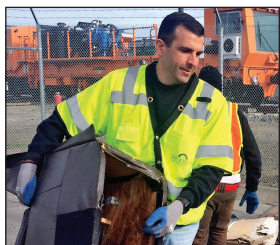


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Man who lives on Coyote Creek goes missing

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Michael Amaya Perez (right), who lived along Coyote Creek for two years, is missing.



The 56-year-old spent his nights in a tent, but sometime after the recent storms came Michael went missing.

"I've looked everywhere," said his daughter Irene Perez. "When I saw the news about the flood I freaked out. I had the very first panic attack in my life."

Irene, who makes her home in Hayward, began to search as flood waters receded.

She checked the parks around Los Lagos, the Burger King and the pop-up shelters and evacuation centers for flushed from their homes by the flood. Her father, she said, had no cellphone and may have had no identification.

Although the Santa Clara County's Medical Examiner-Coroner's Office said no fatalities from the flood have been reported, family and friends of the homeless say some of their loved ones are missing. Firefighters rescued five of them from the trees and dozens more who were left stranded by the rushing water.

In San Jose an estimated 1,500 people live along the local waterways including Thomson Creek in Evergreen Valley.



READY TO SERVE

The Red Cross volunteers were kind and helpful to all and came on different shifts to work.

Evergreen Valley High School set up as Red Cross disaster relief center for residents displaced by flood

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Anderson Dam releases caused a chain reaction that pushed an overflow condition of Coyote Creek resulting in evacuations of flood victims on Monday, Feb. 20.

Although Evergreen Valley was not severely impacted except for minor street flooding, power outages and downed trees, the Red Cross opened up a disaster

relief center at Evergreen High School gymnasium for flood displaced residents.

The Evergreen Valley High School gym, easily accessible from Quimby road, provided ample parking. Upon walking up to the gym entrance one could see the Red Cross logo and various trucks used to transport items. Specific needs for any supplies, food, cultural and or religious requirements could be requested from shelter workers and every effort would be

made to accommodate the needs of the evacuees.

A disaster relief center was also set up at James Lick High school where 150 people slept overnight and with strong organizational oversight, the Evergreen High School gym was used Tuesday night Feb. 21 as an overflow for people asked to leave their homes. Smart planning by the Red Cross allowed the gym to increase capacity from a few on Tuesday evening to more than a hundred people by Wednesday morning.

Upon entering the Evergreen Valley High School gym one could see tables of food comprised of bread, muffins, health bars, cookies, bananas, Cup Noodles,
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Evergreen Valley plagued with potholes

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

As winter approached, one would think that city streets would be cleared of garbage and drains that normally divert water would be cleared to avoid more potholes in city streets in Evergreen Valley.

While driving along Ruby Avenue to the north, the same ruts that were present last summer are now larger, washed out by the worst rain storms we



A pothole waits an unlucky traveler in the area of Ruby and Flint Avenues.

have had in San Jose for more than ten years.

When blacktop is properly patched and sealed, water cannot usually seep underneath and cause the paving to buckle. These should have been properly patched and sealed before the storms arrived.

Local residents question why money approved by through the years has not improved road infrastructures and mass transportation?

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A variety of potholes from the area of the streets of Ruby and Flint Avenues are pictured above and below. At right: **Melvin and Karen Ringue** (with their dogs) are concerned about the potholes.

Potholes

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Evergreen residents Melvin Ringue, and Karen Ringue, his wife and preschool teacher at Stanford, are wondering what's happening to the money that is supposed to be set aside for transportation. Karen states, "On the day after the big storm my GPS routed me north on Ruby Avenue to get to work. Just past Tully Road, I had to swerve onto the other side of the street to avoid many huge potholes!"

The same is true of Flint Avenue in Evergreen. Some holes are so large, that to drop into them, garages and body shops will be busy for quite some time after winter finally subsides. The unwary driver will have expenses for new shocks, wheel alignments, tires out of balance, and sometimes new tires due to blowouts.

Last month, David Trindade said: "A few days ago, my tire was destroyed when my car hit a large pothole on westbound Silver Creek Valley Road." The exact location is after Hellyer and just past Fontanoso Way. "I reported the road condition to the Traffic Department of the City of San Jose, but nothing was done," he said. "I saw this morning that the pothole had grown to a trench, and this time I called the Road Maintenance Department [at (408) 794-1900.] The person I spoke with said that she'd send out a repair crew today to take care of it."

The latest complaints are from motorists traveling on Yerba Buena Rd. between San Felipe Rd. and highway 101. "There are so many potholes on Yerba Buena I no longer travel the road and instead use Aborn Rd," said Dana Long. "Unfortunately others are doing the same thing and now the traffic is horrible."



Youth basketball begins March 17th thru May 26th at Chaboya

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Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, March. 17th, for all interested Evergreen-area boys and girls in sixth and seventh grade regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the 80 available slots are full.

This is a co-ed league with no more than ten players on each team. This is a "funpetitive" league and everyone receives 2 full quarters of playing time. Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game). Cost for the league is \$130 which includes a game jersey, 6 games and play-offs, personal lanyard, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies and gym rental.

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



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Liccardo picks up illegal trash to kick off San Jose's #BeautifySJ campaign

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo kicked off the #BeautifySJ campaign highlighted in his recent State of the City speech by personally picking up illegally dumped trash on an early cool morning, Feb. 13.

Liccardo said that illegal dumping has been on the rise due the housing crises causing displaced families forced to sleep on streets and riverbanks.

The city recently reported that nearly 320 tons of debris has been recovered including 1,200 mattresses, 620 shopping carts, 148 gallons of paint and 151 gallons of human waste, and more than 400 gallons of motor oil since mid-2016.

The mayor asked the council this week to consider expanding the free junk hauling for single-family homeowners last week. San Jose began offering the free hauling for more than two years. Free hauling pickups have more than doubled to more than 15,000.

Liccardo said during the city's mid-year budget review, that the city council will consider spending more than \$130,000 to install cameras, lighting, gates, and signs in a half dozen hotspots that account for more than half of illegal dumping reports.

The city's illegal dumping response team reports that nearly 70 percent of the calls it receives are from junk left on public roadways. Last year, the county entered into a nearly \$800,000 agreement with the California Department of Transportation to help with trash pickup.

Large item pick scheduled for March 25
For Almaden residents living in Pierce



The city's illegal dumping response team reports that nearly 70 percent of the calls it receives are from junk left on public roadways.

Ranch, Almaden Valley Country Club or Glenview Serenity neighborhoods may place large items for pickup on March 25, 2017.

City offices explained that an incorrect notice was mailed announcing a free Neighborhood Cleanup on Feb. 25, which is incorrect. A new notice will be mailed out three weeks before the cleanup event on March 25.

The large item collection program offers two free collection appointments per household per fiscal year. Each collection includes up to three large items.

For more information regarding free large item collections, visit: sjenvironment.org/largeitems

For more information regarding the Beautify San Jose Campaign, visit: beautifysj.org.

OpEd: Notification during a flood maybe tough to accomplish

It is refreshing to hear people get out in-front of situations by quickly sizing up situations of disaster but blame is a tough thing to place at times due to the mysterious and often unforeseen punches of nature.

We live in an age where all things are electronic. Some people even take their cell phone (with excuse that they use it to record photos) while hiking through the outback trails of Yosemite. We are so technologically driven that some want to run bullet trains from one place to another but want no accidents to

ever occur. Well, maybe things just happen and the flooding was no one's fault. Also, history shows us it happens over and over.

Truth is, we must learn from difficult situations for maybe if it is proven out that this kind of flooding happens about every fifteen years, we should just know and be more aware that there are certain "low-lying" areas in San Jose can and will be subject to flooding.

