemsworth stars in Ron Howards' "In the Heart of the Sea."

It's not a bad film. Ultimately a bleak tale of survival, In the Heart of the Sea seems to make all the right moves in spinning this yarn but never touches the heart of the viewer. A good cast and a formidable white whale can't overcome that.

"In the Heart of the Sea" explains in great details of the trials and tribulations the crew See MOVIE, page 13

Educational Institute in Evergreen Valley advocates education for all students

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

r. Tony Qin is a force to be reckoned with among the immigrant residents of Evergreen. He is an advocate of education for all students in the Evergreen community, as well as, an enthusiast providing needed tools for the success of all students.

Dr. Qin, came from Anhui Province, China. He emigrated to the U.S. for greater opportunities to work, live and to enjoy better education for himself and his family. Prior to leaving China he worked first as a middle school teacher then as a lecturer in Mathematics at a University.

Before coming to America, Qin went to Britain, and obtained his M.S. degree and his Ph.D. at Oxford University. Some of the difficulties he had there are best explained by Dr. Oin:

"When arriving to study at Oxford, the difficulties I faced were twofold: First, language and culture, and Second, my financial situation. Although having learned English before going to Britain, I found it quite difficult to use English, especially in listening and expressing. Moreover, I had quite a cultural shock, as China was so poor and closed at that time. Financially, it was a tremendous challenge for me as well as a thundering shock to face.



Dr. Tony Qin

As a university lecturer, my salary was less than eight dollars per month at that time, while my three meals per day in Britain was more than eight dollars, not even mentioning other living expenses.

Although I had a scholarship and stipend from both the British government and Oxford University, I didn't have enough money to support myself. So I had to take several part-time jobs in the evenings and weekends, such as local newspaper delivery, restaurant dish washing, and office janitor, etc., while studying for my Ph.D. at Oxford." Qin further states, "all difficulties become temporary and conquerable if one embraces the belief that education empowers life!"

Dr. Qin's educational credentials include an M.S. in Mathematics, an M.S. in Computation (Oxford), and a Ph.D. in Computer Science from Oxford. His motto, as pertaining to education is, quoting John Dewey: "Education is not preparation for life, education is life itself." "School education is a holistic practice of teaching and learning to maximize each student's potential," said Qin.

When asked what his greatest goal he hoped to attain in America, Qin replied:

"Based on Maslow's Hierarchy of Needs, my greatest goal is for self-actualization. I am a strong believer that education empowers life. I am a passionate educator who would like to work as a public servant and advocate education for the whole community."

Dr. Qin is now Principal of Spring Source Education Institute based at 3520 San Felipe Road in Evergreen. The facilities are within the Evergreen Valley United Methodist Church with at least one other site elsewhere. The mission is to provide a safe, effective, and well-supervised learning environment for Kindergarten thru sixth grade and to promote individual self-esteem and to provide opportunities for learning languages, math, science, art, and sports. The institute is licensed by both the State of California as well as the City of San Jose

The teachers are all professional and have worked at schools and with children prior to becoming part of the staff at S.S.E.I. At a recent year-end celebration party, the children performed onstage what they have been learning to their parents and families. This all took place on Friday evening, December 11, 2015 and the theme was based upon the coming Christmas Holiday.

Dr. Qin is also organizing a meeting between East Side





Left: Part of ensemble singing "Santa Claus is Coming to Town." Right: Children at work at one of the sites.

Union High School District President Van Le, Superintendent Chris Funk; and the Evergreen Chinese community. The meeting will be at Evergreen Valley High School on December 14, 2015. Some of the topics will be: Common Core State Standards, how to enhance EVHS college readi-

ness, the Chinese language program at EVHS, etc. This should be a very informative and interesting meeting.

Editor's note: If there is more public interest in Spring Source Educational Institute, Dr. Qin may be contacted at 408.221.8567 or by email at, springsource@live.com.

