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Vice Mayor Herrera honored for extraordinary public service

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

San Jose City Vice Mayor and District 8 representative serving Evergreen and Silver Creek Valley was honored at a reception for her leadership and many accomplishments during the past eight years on Dec.

2 at the Evergreen Community Center.

Herrera's staff, honored guests and members of the community attended the reception, which ran smoothly from start to finish, just like the projects and achievements Rose Herrera and the City of San Jose have

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Wesley United Methodist Church lending support following a hate letter sent to the Evergreen Islamic Center. Flowers, emails and phone calls of support have been received by the Center.

Evergreen Islamic Center receives hate-filled letter

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

On Thursday, Nov. 23, the Evergreen Islamic Center located on Ruby Ave.

received a letter, which addressed the center's members as "children of Satan." Hate filled names were scrawled out in the letter to the Mosque. The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) is requesting authorities to step up protection for mosques following the incident.

The letter's author, "Americans for a better way" called Muslims "vile and filthy people" and said members should "pack their bags and get out of dodge," CAIR said. The letter also warned that President-Elect Trump would do to them what "Hitler did to the Jews."

The Mosque has beefed up security and is staying vigilant without being too alarmist about the letter, according to Faisal Yazadi, Board Director of the Evergreen Islamic Center. "I was shocked when I found the letter in the mailbox the day before Thanksgiving," he said.

The San Jose Police Department's assault unit, which

The Mosque has beefed up security and is staying vigilant without being too alarmist about the letter.

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CELEBRATING 8 YEARS - Taking a break from the festivities honoring Vice Mayor Rose Herrera at the Evergreen Community Center are (l to r) San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Herrera, and San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis, District 10. Liccardo comments honoring Herrera were touching and brought an understanding that the City of San Jose leaders all work closely together in a family caring way. Herrera has served as Evergreen District 8 representative for the past 8 years.

Secret 'Forest People' of Evergreen Valley

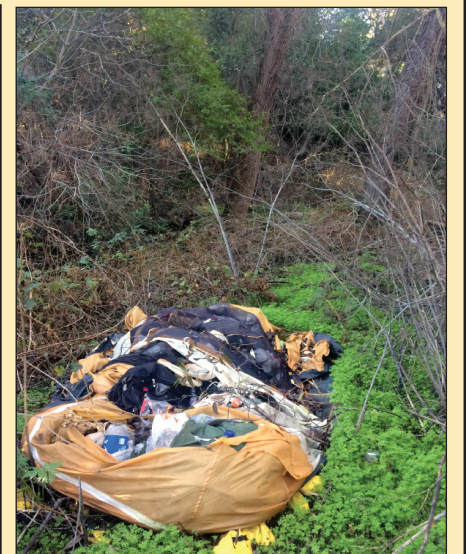
By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Secret "Forest Houseless People" are living near creeks in and beyond the sanctuary of Evergreen Valley, retreating at dusk and reappearing at dawn.

It's all a secret, not noticed and perhaps dispelled by our thinking. We may see them, but not take in the information.

The Holiday Season is upon us as we just spent time with our relatives during Thanksgiving, which for most is a time of positive reflection to all things around us and offering an appreciative view of our world, family, and other things personal to us.

Perhaps it is also time for us to explore in a non-superficial way, those who are houseless in Evergreen Valley and the Silicon Valley. As we investigate this, the author reflects and wonders if Jesus and his



disciples were also without places to stay.

As you view any tree outside you may be unaware of the birds and the nest they weaved which contains a hidden home. The same is true on occasion near creeks and chain link fenced areas in our community.

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Interfaith play Mary/Maryam to bring Muslims and Christians together

Cast member Henna Parekh, a resident of Evergreen Valley, is participating in a unique and inspiring community play to bring Muslims and Christians together on Sunday, Dec. 11.

The play, Mary/Maryam, will be presented at Peace United Church in Santa Cruz starting at 4 p.m. The play explores the story of Mary, the mother of Jesus in the Christian Bible, and Maryam, the mother of Isa [Jesus] in the Qur'an.

The cast of eight is made up of many faiths: Muslim, Christian, Jewish, Hindu, and Sufi. Lori Rivera plays the Christian

understanding among people and religions," said Rue. "The story of Mary/Maryam is that bridge between Christianity and Islam."

Mary/Maryam play and dinner will take place from 4 - 8 p.m. at Peace United Church in Santa Cruz. The church is located at 900 High St, Santa Cruz, CA 95060. The event is a benefit for the programs of the Islamic Center of Santa Cruz and Peace United Church, in association with the Islamic Networks Group of San Jose. Tickets are \$10 at the door and \$8 with a reservation. Reservations can be made online at: www.peaceunited.org/mary

"I believe the play Mary/Maryam and the conversations that will transpire during and after the performance among Muslims, Christians and others will reveal that we all have more in common than the 'powers that be' want us to believe," said Rivera.

Mary and also sings in the production. Parekh plays the Islamic Maryam.

During the play, the action is stopped several times, to have the audience engage in conversations about the Christian and Muslim stories of Mary/Maryam presented. Following the play, the audience will continue their conversations over a Middle Eastern dinner.

"I believe the play Mary/Maryam and the conversations that will transpire during and after the performance among Muslims, Christians and others will reveal that we all have more in common than the 'powers that be' want us to believe," said Rivera.

The writer and director of Mary/Maryam, Victoria Rue, is a Comparative Religious Studies teacher at San Jose State University. "In these difficult times it is so important to build bridges of

San Jose City Council ban on Marijuana sales allows time for more policy formulation, analysis

On Tuesday, Nov. 1, the City Council passed an emergency ban on the sale and distribution of recreational marijuana.

On November 8, 2016, the voters of California voted to legalize the recreational, adult use of marijuana by those 21 and older. Proposition 64 (the Control, Regulate, and Tax Adult Use of Marijuana Act) took effect the following day.

The ban provides City staff and the City Council with the time needed for policy formulation, analysis, discussion, and implementation. The work will include conducting the required environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), community outreach, Planning Commission hearings, and City Council hearings, prior to a vote on whether to allow and regulate the sale, cultivation, manufacture, and delivery of recreational cannabis by adults.

The urgency ordinance confirms that non-medical marijuana cultivated for personal use is restricted to six living plants and that non-medical marijuana must be grown indoors, or in a secure accessory structure, in alignment with Proposition 64. It also requires that the personal use cultivation is compliant with applicable fire and building codes.

Shortly after the news of the hate letter, more than 50 people with positive banners marched in a silent peaceful protest at the weekly Friday prayers to display their support for the Muslim community.

The hate mail incident is one of many that have happened across the country since the Nov. 8 presidential election, targeting American Muslims and other minority groups.

Since the incident in Evergreen, two other Mosques in Southern California, one in Long Beach and another in Claremont, received the same hate-filled letter, also signed by "Americans for a better way."

Editor's note: A Community Prayer of Solidarity will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11 from 2-3 pm at the Evergreen Islamic Center, located at 2486 Ruby Ave in San Jose, 408. 239.6668. Carpooling is encouraged due to limited parking. For more information, visit: www.eicsanjose.org.

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investigates hate-motivated crimes, responded to the incident and conducted an investigation, according to San Jose Police Spokesman Sgt. Enrique Garcia.

The Evergreen community responded to the hate mail in a positive way. The mosque has been inundated with hundreds of emails of support and love, according to Evergreen resident Henna Parekh.