Perhaps it would have been good to have a plan in place to warn residents in low-lying areas. However, the warning may have resulted in

cars stuck on roadways trying to get out and the water may rise so fast that it might be better for all to stay inside. Maybe technology does not always gain an upper hand when it faces up against Mother Nature.

In California we have a no-fault auto accident insurance policy and often if two cars hit each other the no-fault insurance takes effect. So, if there is a flood from a creek due to heavy rains, maybe that too is a no-fault situation.

After many years of drought, and water conservation, the Anderson dam in Morgan Hill filled up to

capacity and water had to be let out into the Coyote Creek. This is done to keep the level of water at a certain capacity in the man-made dam. As water rushed down the creek it may have collided into all kinds of trees debris and growth lodged in the waterway for over a decade perhaps causing the overflow and flooding. Investigations will help figure it all out. It could be that the flooding could only have been prevented by ensuring the Coyote Creek was deep and free flowing and maybe that is hard to do with certain amounts of
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OpEd

Is Common Core math being taught incorrectly?

Is the way math is being taught today better than in the past decade or are vast numbers of children regressing in their math abilities?

It's called "Common Core." Others call it "Constructionism Teaching." One thing for sure, the children in California schools and in other states are being taught very differently than in years past.

Top level educators in California have embraced the "Common Core" methods of teaching; however it's about new teaching standards that are to be covered each school year and not necessarily about how new common core standards are to be taught.

I believe the school district leaders and highly paid training organizations may have pushed the teachers too far in new radical leaning philosophies of how to implement the new standards, including core textbooks and workbooks instead of selecting a middle ground of teaching materials. In some cases the new textbooks with constructionist concepts may have been entrenched into place without the necessary teacher and parent input (see education code 60002). Other textbook choices cover the same common core standards but in more traditional ways. We must not throw a blanket over a bad math program and call it common core as if to say it is the only choice in facilitating the understanding of the new state math standards.

So, common core math can be taught in non-constructionist ways. This may have not been properly offered to the teachers by leaders of school districts and highly paid consulting training companies.

Let's focus on math; don't mix other subjects when discussing common core teaching

Math is the subject getting the most attention because math is being taught in new and different ways that tend to let some teachers take a back seat to teaching. Children's inquiring minds are discovering new concepts, so called magical moments of discovery, but is this new way of teaching working? Do the individual test scores for children prove out if this new pedagogy of teaching is successful? Is it all an experiment? Has this gone too far?

Some schools may not be teaching math in ways that succeed in getting students to properly grasp or cover the state standards for a particular segment of learners called the remedial math learning children. In some schools, students may not be getting much homework in math. Additionally, parents are learning that students are being put in groups to learn math.

Perhaps the remedial learning children on some teams need to be segregated to a more understandable differentiated learning math teaching classroom when they enter middle school. Sixth grade teachers can also differentiate in cost-free and exciting team ways. Is it proper to put children who are way behind in math skills in a one size fits all classroom using radical constructionist textbook/workbooks in middle school and offering them extra credit work on the side to improve their grades? Should elementary schools also differentiate learning more as students move up the grade levels?

data.

Teachers are not always to blame, as they are only taking the marching orders of the top brass of administration. However, if the teachers believe there is indeed something going on that is wrong, it is hoped they will speak out more.

To get true understanding of the plight of teachers using math programs, private surveys need to be done by the teachers and parents so that if a math product or program is not measuring up it should be improved or replaced. Some math programs that are radical in nature may need to be banished to be used only for high level performing math students because those students that are at remedial levels may not get much out of such programs and be regressing in math.

Often by the time the school board figures out the situation to act on it, the children directly affected in elementary school have graduated from high school. Thus deep private surveys by teachers are needed in a timely manner and the school boards need to lead at a faster pace. Although the textbook adoption processes allows teachers to decide what products to use in the classroom, often there seems to be a push of one product or another by school district office leaders and some school districts perhaps put too much pressure on how to teach with a particular textbook.

Often parents' input is not used in the selection of textbooks. Often no written record or minutes are kept for math school textbook adoptions and parents are not invited into the room who do not work for the school district. Instead parent voice is more of a required protocol than used in a valuable meaningful way. Also, when a parent voices a concern often it takes many attempts for a school district to act and the ratcheted up power of a group of parents to begin to make pressure for change. Perhaps students too need to review the possible math textbook adoptions for their voice is just as important as their parents.

Administrators should perform a simple survey for students on their math textbook/workbook at the end of each year to inquire on a scale of 1-10 how they liked using the textbook and workbook. School board members (who have power to select and adopt the text books and math books) should read the written opinions of deep, truthful, honest children and let the truth be told. It could be that some new Common Core math workbooks or adopted materials might be lacking and teachers decide to skip portions.

Where did the math textbooks go?

In some instances, math textbooks are being substituted with paper workbooks and or massive amounts of math skills run off on copy machines, resulting in schools and classrooms running in different ways. The workbook approach is different and often it does not walk the parent through the process of solving the math (self-learning tutorials) as presented in textbooks, so it's a more difficult solving math problems at home.

Dr. Comers wonderful "No Fault Complaint, No Retaliation," piece

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Times **Opinion**

Dr. James P. Comer is best known for the founding of the Comer School Development Program in 1968. He is very much involved in education today and has received numerous awards. One of his big focuses in improving schools and teaching is to ensure that collaboration of parents, educators and community is in place. He speaks of having a ‘No Fault...No Retaliation,’ complaint process where all stakeholders are free to voice concerns and all listen. If something is wrong then let’s all work solve the problem, and not at a snail’s pace. Steve Jobs has shown us in how he set up a culture and climate in running his business. We need to change the mindset of how school boards, district offices, county offices of education and the California Department of Education function. New educational codes will need to be developed and implemented that will provide the quick turnaround of ensuring children are being taught well.

Are some schools not covering 49 percent of the math textbooks?
It needs to be mandatory that all schools cover 51 percent of all textbook/workbooks. This should be mandated by written school district policy and new education code. This applies to federal law with regard to teaching English as a second language.

Dual math programs needed

If the teachers agree and the parents agree, the school districts will need to get the school boards to adopt two dual math programs (especially for middle schools). Again, teachers and parents need to express if this should be mandatory and the California Department of Education needs to help out more too rather than take a hands off approach in all things of curriculum selection. The C.D.E.

can with research promote and highlight dual remedial math programs for middle schools that are in place and work to educate all the school districts. The C.D.E. can also promote with communication new ways some schools teach math. In other words the C.D.E. can get the word out and promote wonderful methods of teaching for other schools and districts to learn from. For the year 2017 the C.D.E. really has a hands off policy of helping anyone in the opinion of this parent. The C.D.E. seems to be a giant bureaucracy that needs better leadership to become more effective to help children, teachers, parents and all other stakeholders.

A more efficient way to teach students

Few school districts have sixth, seventh and eighth grade middle schools. I believe schools and teachers would benefit by having one teacher teach math and another sixth grade teacher teach science, and another to teach language arts. So, if a school has 100 sixth grade students, teachers can teach three classes of math for one day; another teacher to teach three classes of science; and another three classes of science.

This could eliminate the vast lesson planning for a sixth grade teacher to plan out Math, Science, Social Studies, Language Arts, Physical Education, Art, etc.

By having the sixth grade teachers transform the elementary classrooms into a middle-school-switch-multiple-teacher experience, there is less lesson planning. Maybe this concept can be explored in a no fault no retaliation environment and the California Department of Education can find ways to inform and collaborate with all school districts better through use of the funding for the County Offices of Education that are placed

in each region in California. Maybe such highly paid school district oversight entities need to do much more with their time. Maybe this kind of exploration is a good use of monies spent.