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Identity theft and fraud prevention a hot topic in Santa Clara County

By Supervisor Mike Wasserman Special to the Times

early 150 people attended the Identity Theft and Fraud Prevention Seminars that I co-hosted with the District Attorney's Office last month. Deputy District Attorney Vishal Bathija provided detailed information about how criminals target their victims as well as important tips for how to avoid becoming a victim. Here are some key takeaways for those who were not able to attend:

TIP: Never put check payments in an unsecured outgoing mail box for the USPS. The red flag signaling outgoing mail is sometimes referred to as a "rob me sign" by law enforcement.

TIP: Keep important documents locked up securely at home and shred what you don't need. Past tax returns and documents with identifying information (date of birth, social security number, etc.) are targeted during

home burglaries for identity theft and are considered more valuable than cash and jewelry.

TIP: Use common sense on social media. Assume that anyone can view what you post on Facebook and other social media sites. Don't advertise dates you will be on vacation and remember that information like birthdates and your mother's maiden name give criminals enough information to commit identity theft.

TIP: To detect fraud, the District Attorney recommends checking your credit report annually using services such as www.annualcreditreport.com.

Santa Clara County provides Real. Life. Help. in so many ways: Ahmad and Freshta



County Report

Masi escaped Afghanistan with their young daughter, fearing for their lives after the Taliban discovered they were helping the U.S. Armed Forces. Overnight, they left their country, family, and friends behind and had to adjust to a new culture, find jobs, housing and start their lives all over. Thanks to help from CalWORKs- a program that gives temporary aid and services to eligible needy families - they are thriving! Thousands of lives are improved by this program and I'm proud to recognize several of the many inspiring success

stories each year.

We opened the South County Cold Weather Shelter a week early and added

emergency shelter beds countywide so that homeless families and individuals will have a safe place to stay warm and dry. Freezing temperatures are easy to handle when living indoors, but are life-threatening for those living unsheltered. This couldn't have happened without the dedicated staff and volunteers of HomeFirst who were able to mobilize and open the shelter with less than 24 hours' notice. Our long-term goal is to reduce the need for emergency shelters by getting more people off the streets and into permanent supportive housing. The only way to make real progress is through collective action and the good news is that we are making significant progress: in one year, the number of homeless individuals in our County has dropped 14 percent — from 7,631 down to 6.556.

I wish you and your family warm and happy holidays!









From left: Grade 3 winners Jaydon Ng, Ayetra Sarkar, and Ryan Ngo; Brandon Ng, winner of the 6th and 7th grade; Krish Siddhiwala, grade 1 & 2 winner; and 5th grade winners Siddhi Manisha, Allison Ng and Ayush Agarwal.

Speech contest winners answer 'limitless' question

Tho would you spend the day with if your choices were limitless?

Evergreen students were answering this question at Silver Creek Academy's Second Annual Speech Contest held at JFS School on December 10th.

"The students all did so well and the speeches far exceeded my expectations," said Judge Reem Coniglio after the completion of the event.

Earning the top prizes were Krish Siddhiwala for first and second grade, Ayetra Sarkar for third and fourth grade, Allison Ng for fifth grade, and Brandon Ng for sixth and seventh grade.

"The speech contest was a huge success," said Silver Creek Academy owner and teacher Shelley Swircek. "We wanted to offer the students an opportunity to challenge themselves, step outside of their comfort zone, and practice their public speaking skills in a positive environment."

Editor's note: For more information about Silver Creek Academy's speech contest and courses including writing, reading comprehension, math, logic and critical thinking, HSPT and SAT Prep and individual tutoring, call 408.839.5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.



All the participants pause to pose at the second annual speech contest at Silver Creek Academy.

Girl Scouts present drought theme for Bronze Award

By Reena Arya

Special to the Times

ave Water and Help the Drought" is this year's theme for a local Evergreen girl scout troop's Bronze Award project.

Troop 60158, consisting of nine 5th graders, began brainstorming ideas last spring for their community service leadership project where they can make a difference in their local community.