"We have had bouquets of flowers, letters, posters from teachers and students from schools, all expressing love, support and solidarity," said Parekh. "It has been a truly heartwarming experience for everyone. We have had people of other faiths drop by to say, 'Hi there. Don't worry. We are with you. You are not alone.'"



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Mariah Moore and Ian Nguyen are pictured donating items to Toys for Tots for the Evergreen School District drive.

Toys for Tots and Second Harvest Food Drive begins

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Joy bells ring as Evergreen School District begins the Second Harvest Food Drive as well as the Toys for Tots campaign for the 2016 Holiday Season, a district wide.

These yearly efforts bring happiness to the hungry, as well as, to children who would otherwise stand with mouths agape as they see more affluent children receiving gifts and them going without any. You can make a difference! Put a smile on a child's face this holiday

and donate.

Each year the United States Marine Corps Reserve collects new, unwrapped toys to distribute to needy children in the community. What is needed: Any new, unwrapped, non-violent toys for boys and girls ages 1-16. The Deadline is Thursday, Dec. 15, 2016. The drop-off location is Laurelwood Elementary School Office at 4280 Partridge Drive, San Jose. Thank you in advance for all your efforts during this holiday season.

Here are some facts regarding the

Second Harvest Food Bank:

- 1 in 4 people in Santa Clara County do not know where their next meal is coming from. Second Harvest Food Bank provides food to low-income people in need in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties.

- SHFB is the second largest food bank in the nation based on pounds distributed per person in poverty.

- SHFB feeds an average of 231,311 people each month.

- Amount of food SHFB distributes
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An astronomer from San Jose to compete on Jeopardy!

Edward Montiel, an astronomer from San Jose, Calif., to compete on Jeopardy on Wed., Dec. 14 on KGO-TV. With 23 million viewers each week, Jeopardy! is the top-rated quiz show on television, and has won several awards and distinctions during the past 30 years.

Photo courtesy Jeopardy Productions, Inc.

Brian Duong named to Dean's List at University of the Sciences

Evergreen resident Brian Duong has been named to the 2016 Dean's List at University of the Sciences. Duong is a doctor of pharmacy student.

Selection for this award is based on completing and passing all assigned courses attaining an academic average of at least 3.4 for courses taken in the summer of 2016.

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Mailbox



Much gratitude expressed

Editor,
It is with much gratitude that I write to thank the members of the Evergreen community who came out in a show of support for education and the futures of San José City College and Evergreen Valley College during the Nov. 8 election. I am heartened to see the level of community participation in the election, as over 260,000 voters

had their voice heard, with more than 64 percent of them voting to invest in the future of our community and its residents.

With the passage of Measure X, the San José Evergreen Community College District will be able to upgrade its campuses by building new labs and classrooms. This will help ensure that local students and their families will be able to learn and train in educational facilities that will provide enhanced transfer and job training opportunities to diversify the tech industry in the

Silicon Valley.

Thank you!

Dr. Debbie Budd, Chancellor
San José-Evergreen Community College District

Proposal doesn't meet area needs

Editor,

There is no vacuum of services or other needs in Evergreen that this proposal is satisfying. To the contrary there is an abundance of vacant commercial/retail space. The developer cannot specify what need he is filling. He has repeatedly declined to define what is going to be built, how much, or when.

If education is truly one of the highest priorities of our community then keeping this land for educational purposes ONLY should be the default position. Any bias in judgment should be on the side of exercising caution against this change. The onus should be on the proponents of the change to put forth a set of compelling and convincing facts to deviate from the default. They have not.

On 12/13/16 the SJ City Council should deny the request. To show your opposition to the proposal please attend: SJ City Council Meeting 200 E. Santa Clara St., 7:00 PM, Agenda item 10.2.

Greg Lytle
Evergreen resident

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Times **Community News**

Honor

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achieved for each of the eight years she held office.

The event made all in attendance feel comfortable and able to join in due to the extensive planning. The décor and creative decoration of the room was enchanting and created an atmosphere in which everyone felt welcome.

Master of Ceremonies Angela Tirado took the microphone and did an excellent job with an overview of the numerous accomplishments of Rose Herrera and also sang beautifully as the crowd streamed in. A comprehensive slide show was silently projected while the evening progressed with each photo expressing the love and zeal the team of Rose Herrera achieved for the Evergreen community.

A special performance was presented by the Evergreen Studio of Music & the Arts, and the Dance Theatre International group with choreographed routines of the highest degree of talent. The dancers smiled as they expertly moved through their joyous dances.

Many found joy in hearing Herrera sing; a tribute to her ability to share her vibrant view of life with all in the community; exuding joy and caring for all who have the chance to meet and speak with her. She sang a powerful duet with singer Angela Tirado.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo spoke to the audience with words that were very moving and thoughtful. His words were special and heartfelt as he expressed statements that touched all and brought understanding that the City of San Jose leaders all work closely together in a family caring way. It was clear



District 8 staff members gathered to express their gratitude to **Vice Mayor Rose Herrera**.



that big decisions and the creation of plans and approval of tasks and goals in the commission of running a city forged and brought

about strong caring working relationships for all.

The mayor said that Rose Herrera is forthright, passionate, and has set the example for leadership in Evergreen with finishing projects such as the new fire stations, new libraries, and revitalization of the entire area including the new Evergreen town square.

The list of accomplishments was too vast to express and the mayor also said that Rose Herrera showed principled leadership in her eight years of service. He expressed that people in public service can get into it for many reasons and Rose Herrera always fought for the right reasons, to serve San Jose and the Evergreen Community to make the area the very best it can be and then added, "I want to thank Rose for her dedicated service to the community and the City of San Jose."

City Manager Norberto Duenas expressed what a pleasure it was for he and his staff to work with Herrera for the past eight years. "Rose understands the complexity of issues

that go on in the city and she makes us better at what we do because of her approach to issues," he said.

Representatives from the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple bestowed thanks to Vice Mayor Herrera for her dedicated eight years of serving in District 8 and her strong efforts in helping the community.

State Senator Jim Beall expressed that Herrera developed in her eight years of service great respect at not only the City level but also at the State Levels of government. "There is certainly no bigger supporter of our veterans in our community than Herrera for she is always there for our Veterans," he said.

The writer gained the understanding that Herrera and her team connected with all City departments, her staff and the people she served. Many beautiful plaques were bestowed on her that evening.

Rose Herrera spoke with emotion and thanked everyone sincerely for what they do in the community. She said "you mean the world to me!" She also took time to individually thank and appreciate all members of her family. It was clear how important her family is to her and that close friends and family are very important and all of us must stay close to them.

"One of the greatest honors of my life is to serve this community," she said. "I have always believed in teams ... working on goals with teams and in ways that involve team approaches to achieving things. I set the direction that the staff and I delivered; we always took care of the community!"

Following her statements, Herrera's staff gave her red roses and gathered around her at the stage while all applauded. "Thank you so much and know that I will be involved in the community in the future too," she said. "Isn't it wonderful that we can say tonight not only did we start projects but we succeeded in helping them along to their completion. Too often projects can be started but not completed as planned or on time. We made sure we completed projects successfully and on time."

The reception also included the enthralling and uplifting music from the talented band and singers of Touch N Go. The dance floor was filled up and all were moving to the beat of the music and joy filled the air.