Testing will show us all the way

There is a new push and a new California embraced policy not to “teach to the test.” However, the federal government seems to keep battling back California top policy makers in pushing for more testing. We need general testing on basics implemented three times a year and math benchmarks placed included on report cards.

Yeah, but we don’t want to teach to the test

One must look and compare the mastery of math according to barometers of measuring understanding of concepts. One tool that is now used for all children state wide is called the CAASPP test (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress).

Each year the results are mailed to parents. To quickly view how a school is doing in each grade level for the subject of math one can use website choices. An easier way to quickly discover how a school is successfully teaching children at all grade levels one can do an internet search with School Digger.” Parents now can just type in the name School Digger and the name of the school. Then click on “test scores.” You can click on math and navigate it to easily pop up comparative bar graphs that show the percentage of math proficiency, and also other subjects.

For a real eye opener type in this school and view the math scores...(School Digger Katherine R. Smith Elementary School) located in Evergreen School District. Then compare it to another school in the same school district by typing in (School Digger Silver Oak

Elementary School). It is seen that some schools have very low scores in math and others have somewhat higher mastery in math. Look at the variance of math proficiency between the two schools.

It seems that math is lagging in student mastery on a statewide level at many schools and without parent input the status quo may keep going down the road. What if one school has a math proficiency of say 20% but another school has a math proficiency of say 80%... and what if both schools set the same exact goal of raising math understanding of 5 percent for a year. School boards need to step in and roll up their sleeves to make changes faster.

Teacher parent and student voices needed

If a teacher likes the math product then it will be more of a joy for the teacher to use it each day. School board members should develop and build trust with teachers and parents and encourage private input.

Is collaboration cheating or is cheating collaboration

As stated earlier, some math textbooks in sixth, seventh and eighth grade are thought by be constructionism textbooks. Some of the other textbooks in other grade levels also have this constructionism component in the opinion of this parent but the % of it is different for each product. The word constructionism according to Wikipedia is a learning theory when learners construct mental models to understand the world around them.

The solution is for the teachers and parents to have more VOICE in what is going on and for those who oversee the role of the teachers (principals and others) to inquire more with private surveys if math is going well or can be improved. The constant honest and earnest

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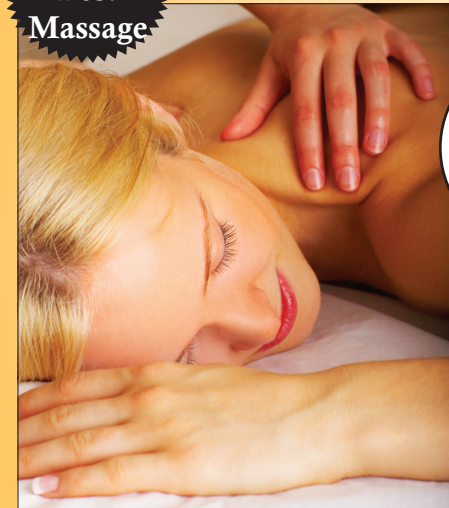
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ear to what is going on and if help can be offered needs to be nurtured by each school principal and on up the administration ranks by not only voice but by example.

It's time to end all combination classrooms

Combination classrooms need to be ended and if a teacher wishes to teach over the mandated amount of students they should be paid extra. Computers should be used to stimulate remedial growth if a child is behind in learning. Computers and apps like Google classroom open up this gift but to have it functioning the school districts need more funding. Perhaps children need to bring their own computers to school.

Local control of schools proposed by De Vos

Betsy De Vos who is Donald Trump's choice for Secretary of Education is calling for "local control" of schools and wishes to end what is referred to as "the federalized Common Core." Also President Elect Trump has called the Common Core standards "a complete disaster." However, Muhammed Chaudhry, president and CEO of the Silicon Valley Education Foundation, said he believes schools across the country need to "stay the course" in implementing Common Core standards in Math and English Language Arts for U.S. students to compete globally. He said the results do not accurately reflect the impact of the new, more rigorous standards since they are still not fully implemented.

If parents place too much trust in a new experimental method of teaching math then shouldn't testing play a role in transparency of student understanding?

The math teaching pendulum needs to move more towards the middle.

I believe many teachers that are now retiring should express their views on common core math at all grade levels. The dialogue should be open. Let us honor Comers views of a "no fault, no retaliation" voice of concerns for common core math and if it is determined to not be working out properly for some schools in California, let's reinvent

school district management that welcomes un-varnished parent, student, teacher and all other stakeholder voice and ensure the voice is combined with action.

Let's not settle for the same old statement by school district leaders and others that the Common Core is new and we are still learning how to teach it so let's stay the



course...after all haven't we already hit an iceberg in our quest for learning?

To view the current scores for math in California schools do a web search of (CAASPP Statewide Results) and scroll down to math. The results are very troubling for the students in California and their future for in every grade measured it shows that over half of the students are not proficient in math.

With this kind of situation it is believed that tutoring companies are having gangbuster record profits.

The *Evergreen Times* welcome your opinion regarding Common Core. Letters regarding this topic should be emailed to this newspaper (editorial@timesmedia.com) with your response.

Kevin Larsen
Evergreen Valley

Notification

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resources over the years.

Flooding is bound to occur from time to time and natural occurrences of property damage will most likely happen again. Just this weekend there was a 3.6 Earthquake just south of Gilroy. History educates us that rockslides and floods and earthquakes occur without warning. There is guesstimate in science as to what goes on in Mother Nature's emotions. Perhaps, we as a city may need to allow for her to step in and shake us up from time to time. We cannot forbid CalTrans to prevent rockslides nor perhaps the water department from not knowing exactly when and the amount creeks will rise and overflow with runoffs from saturated hillsides and other factors of nature.

It's possible however, that in the future technology will act as beneficial warning systems. A Silicon Valley technology guru gal or guy will most likely figure out how to design an app to warn the public, because Mother Nature keeps elbowing us when we least expect it!

From this flood experience we can all take our hats off to law enforcement, firefighters, volunteers, city leaders and city workers everywhere, for in the aftermath, it seems, no one was hurt.

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Soem medal-winners pose proudly at the SVCTE SkillsUSA regional competition Feb. 11.

Students win 58 medals at 2017 SkillsUSA Regional Leadership and Skills Competition

Silicon Valley Career Technical Education (SVCTE) students earned 58 medals at the 2017 SkillsUSA Regional Leadership and Skills Competition on February 11.

A total of 31 gold, 16 silver, and 11 presented to more than 400 students assembled at SVCTE to compete in various skills categories and Job Demos.

Students who placed first and second in their respective skills category qualified to compete at the SkillsUSA California 50th Annual State Leadership and Skill Conference at the Town & Country Resort in San Diego on April 20 through 23. SkillsUSA may also invite bronze and fourth place winners to compete, depending on the turnout in other regions in the state.

"We are extremely proud of all our students participating in SkillsUSA," Kurt Cheetos, SVCTE Construction Technology teacher and a SkillsUSA advisor said. "Students developed their skills very quickly and continue to impress us with their professionalism, talent, and understanding in a wide variety of skills and trades," Gina Fleming, SVCTE Dental Assisting teacher and a SkillsUSA advisor said.

Student competitions were held in Automotive Refinishing and Service

Technology, Carpentry, Culinary and Baking, Crime Scene Investigation, Dental Assisting, Electrical Construction Wiring, Firefighting, First-Aid CPR, Information Technology, Medical Assisting and Terminology, and Photography. Job Demo contests were held in CNC Technician, Digital Cinema Production, Drafting, HVAC, Robotics and Automation Technology, Welding and many others.

