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Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association was founded in 1939 - the oldest horsemen's association in California.

HORSES RESCUED DURING FLOOD

Cowgirls and cowboys save the day with the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association

By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

he Santa Clara County
Horsemen's Association reports that 28 stranded horses
have been successfully rescued from
the February 2017 San Jose Coyote
Creek flood.

The horses were transferred for safety to Hope Ranch in Almaden and the South Bay Horse Ranch in Gilroy. The public became aware of the plight of the stranded horses when a KNTV helicopter streamed aerial photos and video on Tuesday,

The first horse rescued was Brownie which was safely reunited with its owner after crews helped the animal cross a river. Horse owners said the rescues that happened gradually were necessary and riding across the river is the best thing for See HORSEMEN, page 21



Anton Cao stands with his Calculus BC math teacher, Garry Redillas.

ONE OF ONLY 11 STUDENTS IN THE WORLD Cao earns 'Perfect' score on Advanced Placement Exam for second time

vergreen Valley High School student Anton Cao for earned perfect scores on his Advanced Placement (AP) Calculus BC Exam for the second time.

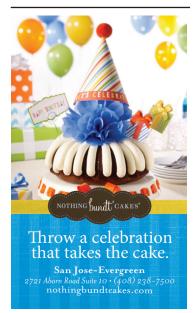
This was the second time Cao earned a perfect score on an AP exam. His first perfect score came last year when he was an 11th grader and earned a perfect score on the AP Calculus AB Exam in Spring 2015.

Cao was 1 of only 11 students in the world to earn every point possible on the AP Calculus BC

Exam. Looking across approximately 4.7 million AP Exams taken by 2.6 million U.S. public high school students in 2016, close to 400 students earned every point possible on an AP exam, a rare accomplishment.

"Anton not only possesses an exceptional aptitude and love for math, but he also demonstrates impressive diligence and persistence, which places him into a rare species of students," said Garry Redillas, Cao's AP Calculus BC math teacher. "His congenial

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BEE-autiful community support for lost bee colonies

By Diane Blum

Times Staff Writer

The recent flooding in San Jose struck many in our community and the clean-up continues.

We keep hearing so many great stories relating to the community stepping up to offer aid; helping the many families impacted as well as assisting with clean-up efforts at the many parks that were flooded, including the Happy Hollow Park and Zoo. Portions of Happy Hollow were flooded under as much as four feet of water.

While the park's many zoo ani-



Most of the bee colonies and their hive "homes" at Happy Hollow Park and Zoo were destroyed by the recent flooding.

mals were kept safe from harm, some moved early in anticipation of the potential flooding; the park's honey bee apiary was significantly impacted. Most of the bee colonies and their hive "homes" were destroyed.

The Happy Hollow Zoo Bee Conservation Department maintained the 27 honey bee hives located at the Happy Hollow apiary which included hives from the San Jose Sunset 4-H program. The hives were knocked over by the rising flood water. Cleanup crews tried to clean *See BEEHIVES, page 20*

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Being expert in their craft, the Special Olympics Dance performers interpret songs and lyric skillfully.

Kainos Special Olympics Dance Troop represents US going for gold at the 2017 winter games

Those with disabilities offer us the gift of inclusion
By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer ainos Home & Training Center is sending six residents and five community volunteers to participate in the 2017 Special Olympics Winter Games in Graz. Austria.

The center helps individuals to live active and fulfilled lives and for all who speak to the athletes and watch them goose bumps hap-

pen because they help teach us about the thrill of competition and love.

"Dancing with the Stars" celebrity Louis Van Amstel gives invitation

Residents are honored that Special Olympics Ambassador Louis Van Amstel (of Dancing with the Stars) has personally invited all to come to Austria to try to win a

ClubSport helps it all to happen

Many comment that ClubSport is one of the best fitness gyms in San Jose near the See DANCE, page 15

The College Board is committed to ensuring that students have access to the opportunities they have earned. Students who succeed in AP are not only more likely to succeed in college, but have the chance to save a significant amount of time and money by

> Nearly all colleges and universities offer credit, advanced placement, and/or consideration in the admission process for qualifying AP Exam scores. Approximately 3,800 U.S. and international colleges and universities received AP Exam scores last year. To learn more about AP, please visit exploreap.org.

earning college credit or placement.