It was a time of well earned praise for Herrera and her dedicated staff. A community member of the audience expressed it well. "There are politicians in office just to be seen and there are politicians in office to earnestly work to get things done. Herrera did things right, got things done and kept Evergreen residents together!"



The Evergreen Cultural Association presented Rose Herrera with a plaque noting her leadership and friendship to the Indian community.

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Bellarmine Mothers' Guild president **Kathy Armistead** (second from left) with co-chairs of the 62nd Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show for Financial Aid (from left): **Heidi Burke**, **Annette Finsterbusch**, **Gigi Harvey**, and **Erika Millard**. Photo by Al Bacosa, Bacosa Photography

Bellarmine Fashion Show benefits financial aid

The recently held Bellarmine Mothers' Guild Fashion Show has benefited the Financial Aid Endowment.

The annual event, 62 years running, was held at the Santa Clara Convention Center and included a luncheon and black tie dinner.

More than a collection of fashion, the Bellarmine Fashion Show for Financial Aid highlights its students, faculty, moms and senior girls from local high schools. The event features local retailers with the goal of modeling the need to support students who otherwise would not be able to take advantage of the various educational opportunities avail-

able at Bellarmine.

"This year's event theme, Bells, boots & Bow ties, featured warmth, fund and hospitality throughout, offering guests a welcoming experience very different from the fast pace of Silicon Valley," said Annette Finsterbusch, 2016 Fashion Show Chair. "Segments included 'Floatin' the River, 'Coastal Cool' and 'NASCAR Mania' were featured.

With the new venue, were able to offer more opportunities for members of our Bellarmine community to attend the show. By so doing, we ultimately support more families and their deserving young men."

Food Drive

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is equivalent to 35 million meals.

■ 1.3 lbs. of food=1meal, and \$1 = 2 meals.

Second Harvest Food Bank will deliver barrels to schools the week of Nov. 28. The Drive will be from November 28-December 9. Barrels will be picked up the week of Dec. 12. Last year alone Evergreen School District collected 29,396 lbs. of food, which = 22,612 meals. Our goal this year is 30,000 lbs. of food =23,076 meals.

Evergreen School District will hold a poster contest again this year. The theme this year will be: Kids "Can" Stop Hunger. The winning student's artwork will be showcased at the

District Office and used for promotional advertising at each of the school sites. Gift Cards to Barnes and Noble are awarded to first and second place Elementary and Middle School Winners. Honorable Mention gifts will also be awarded to second place winners. Students fourth to eighth grade are encouraged to participate.

Mia McCallum, 5th grader at J. J. Montgomery, is this year's first place winner of the Elementary School Second Harvest Poster Contest. Tiffany Hoang, 6th grader at Carolyn Clark is our second place winner. Alisha Ung, Middle School first place winner is a seventh grader at Quimby Oak Middle School. The second place winner is Christina Chau also from Quimby Oak Middle School.

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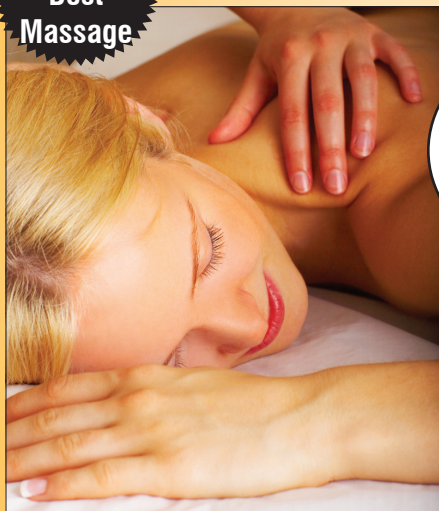
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Evergreen College is an economic non-growth area for a reason

The EVC area is indeed a non-growth area due to its highly restrictive and isolated location. EVC is served by only two arterial roads, San Felipe and Yerba Buena Roads.

Both roads are two lanes (each way) and cannot be reasonably expanded due to the riparian corridors and closely abutted private residences along San Felipe, and the hilly terrain and bridge crossover on Yerba Buena. It should also be noted that the Evergreen Village Square, which is about a mile away and of similar size, currently has a vacancy rate of 33 percent with over 33,000 sq. ft. of vacant retail and office space.

Further, Evergreen already has established growth areas at Aborn/San Felipe, Evergreen Village Square and Quimby/White. And currently there is up 150,000 sq. ft. of vacant commercial space. Clearly, there is a glut of commercial within Evergreen and additional commercial development may actually hinder local businesses by spreading thin the limited retail dollars.

Regarding traffic - an expansion of the education footprint of EVC provides a complementary traffic flow with the Evergreen workforce commuters. In the morning, the commuter traffic generally flows away from EVC towards the commercial areas in the Northern part of the San Jose. Meanwhile, the students use the underutilized roads towards EVC. Thus there is little impact to overall traffic commute. In the afternoon, there is a similar complementary traffic pattern of where students travel away from EVC and commuters travel towards EVC to their homes.

Further, the current EVC footprint is actually underserving the community. It has been reported in the Mercury News that approximately 18,500 students commute to other colleges not within the San Jose dis-

Clearly, there is a glut of commercial within Evergreen and additional commercial development may actually hinder local businesses by spreading thin the limited retail dollars.

trict. This means that many Evergreen area students are traveling away from EVC, compounding an ever increasing traffic problem on the highways as the San Jose workforce increases.

Regarding jobs - EVC should be in the "business" of education to provide a firm foundation of stable, well-paying jobs. Recently, President Yong stated at the Sept 1, 2016, District 8 Round Table meeting, "graduates of the Automotive Collisions Repair technology are making over \$200,000 per year, and the industry can get enough trained technicians." (YouTube link of this report: <https://youtu.be/QB8W0HoXWmM>) Conversely, an in-fill of retail jobs, provides only low-paying jobs and robs students of land intended for education.

By maintaining the current PQP designation, there is a win-win-win situation. The students win by having the fullest possible options for educational developments; the community wins by having all developments have public-serving purpose and the District wins by having a full range of revenue generating opportunities, from UC/State University extension offices to medical facilities to private/public partnerships involving the likes of Tesla and Honda.

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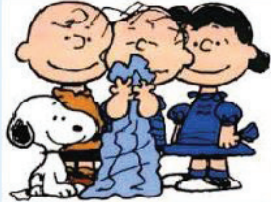
Cost: \$60, includes transportation, museum entry and choice of lunch menu at the time of sign up.



A one hour guided tour of the museum followed by lunch at the Warm Puppy Cafe. After lunch enjoy time on your own to browse the museum and shop.

Sign up M, T, W 9:30-11:30 a.m., Almaden Community Center

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Evergreen finally has its own 'Field of Dreams'

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times



District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

We achieved a big milestone for our community with the groundbreaking of the Arcadia Ballfields on Saturday, November 19th. We finally have our "Field of Dreams"!

It's been a long time coming, and is the culmination of 8 years of work. I was so pleased that representatives from many of our local Little Leagues came out on that rainy day last month to show their support as we broke ground on our Field of Dreams - the Arcadia Ballfields, Eastridge Little League, Evergreen Little League, East Hills Little League and East Valley Softball league were all there, proudly displaying their team colors.