The SkillsUSA California Region 1 serves Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Sonoma counties. Industry partners include the California Department of Education, Del Taco, Lowe's, and Toyota Motors.

SkillsUSA is a national organization serving high school and college students and professional members enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations in high schools and college/technical schools. SkillsUSA programs include local, state and national competitions in which students demonstrate occupational and leadership skills. A Facebook photo gallery of the February 11 Region 1 competitions, demos, and medal ceremonies is available at: <https://metroed.us/svcte-skillsusa17>

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Escalante, Cesilia	CNC Technician
Gonzalez, Isabel	Health Knowledge Bowl
Krakov, Benjamin	Carpentry
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Nguyen, Kim	Medical Terminology
Uy, Tresha	Health Knowledge Bowl
Williams, Erica	Medical Assisting

Silver Medals:

Aggarwal, Sahiba	Medical Math
Aguilar, Mark	Carpentry
Herrera Rivera, Oscar	Automotive Service Technology
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Rubio, Cynthia	Dental Assisting
Valenzuela, Jancia S.	Medical Terminology

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Times Local News

Magic at the Mall: 'National Random Acts of Kindness Day'

By Cyndi Goble
Special to the Times

February 17 has been designated "National Random Acts of Kindness Day."

Not deterred by the rainy-blustery weather and armed with nothing but a bucket of flowers, four residents from Brookdale San Jose spread joy and happiness greeting morning shoppers and store employees at the Westfield Oakridge Mall, Feb. 17.

Not knowing what to expect, the group figured it would take an hour or so to give away the 100 flowers they brought to the mall. Just nineteen minutes later, the bucket was empty. Those few minutes, however, were magical.

"I've never had that many hugs before; that was great!" Chuckled resident Hal Ely.

Melva Gosage's favorite moment was when she handed a wheelchair-bound gentleman a flower and beaming he exclaimed, "You're smile is the best part."

Residents Harry Davis and Violet Simms both agreed that we should do this again... "but we'll need to bring a lot more flowers."

National Random Acts of Kindness Day has grown in popularity each year. It is celebrated by individuals, groups and organizations nationwide to encourage acts of kindness.



The participants agreed that they should do this again, but with a lot more flowers next time.



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New Costco to open in South San Jose in 2017

Ground has been broken to build a new Costco warehouse in South San Jose, according to Kevin Trejo, Costco Bay Area Corporate Office.

The tentative address, 6898 Raleigh Road, is located in the area surrounded by Great Oaks Road, Cottle Road, Highway 85 and Monterey Road.

The completion of the project is projected for June, 2017, but the completion date is subject to change due to heavy rains resulting in a slowdown in construction.

Costco Wholesale Corporation currently operates more than 700 warehouses including 501 in the U.S.A and Puerto Rico, 91 in Canada, 36 in Mexico, 29 in the United Kingdom, 25 in Japan, 12 in South Korea, 12 in Taiwan, 8 in Australia, and 2 in Spain.

With the opening of the new Costco in South San Jose there will be a total of 55 Costco warehouses in the Bay Area.

Oakmont hires new chef

Oakmont of San Jose, a luxury senior living community in San Jose has hired an Executive Chef for their restaurant. Restaurant-style dining is a cornerstone of Oakmont's amenities and services, and Chef Bobby Pinzon's background in creating exquisite and dynamic menus based on only the freshest ingredients is a perfect addition to the team.

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Stacy Carter shares the joy of music

Stacy Carter is bringing music appreciation to her community in a variety of ways.

With performances of her Jazz revue around town at the Capital Club downtown San Jose or at Café Pink House in Saratoga – which SOLD OUT - it's all about the joy and vibe the music delivers.

Having recently returned from another of her many stints performing in Asia, specifically Japan, Carter has said that this tour is about channeling all that exuberance and joy of music by giving of her talents.

Stacy teaches music appreciation in Evergreen School of



Music and Arts, and is Musical Director with Norcal Academy of Performing Arts for its current performance for Mulan.

Check her out on Facebook to stay in the groove, or visit stacycartervocalist.com.

Times **Local News**

MathMatters! offers math help to sixth, seventh graders

Do you have a child in 6th or 7th grade needing some extra help in math? If "yes," consider signing your child up for MathMatters! at the Village Square Library.

The program will be meeting on Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. starting March 8 and ending April 19.

Registered participants are expected to attend all 7 sessions.

More information can be found here: events.sjpl.org/event/math-matters

'20 Years of Creativity' on display at the Center for Photographic Art in Carmel

The Center For Photographic Art (CPA) presents Monterey's own photography organization "ImageMakers — 20 Years of Creativity" at the CPA Gallery, San Carlos and 9th Avenue, Carmel, CA.

The exhibition runs from Feb. 25 through April 2, 2017.

The ImageMakers' exhibition will reflect the range of approaches and styles of its membership, which includes documentary, underwater, still life, portrait, landscape, experimental, and non-representational subjects in various photographic mediums. Over forty works were selected by the organization's steering committee, with final jurying by CPA's Executive and Assistant Directors, award-winning photographers Brian Taylor and Rick Murai, respectively.

ImageMakers, a leading organization for photography on the West Coast, was founded in 1996 with a gathering of six photographers, the invitational organization now supports an enthusiastic community of more than sixty Monterey Peninsula artists.

For more information, visit www.photography.org

County seeks preliminary injunction to block President Trump's executive order

The County of Santa Clara asked a federal court to prevent the Trump Administration from implementing an unconstitutional executive order stripping all federal funding from state and local "sanctuary jurisdictions."

The Executive Order could deprive the County of nearly \$1.7 billion in annual federal and federally contingent funds promised for

critical health, welfare, and safety services. The County filed a preliminary injunction motion as part of the County's lawsuit challenging the President's January 25, 2017 Executive Order.

The County services depend on federal funding, including the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, the only safety-net hospital in Santa Clara County; basic food and nutrition benefits for infants, children, families, and seniors; housing and community development; highway planning and construction; and security, emergency-response, and counter-terrorism efforts.

"We are defending Santa Clara County's core values and the values of so many cities and counties across the nation," said Dave Cortese, President of the Board of Supervisors. "There is no justification for withholding nearly \$1.7 billion in funds used to deliver essential County services such as medical care for infants and children simply

because our County adopted policies that reflect the welcoming, inclusive values of our community."

City of San Jose taking applications for Community Services Aide post

The City of San Jose is recruiting for Community Service Aides (CSAs) for the summer.

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The Community Services Aid positions are open for anyone that is 14 years or older, so everyone is

encouraged to apply.

Applications are expected to close once a sufficient amount of applications have been received.

Minimum qualifications include ability to work one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon every school day during school start and end times.

Applicants must show possession of a valid State of California driver's license, access to a motor vehicle, and other qualifications.

To apply, visit: sanjoseca.taleo.net/careersection/ex/jobsearch.fl

Cathedral of Faith welcomes illusionist

Renowned illusionist Justin Flom will be at a special ticketed event Sunday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

One of America's most sought-after illusionists, Justin's career soared through social media presence with over 100 million views. He has appeared on the TODAY

Show, Late Night with Seth Myers, The Rachael Ray Show and more.

What sets Flom apart from most other illusionists is the simplicity of his performance and the fact that he cracked the code on doing close-up tricks on giant stages. He holds the distinction of being the first illusionist ever to perform card tricks for a sold out crowd at the fabled Madison Square Garden.

Flom will perform his illusions at a special ticketed event Sunday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Cathedral of Faith Sanctuary. General admission tickets are available for \$10 online at www.cathedraloffaith.org/amazing or by calling 408.267.4691.