With California currently in a drought and facing the worst water crisis since the 1600's, the girls decided to heighten the community's awareness about the drought and promote ways to conserve water in their daily lives.

First, the Troop read up on drought conditions, did a lot of research on water conservation, and brainstormed on creative ways to save water. As part of the project, the girls worked together to prepare a skit about water conservation. In the skit, the main character, Brooke, teaches her family, friends, and neighbors to stop wasting and start saving

water on a daily basis.

The girls spent about three months writing, editing, and rehearsing the skit several times before presenting it to the local boy scouts troop at Silver Oak School. Approximately 25 boy scouts and their parents attended this skit performance earlier this month. The message presented to the audience about the drought in California and ways to save water was well received.

In addition to the skit, Troop 60158 also managed a booth at Evergreen Farmer's Market where they distributed water saving brochures designed and prepared by the girls to visitors at the market. With the collaboration of their teachers, a few of the girls made a presentation in their respective classes about the drought and encouraged their classmates to save water.

Even though we are expecting more rain this winter, the drought in California is not ending anytime soon. The girl scouts from this troop plan to continue spreading their message to their friends and family throughout 2016



Troop 60158 winning the bronze medal are (I to r) Ambika Ramadurai, Samantha Truong, Diya Arya, Jeanette Lee, Halle Dickman, Amanda Cheng, Arianna Lopez, and Aashna Sahejpal.

There's a program for 6-9th grade movie lovers at the Evergreen Library

Off The Shelf By Amelia Vander Heide

Special to the Times

o you love movies? Have you ever wanted to create your own? Perhaps you have always wanted to star in

The Evergreen Library is currently seeking interested students in grades 6-9, who would like to join the **Evergreen Film School** program. This program will teach students the basics of film production by working in teams to film a short1-3 minute film or book trailer. Students will work together to learn story boarding, script writing, filming techniques, and editing. This program not only promotes creativity, but also exposes students to different technologies by using editing software and filming with various devices including GoPros and iPads.

This program will run for five consecutive weeks on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 9, 2016. No experience required, but students must be willing to commit to all five classes. Interested guardians, or students, can register by calling the library at 408.808.3060. If you have any questions, please direct them to librarian Amelia Vander Heide via e-mail at amelia.vanderheide@sjlibrary.org. Space is limited to 15 participants.

Adult Meditation

Welcome in the New Year with the hourlong Art of Living: Adult Meditation program, starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday January 3, 2016. This free program is for adults and older teens; unfortunately, children will not be able to attend. No pre-registration required.

Students in grades 5-8, who are interested in engineering and computer science, are encouraged to enroll in our new **Tech Explorers** program. This program led by Evergreen Valley High School students will feature a short lecture followed by interactive technology related activities. This free program is from 4-6:30 p. m. and will start Thursday January 7, 2016 and run until January 28, 2016. Pre-registration is required and space is limited to 25 students. Please register by visiting http://goo.gl/forms/LwxTzjSosI.

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 (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, sipl.org.



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Villager

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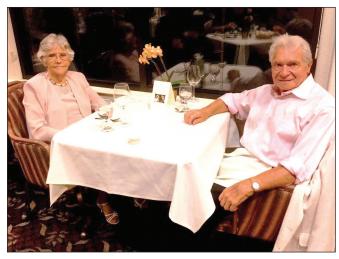
even more when I can make so many people happy viewing my gingerbread village creations."

Howald said that although the villages are similar, the initial experience is quite different with the two displays. "At the Fairmont, the display is situated where people view it from many entrances, so your initial

reaction is different depending on the way you first view the village," explained Howald. "In Carmel, the impact hits you all at once, and I really like the special feeling you get there."