I want to express a very special thank you to the generosity of Eli Reinhart of the Arcadia Companies for the donating 14 acres of land, and to Brad Durga who has helped keep this project alive and moving forward. Our city Parks and Recreation staff, along with Economic Development have been working diligently for the last 3 years to get this project over the goal line.

The road to the groundbreaking began in November 2000, when San José voters approved a \$228 Million bond (Measure P) that provided funding for "constructing new recreational sports facilities city wide. To date, the City has completed 93 of the 95 projects funded under this bond measure. The Arcadia ball fields project is one of the last two projects to be completed and the first major measure P project in District 8.

Initially, this project was more of a dream, with discussions first starting in October 2009 with Arcadia representatives thinking about the potential of sports fields and possible land donation at the site, if the city could fund the construction of the fields. A potential funding source for the fields became possible in 2014 when a city wide study selected the Arcadia site as one of 6 potential sites for a city-wide ball field complex to be funded by Measure P money. Over three council meetings at City Hall, the community showed up over and over again to show their support for the Arcadia site across from Eastridge. Arcadia was finally

selected as the preferred site in late 2014 based on several criteria, including: no land acquisition costs (the 14 acres of land would be donated to the city), it is a flat parcel without environmental issues, the site is a desirable location near transit and freeway access and (unlike other sites) the community showed overwhelming support. Progress was achieved in 2015 on the design of the fields and property acquisition which included community outreach meetings. In 2016 the city officially received title to

the land donation. The overall cost of the ballfields is \$18.8 Million dollars and the project has approval from City Council for the Public Works director to go out to bid and award the project in early 2017. Construction of the fields will start in the summer of 2017 with an expected Grand Opening in summer of 2018.

Evergreen has some of the largest youth softball and baseball leagues in the city and they are eager to start playing on these ballfields. Local Little leagues, who have always had to travel to other cities for tournament play, will soon be able to play in their own backyard.

The Parks Department staff, with input from the sports community, has produced a beautiful plan for our Field of Dreams with construction on the fields expected to be completed in time for fall league play in 2018. These fields will serve residents from all over the City - and will have wide ranging programs, including adult softball, youth sports teams and some flexible sports play.

Getting the land is just the beginning - we are now poised to turn the empty field into ballfields with 4 lighted, natural turf fields, restrooms and a concession building, a small office for staff, a playground for surrounding neighborhood, a maintenance facility, and 48 parking spaces along with fencing, netting, and site furnishings. The future facility will be operated and managed by our Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Department.

One of the most touching speeches on the day of the groundbreaking came from long-time Evergreen resident, Jerry Soriano. Mr. Soriano spoke with emotion about growing up in Eastside San Jose, about his years coaching Eastridge Little League baseball, serving as League President for twenty-five years and how his dream of having local, tournament-sized ballfields was finally coming true; finally something for our youth! I was very moved by his heartfelt comments and we were all able to celebrate the fulfillment of his dream and the dream of all of our community as we put the gold ceremonial shovels into the ground.

Soon, in two years, we will all be back for a ribbon cutting celebrating the opening of our Arcadia ball fields. The council approved naming the fields after the Arcadia Company in recognition of the generous land donation that made this project possible. This donation was one of the largest since Kelly Park. I'm very proud and grateful to everyone who contributed to making this project a reality for our community. Someday soon I look forward to hearing

Play Ball!

As always, my office is open to input or questions by e-mailing district8@sanjoseca.gov, or by calling 408- 535-4908.

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HOLIDAY NOTEBOOK



San Jose Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** spoke at the opening ceremony for downtown Ice 2016 that included Figure Skating Champion **Kristi Yamaguchi** (inset below, with Herrera) joined by local U.S. Figure Skating Hall of Fame Rudy Galindo and Olympic ice skater Polina Edmunds on Nov. 23.

Downtown Ice a Holiday tradition in San Jose

If you want the perfect Downtown San Jose experience, make sure you don't miss out on Downtown Ice, produced by the San Jose Downtown Association.

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Located at the Circle of the Palms across the street from Cesar Chavez Park, this ice rink is actually bigger than the one at the Rockefeller Center in New York City!

You can skate under the stars and 32 swaying and lit palms in an unforgettable experience. Downtown Ice is the place for friends, family, and holiday traditions.

It doesn't matter if you are an experienced ice skater or a beginner, everyone is invited to grab a pair of ice-skates and enjoy the beautifully lit palm trees at Downtown Ice.



So grab your friends and family and join other fellow ice-skaters for an experience you'll never forget.

Besides skating, the community can support Downtown Ice in another important way: make a donation to the Schools on Skates program. The program allows fifth- and sixth-grade students from area schools—who may not otherwise have the opportunity to go ice skating—take a field trip to skate.

Fantasy of Lights now open through Dec. 30

The 18th annual Fantasy of Lights Drive-thru is open now through Dec. 30 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. nightly. The holiday show will be closed on Christmas Day, Dec. 25.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by visiting parkhere.org. Walk-thru admission tickets are \$10 ages 13 years old and up, and \$5 ages 4-12 years old. Drive-thru admission prices are \$20 per vehicle (up to 12 people) and \$50 for oversized vehicles (capacity 13+).

Whether you are on foot or in your vehicle, visitors will be dazzled by thousands of twinkling lights in large animated displays. The sights and sounds of an erupting volcano in the dangerously fun dinosaur den, Santa shooting hoops, a pen of playful penguins, blazing cannons, a tunnel of moving lights, and a 90-foot twinkling tree will have you "oohing and aahing" throughout your visit. Enjoy a free pair of 3D glasses with the event program, while supplies last.

Vasona Lake County Park is located at 333 Blossom Hill Rd, Los Gatos, CA 95037. For direc-



Fantasy of Lights is attracting hundreds each night.

tions, ticketing and more information visit parkhere.org or call (408) 355-2201. There is no parking at Vasona Lake County Park, however, free parking and shuttle service is recommended at Netflix, 121 Albright Way, Los Gatos.

Fantasy of Lights is presented by Santa Clara County Department of Parks and Recreation, 298 Garden Hill Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95032.

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Children can receive their own personalized letter direct from Santa Claus at the North Pole

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus and the U.S. Postal Service can help you prove it when Santa replies to your child's letter, complete with a North Pole postmark.

Here are the steps for your child to get a letter back from Santa:

1. Have your child write a letter to Santa and place it in an envelope addressed to: Santa Claus, North Pole.
2. Later, when alone, open the envelope and write a personalized response.
3. Insert the response letter into an envelope and address it to the child.
4. Add the return address: SANTA, NORTH POLE, to the envelope.
5. Affix a First-Class Mail stamp, such as a new Holiday Windows stamp, to the envelope.
6. Place the complete envelope into a larger envelope - preferably a Priority Mail Flat Rate envelope - with appropriate postage and address it to:

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"Letters from Santa" must be received by the Anchorage, AK, postmaster no later than Dec. 15. Santa's helpers at the Postal Service will take care of the rest.

You may share the experience on social media using #LettersFromSanta.

Santa letter tips

■ To save paper, write Santa's response on the back of your child's letter. If you keep them together, your child will also be able to recall what he or she wrote.

■ When responding as Santa, make the response as personal as possible by highlighting your child's accomplishments over the past year, for example, helping around the house, receiving good grades in a particular subject at school or participating in community service activities.

The Letters from Santa program adds to the excitement of Christmas and is ideal for interesting youngsters in letter writing, stamps and penmanship.