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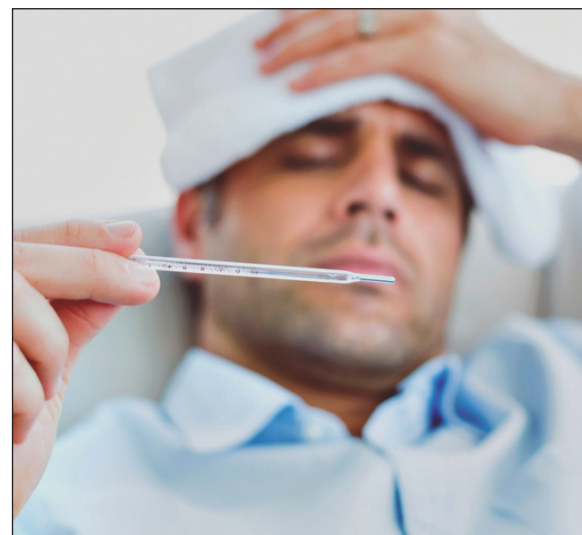
CDC: Current flu vaccine is only 48 percent effective

For those who received a recent flu vaccine, only 48 percent is effective, compared to 60 percent in typical years, according to the Centers of Disease Control.

The difference this year is the recurrence of the H3 flu strain. The strain mutates a lot, and we don't have as good immunity, according to Dr. Richard Zimmerman,

Director of the University of Pittsburgh flu and vaccine research. "The last time we saw the H3 strain was 2014-2015, the year of the vaccine mismatch."

Zimmerman said there was a spike of flu cases in early January and we are starting to see another increase approaching now. "We don't fully understand it...but the transmission can be different and obviously people crowd in when the weather is bad outside and so there can be



both the crowding issues as well as humidity changes," said Dr. Zimmerman.

Flu attacks the pulmonary system, so people with underlying lung disease or people with underlying heart disease, are especially at risk. If you feel the flu coming on, Dr. Zimmerman said Tamiflu can shorten the duration of symptoms, but only when taken within 72 hours.



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Off The Shelf: Help with math, wildflower program, board games and more

By Randall Studstill

Special to the Times

Parents, is your child struggling with math? Starting on Wednesday, March 8 at 4:00 p.m., the Village Square Branch will be offering MathMatters! This 7-session program will help 6th and 7th grade students master foundational math concepts from the Common Core standards. Pre-registration is required. Participants are expected to attend all seven sessions. Evergreen Branch's Math Companions offers individualized math tutoring for kindergarten through high school students every Monday from 4-5:30 p.m.

Do you enjoy hiking or being outside in nature? On Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m., Evergreen Branch sponsors an Open Space Authority: Wildflowers & Wildlife program sharing information and visual previews of their beauty. Every spring, Open Space Authority preserves come alive with amazing wildflower displays. For nature in your own backyard, Evergreen's Garden Club hosts a home garden design program Saturday, March 11, 10:30 a.m.

Teen Tech Week brings an innovative STEM program. Learn the basics of electricity, how circuits function and light up a greeting card or origami animal. Choose a convenient date: Evergreen, Wednesday, March 8, 4 p.m., or Village Square, Thursday, March 16, 5:30 p.m.

Village Square Branch hosts a Community Conversation on Saturday, March 18, 2:30



On Wednesday, March 8, 6 p.m., Evergreen Branch sponsors a Wildflowers & Wildlife program sharing information and visual previews of their beauty. Photo: Philip Bouchard via Flickr.com (cc)

p.m. This conversation is a chance for residents to share their concerns and aspirations for the Evergreen community. We'll use what we learn from these conversations to help make our work in the community more effective. Please sign up at the Village Square Library Information Desk or call the library at 408-808-3093.

Adults and teens who enjoy board games, come to Board Games for Grown-Ups at Evergreen, Saturday, March 18 at 2:30 p.m.

Spend the afternoon cooperating, strategizing, and socializing with games like Carcassonne, Libertalia, or King of Tokyo, with help for newcomers.

Silicon Valley Reads' (SVR) 2017 theme, "... And justice for all," discussed in our last issue, continues special programs at both branches. On Tuesday, March 7, at 1:30 p.m., Evergreen's English language class introduces vocabulary and concepts related to the American criminal justice system,

such as due process, right to counsel, etc. Although targeted to English as a Second Language participants, this widens SVR conversations access to more people seeing the movies or tackling this year's books: Unfair: The New Science of Criminal Injustice and Writing My Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison. On Tuesday, March 14, 1:00 p.m., the film series continues with Scenes of a Crime (88 min.) at the Evergreen Branch.

Join your neighbors at a Community Kindness Quilt program that encourages intergenerational family conversations about justice. Each person will create quilt squares sharing expressions of kindness and assemble them for display. This SVR program continues at the Village Square Branch from March 1 through March 18 and at Evergreen, Thursday, March 16, 4:30 p.m.

Additional Events

View all branch library locations' event listings online 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)

Randall Studstill is a librarian at the Village Square Branch Library, located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square. (408) 808-3093. The Evergreen Branch Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. (408) 808-3060. Both are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.



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TREES DOWN!

Trees fell across Yerba Buena Rd. during the storm on Tuesday, Feb. 21. This photo captured the downed tree at 9 a.m. next to the Empire Montessori School, which is on the Evergreen Valley College campus. At 5 p.m. the same day, the trees were still down and had not been cleared. The heavily used artery was basically out of service for an entire day.

Photo by Steve Baker

Recent floods affect community

County Assessor Larry Stone offers advice to flood victims

County Assessor Larry Stone advises property owners whose property was damaged during the recent flooding that property tax relief is available. Stone said, "I strongly encourage all property owners who suffered flood damage to their property to visit the Assessor's website at www.sccassessor.org to read about the calamity property tax relief program and download the claim form.

The calamity property tax relief program requires the property owner to file a calamity claim with the Assessor's Office within 12 months from the date the property was damaged or destroyed.

The loss must exceed \$10,000 of current market value. Upon receiving the application, the Assessor's office may issue a temporary reassessment that reflects the property's damaged condition. The reduced value will remain in effect until the property is repaired or rebuilt. More importantly, after the property is rebuilt or repaired, the property can retain the previous Proposition 13 factored base year value if the property is rebuilt in a like or similar manner. That means that the property tax assessment will not increase beyond what it was before the flooding.

"This tax relief is available for all properties including homes, commercial and industrial buildings, and mobile homes. However, damage to vehicles and the contents of a home such as personal effects and furniture are not eligible for this tax relief because they are not assessable property," said Stone.

For more information, contact: Larry Stone at: (408) 299-5588.

Donations for flood shelters offering refuge to flood victims

The Evergreen Valley community has spread its generosity to flood victims who have suffered property damage to belongings and their homes.

A local car club, Boulevard Bombs is collecting the

following items to donate to Mayfair Community Center, Shirakawa Community Center, James Lick High School, Evergreen Valley High School and other community centers and churches. The car club has a foundation, Boulevard Bombs Foundation, Tax-Deductible 501(c)(3), blvdbombs.com/Donation.html

Many items are needed for families who have suffered damage to their homes as a result of the recent flooding.

The donation list includes: baby bottles, baby wipes, diapers, infant car seats/strollers, 2-3 year old car seats, men, women and children's socks, underwear, undershirts, sweaters, jackets, sport bras, blankets, toilet paper, paper towels, packaged snacks, water bottles, and pet supplies.

GoFundMe campaign for Shirakawa Elementary School student families

There are a few GoFundMe campaigns designed to help those impacted by the recent flood.

One of the campaigns was started by a Shirakawa Elementary School teacher to help assist the students and their families. The campaign raised more than \$4,500 in less than 12 hours.

Shirakawa students and their families have been adversely affected by San Jose's flood. In addition to being left without a home and transportation, countless families only have the clothes on their backs. Due to contaminated water, families will be forced to throw away almost everything.