To make the tall walls of the village, Howald used the ovens at Bijan Bakery. For the windows, roof, flowers and other intricate structures, Howald had carte blanche at the Bijan Bakery where he creates some of the intricate designs for the Gingerbread vil-

Howald gained his experience in making his gingerbread villages in Switzerland where he grew up. In Switzerland, he owned his own pastry shop before coming to California. He first began to express his creativity talents by sculpting chocolate butter-



Walter and Hanna Howald

flies, which became very popular. One of Howald's most meaningful possessions from Switzerland is his dad's screw driver. "Every time I use it I think of my Dad and all the wonderful family memories."

He worked for five years as the chief decorator for the famous Blum's Restaurant in San Francisco. Later, he became the executive chef and owner of four Bay Area bakeries, including the Le Croissant Bakery in Sunnyvale.

In 1993, Howald received the "Spirit of Service Award" for his dedication to improve bread making techniques and new product introductions in several countries, including Egypt, Guatemala, Slovakia, Jamaica, Russia, and Zambia. In Jamaica, he opened a bakery school in Kingston. In 1995, Howald won the David Rockefeller award for

his work in Guatemala with the International Executive Service Corp. (IESC).

Howald and his wife Hanna moved to the Villages Golf and Country Club in 2000 and recently celebrated their 60th anniversary. For relaxation, Howald sketches landscapes and wildlife, and swims every morning.

"Hanna and I love living in the Villages," said Howald. "The neighbors here really care for each other, and you never really feel like you are alone," he said. "It's a fact that people live a long time here, and it's because there is always something to do here and they look forward to the next great event or activity. Right now, I'm preparing a beautiful fondue for some friends dropping by later this evening."





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Times Community News

Taking up the challenge to end homelessness

District 8

Report

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

Special to the Times

ver the last several months I have heard from many of you about your concerns for the homeless living in San Jose. It was touching to see the empathy that each of you had for the homeless men and women in our commu-

nity and the pride you showed in wanting to keep our community clean and safe. Faith communities across our city, along with non-profits, are getting involved in different ways to address this difficult issue.

San Jose supports a housing first approach to fighting homelessness. By the close of this fiscal year (which runs from July 2015 to June 2016), the City Council will likely have voted to invest in 764 permanent and interim housing units with various levels of supportive services. For the most part these units are already in existence, but will be repurposed to assist homeless populations. By investing in a roof over

their head, our approach will allow us to keep homeless individuals out of our comparatively expensive emergency rooms or jail system.

While San Jose is once again showing itself to be the leader in affordable housing creation and homelessness support, we cannot do it alone. We work very closely with Santa Clara County, the Housing Authority, and Destination: Home to ensure a regional approach to homelessness mitigation that leverages scarce resources. The City of San Jose, along with Santa Clara County and our neighbors in Palo Alto, have also pledged to take up First Lady Michelle Obama's challenge to end Veteran homelessness. In the city, we have 250 veterans possessing housing vouchers, but who are unable to find a landlord willing or able to accept them. In response to this challenge, the Mayor and I successfully asked Council to prioritize the creation of a Veteran Housing Rehabilitation Program that would help property owners rehabilitate their housing units in exchange for renting the space to one of these veterans with a housing voucher. We are excited to learn more from our partners and to develop a comprehensive approach while creating a tool belt of cost effective homelessness mitigation programs as a region.

Concerned about the potential threat that heavy rains and frequent storms this winter bring to people living outdoors, the City Council wanted to take immediate action. On December 8th, Council approved an emergency ordinance and resolution declaring a "shelter crisis" in the City of San Jose. This recognizes our lack of adequate space to support the 2,810 unsheltered individu-

als living in our city each night. The declaration allows us to enter into an agreement with HomeFirst for the operation of overnight warming centers for vulnerable populations. It also allows for community centers, libraries and religious centers to house homeless individuals temporarily during inclement weather without going

through the regular permitting process.

Though these projects and programs will help over time, the homelessness issue in our community is large and complex and will not be "fixed" anytime soon. This year, during our federally required "Point-In-Time" homeless survey, we counted 4,063 homeless in San Jose; a modest 15% decrease from the 2013 survey. The survey showed that these people are our neighbors, family, friends and those who helped build this valley long before the boom in housing costs. 84% of those homeless in our city were living in the area at the time they became homeless.