Editor's note: The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

**'Christmas Juerga' to be performed Dec. 17**

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This is a performance of traditional Flamenco festival style with a Christmas spirit which will be held Dec. 17 at Historic Hoover Theatre in San Jose.

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The admission charge for this event is only \$25 general admission, \$20 for students/senior citizens and \$15 for Children.

Tickets are available at: society.bpt.me, or call 1-800-838-3006, email: flamencos@earthlink.net

**Free Christmas musical to be presented Dec. 9-11**

Since 1984, Foxworthy Baptist Church of San Jose has presented a Broadway-style Christmas musical production as a free gift to community.

This year, the musical production will be presented five times over the weekend of December 9-11.

The 90-minute musical features 30 singers in a fully-staged and choreographed production. The first half includes many favorite Christmas songs and features Rudolph, Frosty, Sponge Bob and the Grinch. In the second half, the songs retell the story of the birth of Jesus, the Savior of the world and the Reason for the Season.

Performances are Friday, December 9 at 7 p.m.; Saturday, December 10 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 11 at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Foxworthy Baptist Church is located at 1774 Foxworthy Ave., San Jose.

Foxworthy Baptist Church first presented The Christmas Gift to San Jose at the Montgomery Theater in 1984. In 1986, they moved the event to the Civic Auditorium. However, since 1987, the musical has been presented at the church.

In early November, a proscenium and stage curtain was installed and the church is transformed into a theater. In addition to presenting the musical production at the church location, the Christmas Choir will also be appearing in the Los Gatos Christmas Parade on December 3 and will be singing at Santana Row.

The Christmas Gift to San Jose is under the direction of Don and Diann Fugate. For further information, visit the church website at www.foxworthy.org

Polar Express train ride now running through Dec. 23

Santa Cruz and Monterey Bay Railway has begun its one-hour round-trip journeys to the "North Pole" onboard The Polar Express Train Ride.

Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, passengers will relive the magic of the story as they are whisked away on the train ride.

Singing, dance chefs

Passengers will be treated to singing and dancing chefs serve passengers cookies and hot chocolate while they narrate the classic children's book, The Polar Express.

Santa and his helpers greet passengers at the North Pole and then board the train, where each child is given the first gift of Christmas—a silver sleigh bell.

Singing and dancing elves aboard each car lead passengers in singing Christmas carols on the ride back to Santa Cruz.

The exciting journey runs through Dec. 23 on select dates; with departure times at 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Families are encouraged to wear their pajamas for the ride.

Santa Cruz Boardwalk rides

As an added bonus, a \$10 MyBoardwalk Card (good for individual rides, attractions and games) will be provided.

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A 'Dickens of a Christmas Mashup' starts

The Tabard Theatre Company at Theatre on San Pedro Square continues its 2016-2017 season, themed "Courage," with the World Premiere of A Dickens of a Christmas Mashup, a fun, funny, joyful, entertaining comedy-with-music featuring a youthful twist on the holiday classic that underscores in a contemporary way the courage to do what is right.

Working from a concept by Tabard Artistic Director Cathy Spielberger Cassetta, this modern re-telling of A Christmas Carol is told through the eyes, imagination, and references of 21st century youth. Recent SJSU graduate Amy Roberts led a team of young playwrights ages 9-16 to create the script. The young playwrights are Chloe Allen, Miles Bayer, Connor Chancey, Emily Anne Goes, Samantha Goes, and Claire Lentz.

A Dickens of a Christmas Mashup will delight audiences of all ages and may well prove to be a new holiday tradition. Providing background to the project, Cassetta comments, "The creative, inventive, and relevant interpretation these young playwrights have come up with exceeded my hopes and expectations. I am greatly impressed by their thoughtful and insightful version of the very familiar story. They have found a way to give this classic story a contemporary spin that audiences will find engaging and entertaining. Who knows what or who will show up? It's a holiday adventure that promises to delight audiences of all ages."

The World Premiere production will run Dec. 2-16, at the intimate Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 North San Pedro Street, in downtown San Jose. The show will perform Fridays Dec. 2, 9, and 16 at 8 p.m.; Saturdays, December 3 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., and Dec. 10 with special matinees at

12 p.m. and 4 p.m.; Sundays, Dec. 4 and 11 at 2 p.m. There will be one Thursday night performance, December 15 at 8:00pm. Additionally, a free hands-on presentation for those in the community who are blind or visually impaired will be held from 1:30-2:00 p.m., prior to the 3 p.m. performance on Saturday, December 3.

Tickets are available at tabardtheatre.org, or by calling 408-679-2330. Cabaret Seating \$40. Reserved Tiered Seating: Adults \$30-\$32; Seniors \$28-30; Youth and Full-time Adult Students \$15. Advance purchase is strongly recommended.

For every production, Tabard donates a portion of its concession proceeds to a local nonprofit that is in some way related to the show.



This year, Santa will board the Polar Express for a journey to the North Pole.

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HOLIDAY NOTEBOOK



Santa Run Silicon Valley is one of the most popular run/walk family events in the south Bay Area.

'Santa Run Silicon Valley' to benefit Christmas in the Park

This year's Santa Run festivities kick off at 1 p.m. on race day on Sunday, Dec. 18 with the race starting at 3 p.m.

The TiVo "Santa Run Silicon Valley" is a 5K Run/Walk that is fun for the whole family. There is also a Kids Fun Run for children 2 to 7 years old that starts at 2 p.m.

Participants are encouraged to dress up as their favorite holiday character or tradition; Santa, Mrs. Claus, the Grinch, the reindeer, elves, dreidel, menorah, ornaments, tree, and candlestick. The ideas are limitless. You may also form a group representing your family, organization or company.

The "Santa Run Silicon Valley" was founded to contribute to the local programs of Christmas in the Park, Downtown Ice and Reading Partners.

While running, take a look at the festive displays, community trees and watch live entertainment at Christmas in the Park. Or, warm up those legs before the run and skate at Downtown Ice under the lighted palm trees or warm up with some hot chocolate.

Grandparents, parents and kids alike will all enjoy the timeless memories these great activities have to offer.

For more information, visit SantarunSV.com

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How to recycle your holiday tree

Curbside collection of holiday trees is on your collection day beginning Dec. 26 through Jan. 27.

Homeowners must remove stands, tinsel, and decorations. Cut into 5-foot pieces. Set out on the curb near your carts by 6 a.m.

Too much holiday trash?

Use Extra Garbage Stickers, available at City Hall, libraries, Lucky, and Safeway stores in San José. Place extra garbage in a 32-gallon plastic garbage bag labeled with an Extra Garbage Sticker on the curb near the garbage cart on your collection day.



Questions about recycling?

Go to sjenvironment.org/curbside-recycling to view, print, or order a copy of the Recycling Guide, available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

For service questions

Contact your recycling, garbage, or yard trimmings collection company to report missed collections, replace damaged carts, report service issues, or change your cart size. Go to sjenvironment.org/lookup to find your collection company and pickup day, to get street sweeping information, and for the schedule of neighborhood cleanups.



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Community Calendar



Santa comes on stage to join the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale. Photo by Robert Shomler

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale 'Carols in the California' Dec. 10

Artistic Director Elena Sharkova and the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale present the 12th Annual "Carols in the California," an exciting and festive program of holiday cheer.

The traditional sing-along of favorite carols including Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, Away in the Manger, Silent Night, and The Twelve Days of Silicon Valley Christmas begins at 7 p.m.