To contribute, visit the GoFundMe website at www.gofundme.com/Shirakawafamilies

Rain totals from recent storms reported

The most recent rain totals during the most recent storms produced 3.60" at the Silver Creek Country Club, while the Meadowlands reported 3.06." 217 year-to-date Evergreen Valley rain totals are 19.1 inches compared to the previous 6 years annual average of 11.7.

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San Jose Flood Victims Relief Fund established

More than \$100,000 in donations received in initial hours

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation established a "San Jose Flood Victims Relief Fund" Feb. 22 to help raise funds that can be used to provide assistance to the thousands of families affected by the severe flooding experienced in San Jose over the past two days.

Within hours of the fund being established a number of organizations and businesses have generously donated to this fund including:

- Silicon Valley Auto Dealers Association - \$100,000
- San Francisco 49ers - \$20,000
- California Water Service - \$10,000

In addition, PG&E has generously pledged to match donations made to the fund, up to \$20,000.

"So many individuals, businesses and organizations throughout our community have offered their assistance and support to San Jose families impacted by this flooding," said Liccardo. "These generous donations have inspired me and demonstrate how our community has pulled together to address this emergency — reflecting the compassion, generosity and collaboration that makes San Jose our home."

Donations can be made by visiting sjmayor.org or siliconvalleycf.org/sjlood.



Concert to support flood victims scheduled for this weekend

The Pasada band plans to host a fundraising concert Sunday, March 5, to support the Silicon Valley chapter of the Red Cross. Recent flooding in San Jose due to Coyote Creek has caused widespread property damage and evacuations, and others in northern California have been evacuated from towns in the wake of the Oroville dam's fragile emergency spillway use.

"I was a survivor of a flood in Sutter County in my childhood, and I still recall how traumatic that event was," said John Kuster, the leader of Pasada. "It is so comforting to know that we have local relief organizations to help when disasters strike."

The concert will be held Sunday, March 5 at 5 pm at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Union Ave at Foxworthy Ave. Billed as a "hymn sing," the band invites all members of the community to come, "make a joyful noise" and use the opportunity to give a cash donation to the Red Cross in appreciation of the help given to our local evacuees.

Times Features

County may help flood victims with tax relief

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

Residents whose properties were damaged by the recent flooding in Santa Clara County may be able to pay less in property taxes through the County Assessor's Calamity Property Tax Relief Program.

A property owner can file a calamity claim with the Assessor's Office if the loss is more than \$10,000 of current market value. The claim should be filed within a year of when the damage occurred so that the Assessor's Office can issue a temporary assessment reflecting the damaged condition of the

property. That reduced value would remain in effect until the property damage is repaired or rebuilt.

This tax relief is available for all properties including homes, commercial and industrial buildings and mobile homes, but not for damage to vehicles and the contents of a home.

More than 14,000 residents were told to evacuate when the rain-swollen Coyote Creek flooded on Tuesday after several days of heavy rain.

For other questions or information, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.



County Report
By Dave Cortese
Supervisor



SUV hits tree on Silver Creek Valley Rd.

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

On Saturday, Feb. 18, an SUV tangled with a tree at approximately 3:50 p.m. eastbound on Silver Creek Valley Rd. between Hellyer Rd. and Country Club entrance.

Several motorists stopped to offer help and divert traffic around the tree that fell across both lanes. A motorist called 911 as the tree was not removed before dark and there was a safety concern that there could be a major accident. *Photos by Scott Rohlfing*



U-Haul offers 30 days free self-storage to Silicon Valley flood victims

U-Haul Company of South Bay is offering 30 days of free self-storage and U-Box container usage to residents of San Jose and surrounding areas impacted by flooding.

Silicon Valley has taken on extensive water due to a breach in Coyote Creek. Some communities have been evacuated, creating the need for safe, secure and dry self-storage options where people can keep their possessions.

"Coyote Creek has been spilling

over and causing real damage," U-Haul Company of South Bay president Kam Barn said. "Highway 101 was closed down and about 50,000 people are being ordered to evacuate. U-Haul is part of these communities and we are privileged to help these families in times of disaster by offering self-storage options at no charge for 30 days."

People looking to assist those impacted by the floods can drop off food and clothing items at any of the U-Haul stores listed below.

Eleven U-Haul locations are participating in the disaster relief assistance. Families needing more information about the 30 days free self-storage and U-Box container offer should contact the U-Haul nearest their home.

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Red Cross

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Capri sun drinks, orange juice, water bottles, hot coffee or tea and toys for the children. Boxes on the floor contained more than one hundred pairs of shoes of all sizes.

Behind the tables were clothing racks full of clothing including warm jackets for all to access if needed. There were blankets and bedding in plastic bags and pet food. All items were labeled for easy to find access.

The Red Cross people, mostly volunteers, were kind and helpful to all and came on different shifts to work. It was announced in the media that suitcases (rolling type were needed and in a matter of hours many new suitcases on rollers were provided at the center.

Red Cross handout ensured things ran smoothly

The Red Cross had efficiently laid supplies throughout the Evergreen Valley High School shelter. The Red Cross handout: "Shelter Client Welcome Handout," informed the evacuees about how things are run and what to expect.

Here is the intro to the Red Cross Handout: "We hope your stay here will be as pleasant as possible, considering the circumstances. American Red Cross disaster assistance is provided at no cost. Please take a few minutes to read the important information below. As additional information becomes available, we will inform you as soon as possible. Please reach out to a shelter worker if you have any questions or concerns."

Many other key well thought out organizational policies were stated on the handout such as, supervision of children, check ins and check outs, dormitory registration, no photos of shelter client policy, housekeeping policy, quiet hours policy, personal belongings policy, respectful policy, smoking policy, alcohol-illegal drugs- and weapons policy, and more.

Everyone was welcome including service animals, but pets are not allowed. However, shelter workers were available for those needing assistance in finding a shelter for their pet.

The meals and supplies were there for the giving in a self-serve process. There were clipboards and information sheets, if anyone chose to fill out needed information to gain more assistance etc.

If a person wanted to let their family know they are well, they could register on the Red Cross website redcross.org/safeandwell. Also if a person left a shelter they could also register to let family know that they moved on.

Medical problems were addressed with regard to any family member needing medications or having medical conditions. Workers from Disaster Health Services were available.

If a person needed emotional support, since disasters can be stressful, counselors were available to assist 24 hours a day.

A Red Cross representative said the Red Cross responds on average every other day of the year to various disaster situations. Perhaps 90 percent of the responses are due to fires. "We help people," said the leader. When trouble hits the Red Cross tries to arrive in about an hour. They also offer financial assistance to those in need.

Upon entering the gym it was seen that due to efficient preparation more than 100 cots were neatly set up with blankets on each. The gym was a bit cold but when a hundred people come it gets warmer. Also, if anyone needed extra blankets they would be given them.

Friday afternoon it was stated that both the James Lick High and the Evergreen High gyms would close and the Red Cross would still be up and running but at a different location.

The Boulevard Bombs nonprofit foundation, a local San Jose helping car club organization, visited and stated the observations on

their website: "This morning we stopped by Evergreen High School to see how we could help. According to the Red Cross volunteers the community has donated so much they no longer need donations. We left our phone

number with the volunteers and asked us to call them should anything change. Our community is amazing!"

All in all, the Red Cross and the city worked well as a team with great planning and care.

Callaway 'AeroWagen' Corvette 'shooting' brake first look

First introduced in 2013, Callaway has announced the newest design of its shooting brake based on the C7 Corvette.

The company, which has been gauging market interest and further developing the design, announced the new design on Feb. 3.