Cao

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slots are full.

character exhibited through his cheerfulness, friendliness, and good sense of humor has constantly earned him high respect and admiration from his peers. On top of these qualities are humility and an enthusiasm to share his passion for math with others."

AP Exams are based and reported on a 5point scale, where a 5 is equivalent to a grade of A in the corresponding college course. Cao received the top score of 5.

Youth basketball begins March 17th thru May 26th at Chaboya Open to all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

een 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

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 Basketbaball at easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form.







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49er wide receiver DeAndre Smelter training hard for coming season

By Sunay Sanghani Times Staff Writer

Recently, I had a chance to meet and interview with San Francisco 49ers wide receiver DeAndre Smelter (#18).

Smelter was drafted by the 49ers in 2015 and will be starting his third year.

He recently played his first game with the Niners at the end of the season against the Seahawks. This is what he had to say:

Sunay Sanghani: You came off an up and down year, you ended a season on a high note, speaking of that, a lot of people are hyped right now because you had that big catch in your first game but what are you doing to prepare this summer?

DeAndre Smelter: Right now, I'm just trying to keep my body right and in shape and stay focused by going in

the OTA's.

SS: You have a new and smart offensive-minded coach in Kyle Shanahan along with a brand new staff, what do you think this young team has to do to get better?

DS: With this new staff, all of us need to come and just need to

be in a mindset to work with each other.

SS: This 49ers team has a receiving core which is fairly young, what do you think you and your teammates need to do to improve and get better this upcoming year?

DS: Next year we got to go. I'm sure all of us are training right now and getting ready for next year, so we just got to be ready to work to be better as a whole unit.

SS: Your quarterback, Colin Kaepernick was one of the most talked about players last year, and I'm sure he throws really hard too, but other than that, what is one thing you have learned from him? What do you think makes him unique?

DS: [laughs] First thing I think of when I think of Kap is that he is a leader and he carries himself like a leader. Also one other thing is his preparation. It is like no one else's; he prepares a lot and it shows off on the field. Nobody's more prepared to help us win than him.



49er wide receiver DeAnfre Smelter is interviewed by reporter Sunay Sanghani.



Volunteers gather at Kelley Park flood for clean-up

ayor Sam Liccardo joined volunteers cleaning up Kelley Park and the Rock Springs neighborhood on March 5.

Joining the Mayor was Lara Lee (above left), president of Orchard Supply Hardware. Orchard Supply Hardware has donated \$30,000 of product to the clean-up efforts, including cleaning supplies, wet/dry vacuums and hoses.

The Zoo has been closed to visitors, but

the upper zoo area which includes the rides area was open to guests this week. The Zoo in the Hollow (lower zoo area) will remain closed until all cleanup has taken place.

Happy Hollow Zoo is offering a reduced admission of \$9.25 per person as well as \$6 parking fee. Patrons were advised to use the Main Parking lot located at 748 Story Road. The Parking Lot at 1300 Senter Road remains closed.

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Times **Opinion**

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School district needs to innovate to compete

An Open Letter to the Evergreen Times, Evergreen Parents and Members of the Community

Based on the Demographer's report, the district will experience a major decline in student enrollment.

Although this is true, it may not be the only reason for the decline. Some parents are choosing to send their children elsewhere, outside of the Evergreen District. As more educational options become available, all schools (public, charter, and private), are now forced to compete with each other for survival

In times like this, the District needs to look at being more innovative and creative in order to be competitive and viable. The District needs to take this opportunity to re-think and re-examine its curriculum and program offerings. The District must research and analyze the needs and the demands of the population it serves, and use this information to formulate a long-term strategy. If the District is looking for financial stability, this could be accomplished first by filling up facility vacancies. Closing schools is only a shortterm remedy. At what point will our District stop closing schools?

Inter-District Transfers

"Attracting and retaining students" is now a survival skill. Districts must find innovative ways to retain their resident students and attract new students. This is where inter-district transfers become a game changer. Ideally, Districts will want to see more applicants than seats available and have waiting lists at their school sites. These waiting lists will be a telltale sign of whether or not your District is in demand and/or attractive.