Prepare to be dazzled by a performance of Rossini's "Kyrie and Gloria" from Petite Messe Solennelle, and entertained by Is There Really a Santa Claus? with choir, narrator and orchestra, all in the warm glow of the beautiful California Theatre. And while downtown, enjoy Christmas in the Park, and Winter Wonderland rides just two blocks from the theater.

Ticket prices are \$26 and \$36. Box office: 408.286.2600 The California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose. www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

About the Chorale

Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale performs masterworks and more contemporary music with the symphony, as well as a wide range of pieces, from jazz to liturgical and everything in between, with smaller instrumental groups and a capella, in San Jose and peninsula locations in the San Francisco Bay area. Maestra Elena Sharkova, who directs the Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale and the the Cantabile Youth Singers, is an internationally recognized conductor, lecturer and master teacher.

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About San Jose Dance Theatre

SJDT's vision is to inspire dancers of all ages in the exploration of the art of dance, to foster growth through high level training and mentoring experiences by professional dancers and instructors, and to promote the art of dance through creative public awareness campaigns.

About Cambrian Symphony

Cambrian Symphony is dedicated to supporting and mentoring young musicians by engaging students in performance side by side with professionals. Through this unique collaboration, Cambrian Symphony strives to share the joy of creating music not only with its audiences, but with the next generation of musicians.

About Scott Krijnen

Music Director and Conductor, Cambrian Symphony, Scott Krijnen was born in Antwerp, Belgium. He was raised in an environment of music, conducting and education. A recipient of a Master's Degree in Cello Performance from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music, he is a frequent performer as a chamber musician, with recent concerts across Europe, Taiwan and Korea.

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Evergreen residents receive recognition at Silicon Valley Philanthropy Day

Evergreen residents Rufus White and Antoinette Battiste (pictured, right) were honored at the Silicon Valley Philanthropy Day on November 18.

Philanthropy Day is sponsored by the Silicon Valley Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals. The annual community event is a celebration of excellence in local philanthropy, attended by hundreds of fundraisers, community leaders, funders and philanthropists.

White, a retired engineer and long-time Evergreen Valley resident, has been a passionate leader and advocate for educational access for students locally and throughout the United States. He is an active member of the East Valley YMCA and was recognized by them as a Distinguished Volunteer Fundraiser for raising \$150,000 to support programs.

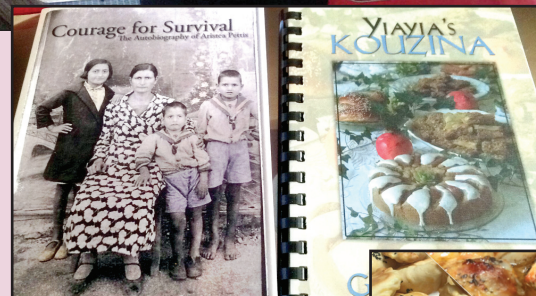
Battiste is an independent college counselor and 20-year resident of Evergreen Valley. She is a founding member of the YWCA of the Mid-Peninsula Donor Advisory Fund, which was recognized as the Outstanding Philanthropic Organization of the Year, for their



\$2.3M in grants to local organizations in support of the organization's twin goals of empowering women and girls and eliminating

racism. Battiste is an active parent at each of the Evergreen schools her son attended—especially Evergreen Valley High.

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Times **Feature****Fruit Juice and Fish Fillets**

The temperatures may be falling, but you can still fire up the grill and fill up your plate with a tasty recipe like this Grilled Citrus Rosemary Catfish, which combines sweet juices for a citrus sauce that coats grilled catfish. Find more main dish recipes including catfish at uscatafish.com.

Grilled Citrus Rosemary Catfish

Recipe courtesy of
The Catfish Institute

Servings: 4

Citrus Sauce:

- 1 lime, juice and zest only
- 1 lemon, zest only
- 1 orange, zest only
- 6 ounces pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Catfish:

- 4 U.S. farm-raised catfish fillets
- 2 lemons, salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste

Heat grill.

To make citrus sauce: In small saucepan, combine all sauce ingredients. Bring to boil, reduce heat and simmer 5 minutes.

To make catfish: Place catfish in shallow dish and squeeze 1/2 fresh lemon over each fillet. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Let rest 5 minutes.

Grill catfish fillets, skin-side-up, 3-4 minutes. Flip over and grill 2-3 more minutes.

Transfer catfish to serving plates and spoon warmed citrus sauce over fillets.



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Winter Weather WARM-UP

FAMILY FEATURES

Swaters and scarves aren't the only ways to brace yourself against blustery weather. There's no time like winter to putter in the kitchen, where the cozy heat from the stove and the aromas of mouthwatering dishes can warm you from the inside out.

Rich, hearty stews and creamy casseroles are perfect for winter dinners, but when you're craving something other than traditional comfort food, there are plenty of other options that will chase away the chill, such as a glass of Pinot Noir.

These three dishes feature common proteins – chicken, beef and fish – in preparations that make it easy to reimagine your winter weather menu. Find more recipes and ideas for warming up this winter at culinary.net.

A Cold-Weather Solution

While it can be a challenge, there are several ways to pair food and wine appropriately during winter, despite bitter weather. A warm, comforting dish, like Roasted Chicken with Salsa Verde from James Beard award-winning chef Jonathan Waxman, combines well with rosé during the cold season. One reasonably priced wine that matches chicken well is Angeline California Rosé of Pinot Noir. The crisp flavors of light red fruits combine with the herbs accompanying the chicken. It'll also complement the many other flavors of winter, when an array of dishes hit the table and challenge hosts to find the right wine to serve.

For more wines that work well in wintertime, visit angelinewinery.com.

Chicken and Salsa Verde

Recipe courtesy of chef Jonathan Waxman

Chicken:

- 1 fresh free-range organic chicken (4 pounds)
- sea salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- 1/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lemon

Salsa Verde:

- 1/4 cup capers in salt
- 4 anchovy filets
- 3 cloves garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup chopped arugula
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil

- 1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 1/4 cup chopped tarragon
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh chives
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh sage
- 1 cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt

To make chicken: Heat oven to 450 F.

Wash chicken in hot water. Dry with paper towels.

Using kitchen shears, cut out backbone of chicken and remove any fat (this can be added to chicken stock). Using heavy chef's knife, cut out breastbone. Season halves with sea salt and black pepper.

Place chicken halves, skin side up, on two sizzle platters and dab with olive oil. Cut lemon in half and place 1 half, cut side down, next to chicken on each platter.

Roast chicken 35 minutes, basting every 10 minutes. When done, remove chicken to platter and pour off excess fat. Cut each breast in half and cut the thigh from the leg. Serve with salsa verde (recipe below) and garnish with roasted lemon.

To make salsa verde: Soak capers in cold water 1 hour then drain.

Soak anchovies in cold water 15 minutes then pat dry and remove bones.

Using mortar and pestle, smash capers, anchovies and garlic, until smooth, then transfer to large bowl.

Add all herbs and olive oil.

Season with sea salt.

Pair each serving with Angeline California Rosé of Pinot Noir.

Times **Your Community**

Forest people

Continued from page 1
Some adults are making the forest their secret home and also set up a place to sleep along the highways and back roads.