Called the C21 AeroWagen, the conversion is only available for the Corvette's coupe body style and can be reversed should the owner desire.

Carbon fiber is used for the panels while the rear piece is tempered safety glass that retains a defogger.

You do not have to buy a Callaway Corvette to get the AeroWagen package. It may be installed on your stock Corvette coupe. Price: \$14,990, inclusive OEM color paint and installation.

The new Callaway design includes:

- Hatch Assembly
- Upper Spoiler
- Halo Bar
- Tempered Glass



By the early twentieth century, "shooting brake" began to be used to categorize custom-built two-door station wagons using chassis of established luxury or sports cars.

- Rear Spoiler
- AeroWagen Badging

"Shooting brake" was first used in the nineteenth century to describe a vehicle that could be used to carry shooting parties, their equipment, their dogs. By the early twentieth century, "shooting brake" began to be used to categorize custom-built two-door station wagons using chassis of established luxury or sports cars.

For information, call Callaway Cars: 860.434.9002.

Times Features



Ribbon Cutting ceremonies with trustees l. to r., **Leila Welch, Bonnie Mace, Jim Zito**, and an array of students.



Above left: L to R **Hanh Nguyen, Kim Tranh** and son. Above right: **Jacqueline Quiroz** with her children.



A group of engaged parents visit at the event.



Above left: **Jessica Molina**, Program Supervisor speaks with a community worker; Above right: **Aaron Brengard**, Principal of Katherine Smith Elementary speaks to the crowd.



Ribbon cutting ceremony for Resource Center in Evergreen School District

By **Frank Shortt**
Times staff writer

Ribbon cutting ceremonies for the Evergreen School District's new Family Resource Center was held on Feb. 15.

The ceremony, held at Katherine R. Smith Elementary School, was attended by Evergreen School District and school board members, Aaron Brengard, Principal, Katherine R. Smith School, parents, teachers, and county officials.

Brengard explained the purpose and goals of the new Family Resource Center stating, "This program is in league with Health Trust and First 5 of Santa Clara County to serve 0 to 5 pre-school age children."

Jessica Molina, Program Supervisor said, "we hope to serve more than 300 parents and children throughout the coming year."

The District was well represented by three Board of Trustees members, Jim Zito, Bonnie Mace, and Leila Welch, as well as, Dan Deguara, Asst. Superintendent of Evergreen School District, who also greeted and welcomed all in attendance.

The Family Resource Center is the first in the area co-funded by these named organizations and the Evergreen School District.

Parent, Kim Tranh stated, "This is a great program for small children. The passion of the teachers is outstanding!"

Resource Center staff member and community worker, Hanh Nguyen, reiterated, "Parents feel supported and they can immediately see the improvement in their children's attitudes and willingness to be helpful as this is something that is stressed greatly at the

Center," said Jaqueline Quiroz, mother of three children, Faith, Grace, and Nathan, ranging in ages 1 to 4 years old. "My three children have matured greatly since attending classes at the Resource Center." All the parents, interviewed, praised the Center for making a big difference in the Katherine Smith Community.

"Young children and families are at the heart of the Evergreen Family Resource Center," says Jolene Smith, Chief Executive Officer of FIRST 5 Santa Clara County. "FIRST 5 is dedicated to working with local families and the Evergreen School District to strengthen the healthy development of our youngest children and support parents and caregivers in their role as their child's first and most important teacher."

Charles Crosby, Director of Communications and Community Engagement of Evergreen School District stated, "The Family Resource Center will increase access to services and provide opportunities for parents and caregivers to become more engaged in their children's healthy development and create a structure that supports the whole child and the whole family."

Services include fun and educational parent and child programs, nutrition, health and wellness programs for the whole family, health insurance application assistance, parent and caregiver workshops on positive discipline, early literacy, infant and toddler care, seminars for fathers and male caregivers raising children, developmental screenings for children ages 0-5, leadership and volunteering opportunities and much more.



Dan Deguara, Asst. Superintendent, Evergreen School District, at the podium.

Times Features



Councilmember Arenas believes that community voices are important to her and that's why she is holding open office hours in the Evergreen Community.

Silvia Arenas holds 'Coffee with a Councilwoman' event

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Open office hours were held at the La Boulanger Café near Evergreen Valley College with San Jose District 8 Councilwoman Silvia Arenas on Saturday Feb. 25.

Arenas and her staff Patrick, Stacy, Josh and Deepa, greeted District 8 residents and business owners, and invited them to come in, grab a cup of coffee and express their concerns.

Arenas believes that community voices are important to her and that's why she is holding open office hours in the Evergreen Community.

Among the topics discussed at the meeting were:

- Protecting the environment
- Supporting public education
- Helping educational nonprofits
- Home safety
- Art murals in our community
- Helping those with disabilities
- Assisting the poor

After speaking with Arenas one citizen said, "I like the way she takes a concern and acts quickly on it...she is very close in how she cares about the neighborhoods and has a warm heart."

Another citizen expressed that "I like the way these visits are done in a coffee shop location because it is less pressured and more relaxed."

Why bring the 18th floor office to the

community?

Silvia's chief of staff Patrick McGarrity and all other District 8 workers were gracious to all who wished to speak and he said, "these kinds of open office meetings bring ease to the community because the conversations do not need to be prescheduled. Also, by holding our office hours on a Saturday, "it ensures that District 8 residents have greater access to their City Council representative."

Protocol

The current protocol when one visits the open hour's event requires signing up on a clipboard for anyone who lives or owns a business in District 8 before visiting with the councilwoman. Individuals have 2-5 minutes to speak with Arenas. She was seen writing down each concern for future follow-up.

Handouts were placed on the tables when entering the café. One handout designed by the Arenas' team displayed the phone numbers of all the departments in the city as well as the Evergreen Community Center, libraries, and parks.

Arenas and her staff plan on having more 'Coffee with a Councilwoman' community meeting times in the future. McGarrity said it would be nice to bring future meetings out into the sunshine when warmer months arrive.

If you have a question or comment for Councilmember Arenas, call 408.535.4908; or email: district8@sanjoseca.gov

Evergreen responds to the storm, beautifies San Jose

By Councilmember Sylvia Arenas
Special to the Times

It's the honor of my life to serve you on the San José City Council. As a lifelong resident of San Jose and a 15-year resident of Evergreen, I know just how much we love our community. And I know just how important it is that Evergreen and East Side families are represented well on the City Council.

In the months ahead, I'm sure we'll have the opportunity to connect in person. In the meantime, I'd like to welcome you back to the District 8 Newsletter.

Evergreen Community's Response to the Storm

The recent storms have devastated many communities in San Jose. Last week, my staff and I worked at shelters with community members who generously have stepped up and donated essential supplies such as toiletries, food, and clothing.

I would like to personally thank all the District 8 faith and nonprofit organizations including the Evergreen Islamic Center and the Sikh Gurdwara of San Jose for bringing essential supplies for infants, children, and general medical supplies. I also want to thank Community Seva for donating 100 backpacks and 60 additional backpacks filled with emergency supplies such as toothpaste and socks.

I also want to thank the Mayor and my City Council colleagues for their tireless efforts to help impacted residents. The City has compiled a list of the many resources that the city and its partners have offered to help the victims of the recent flooding. Please share with anyone who might have been affected by the storms at the following link: sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=5403

Donations to San Jose flood victims can be made by visiting www.sjmayor.org

Beautifying San Jose

On February 4, I was pleased to host our first Beautification Day, in Meadowfair Neighborhood. It had been over two years since they'd had a beautification event, and we filled 5 dumpster bins with trash and debris.

Community volunteers joined my coun-

cil staff - and together we fanned out across the neighborhood, using a city pickup truck to pick up bulky items that had been illegally dumped on street corners and right of ways.