Of the 718 veterans living in Santa Clara County 498 of them reside in San Jose. Many of those living on the street identify that their biggest hurdle to getting a job is having a permanent address, and that their biggest hurdle to getting a permanent address is getting a job. Health also plays a large roll in perpetuating this cycle. 44% of those living on the street struggle with drug or alcohol addiction, 37% suffer from a mental health condition such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), 28% have a physical disability, and another 19% identified as having chronic health conditions.

Homelessness in our city is a big challenge. Together with the county and our regional partners, we are investing in both short term and long term solutions to ensure that our veterans, neighbors, family and friends can start moving off of the street and back into a life for themselves and back to being part of the community. If you are interested in helping to end homelessness, here are a few links to either contribute donations, volunteer or to schedule a presentation to your church, neighborhood, or service organization:

Destination: Home: http://destinationhome-scc.org/contribute/

City of San Jose Housing Department: http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?nid=1316

I want to take this opportunity to wish you a joyous Holiday Season and a very Happy, Healthy New Year! If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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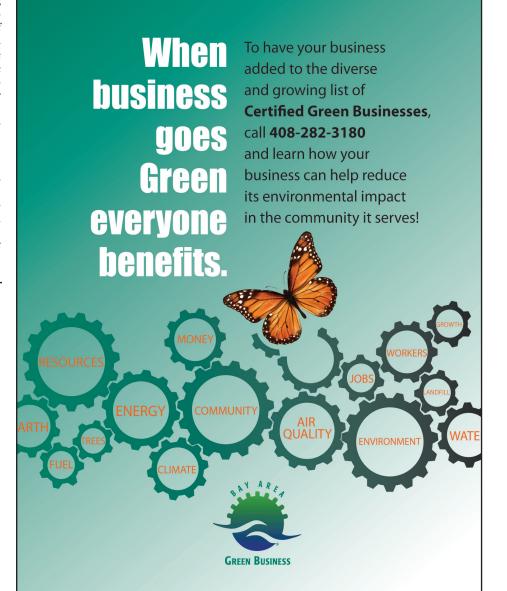
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Movie

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went through. The film is more of a survival story rather than an action-packed whale-fighting film.

This movie is not for the queasy or feint heart. I've been in situations like this where there was no way out of the mess we put ourselves in. My friends and I were once stuck out in the middle of a lake with no food or water and it rained hard all night. We had to stay in the water holding on to our boat all night to keep warm. Boats passed by and ignored us as we screamed to them for help. They just waved at us. Fortunately, we were able to get our flooded motor to work the next day and we were able to survive the ordeal. Unfortunately, the survivors "In the Heart of the Sea" were thousands of miles from land, little food and water, cold at night, and sunburned during the day. During

most of the film I felt like they completely forgot to bring along a full supply of cyanide.

They risked their lives to pursue oil from whales to light their candles. I thought that it was amusing that by the end of the film that one of the sailors was told that they found oil in the ground in America.

What a waste of lives to risk everything to hunt whales for oil to light lamps.

Eventually new technology found a way to extract oil from the ground to light lamps. This new technology ended the Whale Industry. Because of this new technology there was no longer a need for men to risk their lives to convert oil into energy except for the millions that have lost their lives in the middle east.

In the future alternative energy will free us from the need for men to forfeit their lives to convert oil into energy. Unfortunately, humanity will always find a reason to kill and destroy the environment over natural resources.

Risers were in place for the choir.

Behind them on the wall wide

strips of muslin displayed

"Merry Christmas" colorfully

stenciled in a dozen languages.