A Secret Place

We have uncovered an unnamed area following after a day of hiking along a paved road adjacent to a creek and million dollar homes. Three sounds of "woof woof, yip yip yipe and arrf arrf" were all intertwined in unique octaves which emanated deep in a wooded place just below the road along the creek.

The three distinct noises occurred only as the soft leaves of the overhanging acorn trees were stepped upon. Once the author paused the sounds stopped too. Being curious, but as we walked partway down a dirt trail and encountered a large unleashed 100 pound dog. It meandered along unaware of anyone looking at it. Slowly, ever so carefully, the author retreated not to return again. With a quick peak from the road it was seen that black plastic was used as walls and the dogs had the skill of acting as the warning device for anyone walking softly in the area triggering the barking alarm while pressing a footstep upon the trillions of dried leaves that blanketed the ground. The thick tree canopy covered the dwelling like fog coming in from the ocean.

During our investigation, it was determined that one person lived there. It is understood now that often in our area we find those who camp out for many days perhaps months using no electricity, running water, nor flat cement floor. They exist in semi-privacy and never know who may enter their domain; it's the hidden secret place of the "Forest People."

The Road to Despair

We interviewed people who knew some of the forest people and it was expressed that some live off paychecks, some perhaps get disability payments and others may live off the work part-time work when they can find it.

There are a number of triggers that can befall a person into houseless situations; a good job might be lost; money running tight might all of a sudden run out. Personal keep-sake possessions in storage could be sold to strangers by others, gone forever. Facing worse times ahead, the structure and pleasanry of a four walled room might become lost. Some inhabit cars to sleep in trying the very best they can before making a choice to live in the forest, near creeks and shopping centers.

With friends and funds running low they have the option of using the shelters that the city runs, but some of them prefer to live in the forest. Here are some reasons why. They prefer their peace and quiet and they may find that the close quarters of living with others is simply not of interest with them (think military barracks kind of sleeping situations and maybe bunk beds too). Perhaps they cling to their fierce independence and want not any curfews imposed by others. This choice to live outside is a form of living off the grid and some; it was expressed, even run a business while nightly camping out. With rent prices putting the squeeze on people living in the Silicon Valley it is important to be aware there are other options to choose. We can suggest and inform the forest people. To do so it is best to not speak with them directly but instead contact a well-trained outreach worker from The San Jose City Wide Outreach & Engagement Program (408) 510-7600. Sometimes mental health issues can be associated with such people, so care in communica-

tion needs to be done by specialists with regard to trying to make inroads to offer life changes.

Normalcy In Flux

The following incident was experienced by the author and the person was very well dressed with gold jewelry on. The incident took place in the open and in broad daylight.

While using a library computer, a person was talking loud and in a way rapping with words coming out of the mouth that were not unlike playing a 33 RPM record at 45 RPM speed. The volume of their voice was amplified and the librarian in a gentle and professional way cautioned the individual to either quiet down or be asked to leave. A few minutes later the individual began to yell out personal talk as if they were speaking about a memory of a defiant situation with others from long ago. Now speaking louder someone commented that the individual may be in need of an exorcism for they were speaking with too many tongues. The individual pointed at the author and said to come outside.

Upon exiting, the author used the strategy to treat the individual with the same courtesy as all others. The person said rapidly while pointing at the author, "you're fat, your shirt is dirty and why are your shoes not clean?" These were all well founded comments and the well-dressed individual seemed to speak without a filter. As the individual was struggling in a hand twitch to light two Marlboro cigarettes the offer was made as one to be given as a non-requested gift to which the author softly rebuked. Then as a lark the author said, "What are you going to do beat me up or something," to which the person visibility became enraged, dropped their purse and began to flail and swing their arm and fist at the author's face while inquiring "Are you German?" Flashing back to elementary school and the motto of "he who runs away lives to fight another day," the author jumped back quickly and a loafer shoe came off and was left behind. The author ran around cars and a wild goose chase ensued. Finally the pursuit was stalemated with the positioning an entire car in the way of any flailing arm hits and a trial and fail of the pursuer running left and right extinguished. Unclear words and phrases were spit in the direction of the author combined with a one finger hand waive. Now, wanting the shoe back the author decided to implant a notion, a strategy perhaps, to express that the police car might be just over there and the handbag might be stolen by others if not attended to quickly and the comment "Hope there is nothing valuable in it," was softly stated. With this, the fast talking individual with words hard to decipher ran back to get their belongings and said in route with clarity a few nasty things. Ever so quickly, the author while walking slipped the shoe back on and snuck away with the understanding that this event would probably reoccur in the future unless the individual had some kind of memory issue combined with their other issues. This experience lets us know why it is good to be always be aware and prepared. Experience tells us not to be too trusting and the importance of not underestimating situations with strangers. Of course joking with strangers can be taken wrong, too. The experience made the author more vigilant about danger with regard to having interactions with strangers and triggered the question of how hard it would be for police to deal with such individuals.

Vigilant Thinking Best

Another sign of warning the author notices was a posting on Yelp of a remote park. There a woman expressed she had her purse robbed at gunpoint and this posting suggested not

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walking in the parks in the evening. The need for prudent vigilance is always with us for some may choose to make a survival living with illegal means. Silicon Valley has needed for some time to bulk up our police force and gain back some of the extra focus strengths it provided in the past. With limited resources come a prioritization protocol on what things a police or sheriff department can undertake each day, week and month.

With large homeless encampments (mini forest towns) being removed we may see a scattering of individuals making claim to a forest area near a stream nearby where we live. So, perhaps our cities are now tying in with mental health experts to assist our officers and we must also begin to wonder what occurs if medications run out on crazy acting individuals who cannot afford to refill the prescriptions. Though we may not wish to believe it, we can take heed that the home is not necessarily in a house and a forest can be a dwelling or abode to some who choose to make it their place to stay the night. We must also face the facts that since living expenses have become elevated in San Jose and surrounding towns and cities, some will need to move and some may revert to camping out in a sad transition. There are other choices such as using this Website For Homelessness.

www.scchousingsearch.org is possibly one of the best websites created by the City of San Jose and County that offers homelessness help and more. Each city has such resources and can direct you to get information for your questions. On the top selections one can click on "Resources" and one can scroll down and see the choice of three languages, English, Spanish and Vietnamese to read about services and opportunities for Homeless situations lack of food situations, and more. This site has 86 listings of services to reach out and help the community with all things and if it is not listed there are a lot of people there willing to help in directing questions to the right places with many proactive services.

□ Bill Wilson Center: (408) 243-0222, Runaway house & Homeless youth shelter program for youth ages 11-17 years, providing counseling and much more.

□ The Hub: (408) 792-1750, for ages 15-24, connects eligible youth with housing and much more!

□ Rebekah Children's Services: (408) 846-2100, Residential treatment and much more.

□ EMQ Families First: (408) 379-3796, intake referrals and community resources and much more.

□ San Jose Conservation Corps: (408) 283-7171, job training, driver's education, services for individuals and much more.

□ Unity Care Treatment: (408) 971-9822, Residential Treatment with wraparound mental health services for ages 11-24 and much more.

□ Stand Up For Kids- Silicon Valley: (408) (408) 753-1272, Food, Showers, Computers, Mentoring and much more, for youth up to 24 years old.