I'm also pleased to support the Mayor's newly announced beautifysj.org - a one stop shop that makes it easy to get involved in cleaning up our neighborhoods. The city council also has now voted to expand free scheduled trash pickup of bulky items. We'll be rolling out a new phone number to call, and I'll include the information in an upcoming newsletter. In the meantime, check out the BeautifySJ website to learn more.

If you'd like to help to organize a Beautification Day in your neighborhood, please reach out to our office.

New park facilities coming soon

Lake Cunningham's BMX bike park construction is almost done (although the rain is delaying it a bit). A ribbon cutting is currently expected for this May. We'll be sure to include an exact date as soon as it's set.

To learn more about this great project, here's their Facebook page: facebook.com/pg/LakeCunninghamBikepark

In other park news, work is beginning on the Arcadia Ball Fields, project on Capitol Expressway, this spring and the park is expected to open in time for use next summer.

Holly Oak Community Meeting

Supervisor Dave Cortese and I will be hosting a community meeting at Holly Oak Elementary School. Come learn about important issues facing our community and hear presentations from the San José Police Department and the City of San José's Department of Transportation.

Meeting details: Holly Oak Elementary School Cafeteria, 2995 Rossmore Way on Saturday, March 11 at 10 AM.

For more information, to RSVP, or if there's any way that I can be of assistance, please email district8@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4908. I look forward to seeing you in District 8 in the months ahead.



District 8 Report

By Sylvia Arenas
City Councilmember



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On "Pi Day," Tues, March 14, enjoy a free sample of Beckmann's Old World Bakery pie at New Seasons Market.

Events at New Seasons Market

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Wednesdays, 3-4pm: Tea Party for Seniors. Enjoy tea and a tasty treats in the café area. Free.

Fridays, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairing. 3/3: Rabble Wine Company; 3/10: Terra Savia Winery; 3/17: Young's Market's wine selections; 3/24: Andrew Peace Wines; 3/31: J. Wood Beverage Company's wine selections and SudWerk Brewery. Complimentary.

Tues, March 7, 5:30-6:30pm: Reduce Food Waste—How to Properly Store Produce. Get tips and tour the produce department and learn how to select produce avocados and bananas at their peak of freshness. Free. Registration requested.

Tues, March 14, 11:30am-2:30pm: PI Day (3.14) Pop Up. Enjoy a sample of Beckmann's Old World Bakery pie. Free.

Wed, March 22, 5:30-6:30pm: Meal Prep 101 Workshop. Learn how to plan healthy, delicious meals for weekdays. Discover the right balance of protein, carbs, and fats to keep your body nourished and energized. Free. Registration requested.

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Times Feature



Above left: Girl Scouts from Troop 60757 sang the National Anthem. Pictured from left: **Emma G., Jessica W., Leilani R. and Joanna H.** Above right: Former Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera** with the winners, participants and volunteers of the 2017 Boy Scout Pinewood Derby. Pictured from left, back row: **Daksh Jain, Christopher Huang, Srikar Gokanakonda, Joshua Oliveira, Jonathan Lim, William Curtis, Michael Gabler.** Front row: **Connor Chavez, Brandon Oliveira, Vijay Kamma,** Former Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera,** Bear Cub Scout, **Prasad Gottam, Saharsh Kamma,** Webelos Scout, and **Giri Venkat.**

FUN AT MAXIMUM SPEED!

11th Annual Boy Scout Pinewood Derby

By **Judy Davis**

Special to the Times

Race conditions were perfect for the Cub Scouts racing to the finish line at the Boy Scout's 11th annual Coyote Creek District Pinewood Derby.

This year's event was held on Saturday, February 4, 2017 at Eastridge. Fifty-three racers registered at this year's event and qualified for racing at Eastridge on Feb. 4, 2017.

There are five classes of racers – Tigers (1st Graders), Wolves (2nd Graders), Bears (3rd Graders), Webelos (4th & 5th Graders), and Open Class (racers of any age, Girl Scouts, even adults).

A tradition that started in 1953, entering a Pinewood Derby is one of the major highlights of a Cub Scout's year. The idea behind the Pinewood Derby is for the parent to spend time with their child by helping the child design, carve, paint, and fine tune the car. Each Scout gets a kit that is simply a block of pinewood and a set of plastic wheels, along with nails that serve as the axles.

Each car is carefully inspected before qualifying for racing. The rules state the car must be no longer than seven inches, no wider than two and three-quarter inches, no taller than 3

inches, and no heavier than five ounces. With a little imagination, some sanding, and paint, these impressive racecars compete by zooming down one of the three computer-controlled racetracks.

Giri Venkat (who served as master of ceremonies) and Ron Davis organized the exciting event with the help of many other volunteers, including nearly 30 Scouts and Adult Leaders from Troop 251, Pack 222, and Pack 102. The Cub Scouts and their families cheered as their cars competed and speeded down the tracks. Each car runs in each of the four lanes of one of the tracks, and competes for the fastest cumulated time. Winners of each class received huge, glittering trophies and the congratulations from everyone in the district.

Coyote Creek District, part of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Boy Scouts of America (svmbc.org), serves the area of Edenvale, Evergreen, Milpitas, Berryessa, Alum Rock, Mt. Pleasant parts of downtown, and East San Jose.

Sponsors of this year's Pinewood Derby included Eastridge Center (Pacific Retail Capital Partners), McDonalds, and The Boy Scouts of America.

Photos by: Sean Davis, Boy Scout, Troop 251



The Pinewood Derby was held at the Eastridge Center where cars raced down one of three tracks.



TIGERS (1st Graders) - Champion **Gavin Wong** of Pack 265 (right), 2nd Place winner **Sam Jethio Panton** of Pack 165 (center) and 3rd Place Winner, **Aarush Kamma** of Pack 222 (left).



WOLVES (2nd Graders) - Champion **Aiden Villanevu** of Pack 165 (right), 2nd Place winner **Jayden Wong** of Pack 265 (center), and 3rd Place winner, **Jacon Donovan** of Pack 102 (left).



BEARS (3rd Graders) - Champion **Zachary Aguila** of Pack 275 (right), 2nd Place winner **Kabeer Singh** of Pack 600 (center), and 3rd Place winner **Augustin Valdez-Garcia** of Pack 149 (left).



WEBELOS (4th & 5th Graders) - Champion **Connor Chavez** of Pack 264 (right), 2nd Place winner **Kingston Dickman** of Pack 264 (center), and 3rd Place winner **Saharsh Kamma** of Pack 222 (left).



OPEN CLASS - Champion **Vijay Kamma** of Pack 222 (center), 2nd Place winner **Prasad Gottam** of Pack 222 (left), and 3rd Place winner **Gabriel Aquila** of Pack 275 (right).



BEST DESIGN - Winner **Nick Ciardella** of Pack 110 (left), Akela Award winner **Gabriel Robles** of Pack 677 (center), and Most Original winner **Dylan Felipe** of Pack 165 (right).

Evergreen Area Meetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club

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

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@sbcbglobal.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 ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhd.org

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

The Evergreen Business Association

is 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/>

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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 chhprahiya@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.sanjose-ca.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/>

The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact:

President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

LeyVa 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 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@sbcbglobal.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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If you are interested in serving on this committee, please submit a **letter of interest** to:

Evergreen School District
 3188 Quimby Road
 San Jose, CA 95148
 ATTN: Dan Deguara

Your letter should include a brief introduction of yourself, your contact information, and an overview as to why you are interested in serving on the committee. **All letters must be received at the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on March 10, 2017.** Applicants will be contacted for follow-up interviews.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Karen Wevers at 408-270-6827.



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