The only other stage scenery was

half a dozen bales of fresh golden

straw positioned to suggest a

A large Christmas tree dominat-

ed the center of the performance

area. It glowed with blue lights

and sparkled with decorations

made by the students. On both

sides of the stage area, white

picket fences stretched the

width of the room, topped

by white cotton to simulate

snow and lit with two

dozen strings of green

lights. The setting was

not meant to dazzle but

to create an inviting

mood for what was to

At the back of the

hall was the school's

kitchen. The stu-

dent performers

crowded within

it, nervously a-

waiting their

call. Many

stood on the

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Times Feature

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JOY TO THE WORLD:

A miracle takes place at Hayfork

By Terry Denevan Special to the Times

solated in the beautiful northern California woodlands is a small logging community named Hayfork.

In the fall of 1964, during my eighth week as a beginning teacher, I was recruited by my elementary school principal to help the music teacher put on the annual Christmas program. It was to include students from kindergarten through grade 12 from the town's two schools.

Before rehearsals began, I asked the science teacher who the audience would be. His answer surprised me: "The whole town and everyone beyond. There aren't many events in Hayfork."

The fairly ambitious undertaking would depict the origin of Christmas customs that are practiced by several cultures around the world. It called for an orchestra, a choir, and a dozen or so actors. Production staff members consisted of a few parents, the music teacher, his wife (who played the piano), and me, overseeing lighting.

The number of students who signed up to participate was disappointing, and the few who turned out showed little interest, but we forged ahead anyway.

During the next six weeks, after-school rehearsals took place almost daily. Not one went smoothly. Attendance was erratic, and students were more inclined to socialize than to listen to instructions.

As an example, Bill Thompson, a high school senior, found time to attend only about half of the choir rehearsals. His voice was better suited to chatting and laughing than to singing, and he had trouble remembering the words to the songs. He put the bulk of his energy into cutting up and getting the attention of the girls. Even I could sense his charm, but it did not enhance either his attitude or his musical ability.

Blonde Emma Gillespie, a freshman, had been chosen to play the Virgin Mary in one of

our program's pivotal scenes. The quiet decorum of a silent, holy night seemed utterly beyond her reach whenever Bill was around because our "Mary" was in the grip of an unabashed teenage crush.

Solemn Susan Eisner, a gifted sixth-grader, played the clarinet. Despite the intensity of her focus, she simply lacked the skill to deliver a mature, melodious performance on the complex instrument.

As the night of the performance approached, student participation picked up, but attendance continued to be inconsistent. Most disheartening was that the kids' cooperation with the music teacher, one another, and me never did improve. Disaster loomed, but the faculty had no alternative except to soldier on.

Finally, we ran out of practice days. We held the first and only dress rehearsal on the morning of the performance. There were no surprises. The orchestra sounded terrible, the choir wasn't much better, and most of the student actors couldn't remember their lines. Our entire teaching staff was ready for the worst.

Almost unobserved, the principal stood silently just outside the hall's back doorway, watching the rehearsal with mounting dismay. Should he just call the whole thing off? He didn't tell us so at the time, but that's what he was thinking. It was too late, though: parents would start arriving in a few hours.

If the performers were short on team spirit, there was no lack of enthusiasm on the part of the spectators. The audience that gathered in our school gymnasium to see *The History of Christmas Throughout the World*, looked larger than the population of the town. Every seat was taken. People stood three and four deep along the walls. Standees filled the back of the room. The crowd hummed with excitement

t e r . Shoulder to shoulder with the refrigerator, the stove, and too many rambunctious youngsters, the principal, the music teacher, and I tried our best to maintain order.

The house lights flickered twice—the signal to begin. Silence followed. The kitchen door opened and the actors, all in simple costumes, entered with the orchestra and the choir and formed a ragged procession down the room's single aisle toward the stage. The music teacher and I followed close behind. Next to us stood our principal wearing a fixed grin, braced for whatever might happen.

As the house lights dimmed, orchestra members took their positions alongside their instruments at stage right. The choir filled the

risers at stage left. Some actors remained on the stage; all the others took their places behind the muslin-covered scenery flats. A student narrator, program in hand, stood before one of two microphones.

Seeming to hold their breath, students awaited their cues. Ready or not, the program was about to begin.