How Does It Feel

One thinks of the Dylan song which whines out the haunting words "...To be without a home, like a complete unknown, like a rolling stone..." for each word in that song are thought provokingly stinging and reaffirm why this man won the recent Nobel Peace



Prize for poetry. His words stand-alone by themselves, without the melody, and the poem breaks through to touch the heartbreaking situation of the forest people and others. The song goes beyond how it feels to lose a home or warm place to stay and penetrates as one hears the singing voice of the lyrics combined with the stanzas. It asks; can the additional human struggle of the mind which controls thinking and organizes and processes how one is deeply affected by such situations resonate in one's soul of understanding. The song reflects the attitude of those who are banging around trying to survive and purposely leaves out the often lost notion that for all people there is always this thing called hope. The song could be about a person who has lost it all and is so low that they have become free. Free of all responsibilities and perhaps reality itself. It is a sad and troubling situation, but the poet Dylan also expresses the beauty of having one's freedom which is a beautiful thing even when facing the most difficult of living situations. To add to this, in the opinion of this author, one must be aware that when trouble hits and befalls the humanity of others we can give them hope by smiling and offering help in kind ways which allow for trained experts to attend to such situations. It is all about the personal psychological processing of one's choices often created with decisions and situations that contain a lack of resources.

False Assumptions Hurt

A related story is the lesson the author learned at age seven. The story is about a clear jar that was used to capture a pretty yellow bee. When caught the lid was screwed tight and the jar was passed around to friends for all to see with the glass removing the fear of anyone being stung. It was marveled that a close inspection could be made with the eyes pressed close upon the jar. Later in the day, with altruism, the author kindly found a good place to release the bright winged creature instead making the most common choice of choosing to step on it. As the lid was unscrewed slowly (the author can still recall the sound) the writer assumed some kind of trust was built between himself and nature (the bee). The kind words of, "you're free!" were whispered; but the bee capably double backed and stung the author on the neck while running away. And perhaps the bee, like most of the "Forest People, just want to be left alone!



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Visually impaired Carranza awarded 'Gift of Sight'

By William Bellou
Publisher

Brandon Carranza is autistic and had worn glasses since he was four years old.

Carranza was considered for Dr. Furlong's "Gift of Sight" program. He was accepted and had surgery in both eyes. Before the surgery, Carranza's vision was 20/400 in both eyes, which is considered severe visual impairment. His glasses posed many challenges at school, work and while participating in activities.

Following the surgery his vision is now 20/15. He is now able to enjoy a beautiful view from the 16th floor of the Jeppesen office on Santa Clara Street, where he has been working his first job for the past four months.

Two weeks ago, he also scored

his best bowling game and secured a win in a Special Olympics tournament for all of Northern California - glasses free. Here is a message he wrote on Furlong Vision's Facebook page, following the surgery:

"All my life I've had to live with my disabling autism. For as long as I can remember, I have had to wear corrective lenses to be able to see right. In spite of these handicaps, my parents and I have always set goals for myself, and I have worked hard to achieve them. Thanks to Dr. Furlong I have 20-15 vision and no longer have to wear corrective lenses. This is going to make my life much easier and perhaps allow me to set even higher goals for myself."

Other recipients of this year's "Gift of Sight" included U.S.



Dr. Furlong has given Brandon Carranza the "gift of sight" this holiday season.

Veterans and two very low-income individuals who were recommended by local optometrists.

Editor's note: This is the 10th year that Furlong Vision has partnered with Hope Services (www.hopeservices.org) to identify clients in strong need of vision correction. Hope provides programs that assist children, adults and seniors with developmental disabilities to become valued and participating members of their communities.

'Reaching Out' to distribute food to needy families

The Reaching Out Food Center at the Cathedral of Faith will hold their annual 'Celebration of Love' Thursday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. until noon.

"This year, we've seen a greater demand in our services," said Jim Gallagher, Reaching Out's director. "More than 2,500 grocery carts full of food will be distributed that day," he said.

During the month of December, it is expected that more than 5,000 grocery carts full of food will be distributed. The carts will include turkeys, fresh produce, vegetables, milk, bread, and pastries, to needy families. The retail value of the distributed food is more than \$1,000,000.

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. Over 500 volunteers will be on hand at the event Dec. 22 to provide assistance to food recipients.

This year Reaching Out has also partnered with nine 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, Apollo High School and San Antonio Elementary.

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 5,000 vouchers are being distributed to recipients 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.

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Charity guide for holiday giving

It seems some "charities" are better than others... much better! Here's a surprising guide to help you determine the best use of your dollars during the holiday season and beyond.

■ **The American Red Cross**
President and CEO Marsha J. Evans' salary for the year was \$651,957 Plus expenses

■ **March of Dimes**
It's called the March of Dimes because only one dime of every donated dollar is given to the needy.

■ **The United Way**
President Brian Gallagher receives a \$375,000 base salary... along with numerous expense benefits.

■ **UNICEF**
CEO Caryl M. Stern earns \$1.2 million dollars per year ... plus all expenses paid including a Rolls Royce. Less than 5 cents of your donated dollar goes to the cause.

■ **Goodwill**
CEO and owner Mark Curran makes a profit of \$2.3 million a year. Goodwill is a catchy name for his business. You donate to his business and then he sells the items for profit. He

pays nothing for his products and pays his workers minimum wage.

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■ **The Salvation Army**
Commissioner Todd Bassett receives \$13,000 with housing per year for managing this \$2 billion dollar organization. 96% of donated dollars goes to the needy.

■ **The American Legion**
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■ **St. Jude Research Hospital**
100% goes towards funding and helping children with cancer who have no insurance and cannot afford hospital care.

■ **Ronald McDonald Houses**
All donations are used to run the houses for parents who have critically ill children in the hospital. 100% goes to housing and feeding families.

■ **Lions Club International**
100% of donations are used to help the blind buy hearing aids and support medical missions worldwide. Their latest undertaking is measles vaccinations. (Only \$1 per shot.)



Involved Evergreen commended

Involved Evergreen organization was honored by the San Jose City Council with a commendation attended by several of its members by the San Jose City Council. The group has been actively volunteering since 2007 in Evergreen and has been instrumental to make Evergreen Village Square a vibrant place for residents and visitors.

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Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club

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District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization.

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

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

agendas and updates: www.esuhdsd.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 a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San

Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

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

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee

The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408)

715-7020 or email chhbrahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club

meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

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

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

The Evergreen Community Center

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

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

Friends of Evergreen Library

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

Hidden Glen Community

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

LeyVa Community Action Team Association

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

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc.

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

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association

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

Reid - Hillview Airport Association

3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

Meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association

Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King

Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association


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

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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Silver Creek Valley Country Club custom home. Enjoy outdoor luxury living in quiet seclusion on this over half acre level homesite. 5,392+/-sf, 5 bedrooms, office, and bonus/rec room, dance room, 6 baths and 2 powder rooms, 4-car garage. **Offered at \$2,988,000**



2327 Quail Bluff Place

Sold over list price with multiple offers! 2-story home with an outdoor oasis. Granite kitchen, pool and spa with 3 waterfalls grotto, outdoor kitchen and fire pit, 5bd/3.5ba plus study, 3868+/-sf, 17331+/-sf lot. **Sold for \$1,925,000**



8474 Grenache Court

1-level remodeled home with the best location in The Villages. Granite kitchen, recessed lighting, covered patio with exceptional views. 2bd/2ba plus den, 1803+/-sf. **Sold for \$825,000**

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