The principal welcomed the assembled parents and guests and followed with a few introductions. The house lights went down. After a moment's pause, spotlights came up to illuminate the makeshift stage. A solemn hush blanketed the hall as family, friends, and peers focused their expectations on the front of the room. Performers and audience alike were stilled in one, long moment of suspense.

Positioned at the lighting controls in the dark behind the scenery flats, I mentally followed the action I'd seen in rehearsal.

With a slight bow, the music director acknowledged the audience and then turned and gave a nod to the waiting narrator.

And then the program began. The narrator stepped forward and adjusted her microphone. Casting a confident smile across the room, she spoke the opening lines of the evening's presentation.

The success of the program rested primarily with the music director; but as his assistant, I felt a shared responsibility. The burden of our undertaking had kept me awake nights, and by the day of the performance I had come to feel that neither the director nor I possessed the necessary experience to pull off this production. Despite our respective degrees in music and drama, we did not have practical production experience. Maybe all we'd succeeded in doing was setting our kids up for a massive disaster.

The best I could do now was attend to my duties. Working alongside a parent, I fulfilled my tasks as lighting technician. Although I could hear everything, much of what went on was hidden from my view.

Several minutes into the program, my anxiety turned to confusion. Voices were blending in on-pitch harmony. Orchestral music was soaring in perfection. Lines were being delivered clearly and without mistakes. This performance couldn't be from our kids!

"What's going on?" I whispered to the parent assisting me. "No one notified me!"

"What do you mean?" She asked.

"Listen to that! The music teacher must have decided to use prerecorded Christmas music at the last minute."

"No," she replied with a big smile. "That's our kids! Aren't they great?"

See JOY TO THE WORLD, next page

VTA January 2016 Fare Program Modifications

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Times Feature

Joy to the World

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"Great" hardly began to describe the grandeur of their performance. Beautiful notes rose from Susan Eisner's lone clarinet. Bill Thompson sent forth the right lyrics in an exquisite baritone that seemed to come from somewhere celestial. Emma Gillespie played her crucial part with tender reverence. Love and appreciation radiated from the audience. Our principal beamed.

For the next two hours, the children acted, played, and sang like angels, with unrestrained exuberance. I kept busy with our primitive lighting system, shifting the emphasis to follow the onstage action.

The stage lighting dimmed, and a single spotlight shown upon the narrator. As she spoke the evening's concluding lines, I put two extension cord plugs into wall sockets,

creating a magnificent spectacle. The blue and green lights on the tree and fences were augmented with an additional two hundred multicolored lights. Instantly, a kaleidoscope of festive brilliance illuminated the entire hall.

The music director smiled broadly and raised his baton. He swept the choir and orchestra with a glance that seemed to connect with every single member. On the exaggerated down-thrust, the evening's closing music began.

Silently, I slipped out a doorway and headed to the opposite side of the building. The last part of my evening's work was to turn on the house lights the instant the music stopped

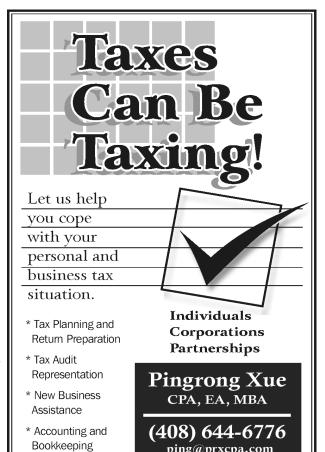
Beyond the interior of the hall was a different world, still and quiet and dark. Faintly but clearly, I heard the music of the grand finale, a heavenly rendition of "Joy to the World." The sound could not have been more glorious if the Mormon Tabernacle Choir the New

Philharmonic Orchestra had come to our little town. I felt myself choke up. Glancing up into the black sky I saw snowflakes for the first time falling gently like a perfect Christmas card.

I could have lingered a long while and savored the moment, but I had one more duty to perform. I hurried around the outside of the building to the rear door.

Just as the music reached its last crescendo, I eased the door open, reached into the electrical box, and threw the switch. The house lights came up. The audience rose to their feet, grinning and beating their hands in vigorous applause. The music director motioned for me to join the others at the front and receive the joyous ovation.

The crowd's obvious pleasure in our performance was gratifying. But no external reward could exceed my privately cherished delight in the small miracle that I had witnessed that winter's night in Hayfork.



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Community Calendar

Upcoming New Seasons Market Evergreen Events

Fridays (except Jan 1), 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings. Jan 8: Rutherford Ranch Winery. Jan 15: Storrs Winery. Jan 22: Cannonball Winery. Jan 29: Tiamo Wines . Complimentary.

Mon, Jan 4, 12–6pm: 30-Day Water Challenge. Getting enough water? Stop by the New Seasons Solutions Counter and grab the 30-day water challenge checklist along with some fun tips on how to make drinking water fun and healthy for you. Free.

Every Wednesday, 12-6pm: Wellness Wednesdays. Stop by the Solutions Counter weekly and sample a new wellness product, a healthy meal recipe, or a featured healthy item from our deli and juice bar. Free.

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Wed, Jan 6, 6-7:30pm, Eat Like a Wellness Rockstar. Join Ellen

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Thurs, Jan 7, 6-7:30pm, Health & Wellness Store Tour. Learn about Superfoods and how they can benefit you, what new items to look for, and safe cleaning products for your home, and

where to locate them in the

Center or at: www.newseasons-

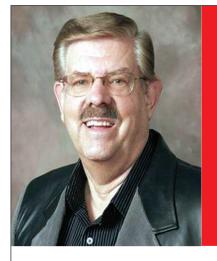


Juicing 101 classes are offered Jan. 12.

store. Free. Preregister at the Solutions Center or at: www.newseasonsmarket.com/e vents-tastings/

Tues, Jan 12, 6:30-8:30pm, Juicing 101 Class. Learn the basics of making nutritious and delicious juices at home. You'll learn about the nutrition behind juicing, what produce to use, and how to make juicing fun, easy, and satisfying. Sample a variety of flavorful and nutritious juices. \$5. Preregister at the Solutions Counter or at: www.newseason-smarket.com/events-tastings/

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District 8 Community Roundtable

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East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

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

The Evergreen **Business** Association is

intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect. and network with each other in this

fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information

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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, volunteer ing 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 .lose 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.campusgrid.net/ home and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or

calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

For more information, call (408) 274-

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 group/fallscreekneig hbors or call Dave

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events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/ prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday - Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is locat-

ed at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of **Evergreen Library** Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of

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

Hidden Glen

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: http://groups.yahoo. com/group/ HiddenGlenSanJose/

more information.

LevVa Community **Action Team** Association

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

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley This group meets Tuesday evenings

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

from 6 pm to 8 pm

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood

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

Meadowfair Neighborhood **Association** Meets

the second Wednesday of oddnumbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview **Airport Association** 3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30

Location: p.m. . Hillview Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

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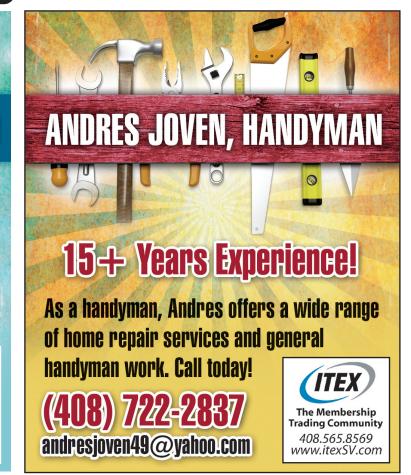
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at 20101 McKean Road, San Jose, 95120. Our weekend Masses are at 4 p.m. on Saturday at our historic church at 21800 Bertram Road in New Almaden, CA 95042 and on Sunday at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. at the McKean Road location. Our Parish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

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San Jose/Evergreen Community College **District Board**

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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.

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1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe

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