Take for example the San Jose Unified and Alum Rock Districts. San Jose Unified offers nine and Alum Rock has eight choice schools at the Elementary School level. This year, both Districts received more applicants than spaces available. Both admitted at least 500 inter-district transfer students. Enrollment waiting lists are also seen throughout both districts

As for the Evergreen District, we have vacancies at almost every school, with little to no talk about student waiting lists. Evergreen School District is one of the three largest Elementary and Middle School Districts in Santa Clara County, however, and it offers the least amount of alternative programs (choice schools) and currently no alternative programs (choice schools) at the Elementary School level.

Community Survey

A survey was compiled to see what academic programs would be of interest in the Evergreen community. The survey results show that people want to see positive changes, additional programs introduced, and improvements to the existing curriculum and teaching. STEAM, Dual Language Immersion, Arts and Performing Arts, and Accelerated Learning (like IB, GATE, and Magnet) ranks the highest in demand. See surveymonkey.com/results/SM-TCZ66F33

Any one of these programs could be introduced at the school sites targeted for re-purposing. It can also be implemented at other sites in the District. These programs will help retain existing resident students and attract students from outside of the district.

Dual Immersion Program

Bilingualism and biliteracy are the future. They are a path that will help build global-minded citizens. Recently, Santa Clara County Office of Education adopted the Seal of Biliteracy initiative. Evergreen District could be the first to open a Dual Language Academy in San Jose. Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese are the top three foreign languages used in the County. All three languages could be offered at one site.

Many Counties in California have shown much success with their Pathways program. A great example is San Francisco, which has at least four different pathway programs. Languages offered are Cantonese, Mandarin, Korean, Spanish, Japanese, Tagalong, Hebrew, French, and Italian.

There are several Districts in Santa Clara County that offer Spanish Dual Immersion programs. The most popular in our areas are Adelante in Alum Rock, Anderson in Oak Grove, and River Glen in SJSUD. The success of Adelante is exemplary: The school was in such demand that the Alum Rock District had to open an Adelante II campus.

There are only two Mandarin Dual Immersion programs in Santa Clara County, which are in Palo Alto and Cupertino. We *could* be the first District to have the program in San Jose.

San Jose is the home to the largest Vietnamese population of any city outside of Vietnam, with over 100,486 Vietnamese people living in here; many of the Vietnamese residents reside in East San Jose. There are only four Vietnamese Dual Immersion programs nationwide and they are

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Times **News**

Audubon Society announces spring 'Birdathon' fundraiser

he Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society has announced its spring Birdathon, its largest fundraiser of the year scheduled from March 25-April 30.

"Birdaton" is a great way to learn about local wildlife and support the community. Donations from this fun event support SCVAS conservation and education programs all across the Bay Area.

To get involved, pick a date and register for a team (either one of our pre-organized teams or your own private one), raise at least \$50, then grab your binoculars and get ready

to bird

All birding skill levels are welcome. The Santa Clara Audubon Society will also be giving away prizes to the teams who raise the most money, including a timeshare in Spain, a birding adventure in Hawaii and a boat trip in Monterey Bay.

Registration is open now. To register and for more information, visit the organization's website at scvas.org/birdathon. For questions and comments, contact scvasbirdathon@gmail.com

SCV Water District launches process of CEO/GM recruitment

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Board of Directors has launched a formal executive search for the Chief Executive Officer and General Manager for the Water District.

Norma Camacho, former Chief Operating Officer for Watersheds, will continue to serve in the role of interim CEO during this period.

The board has retained Korn Ferry, a global executive recruitment firm, to manage the search process and conduct a national search to include both internal and external candidates.

The board chose Ferry based on the firm's direct experience in leading Chief Executive and General Management searches for clients in the private and public water, infrastructure and utility sectors. Board members have been working with Korn Ferry to develop a position specification.

Water District Chairman John Varela said, "The selection of the district's next Chief Executive Officer is a top priority and the Board of Directors is committed to conducting a thoughtful, thorough and transparent search process."

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located in Westminster, Portland, Austin, and Seattle. Evergreen District could be the first District in Northern California to offer such a program. Just a note, both Westminster and Seattle started their Dual Immersion programs by offering first Vietnamese Dual Immersion, and then Spanish Dual Immersion.

Accelerated Learning (GATE, International Baccalaureate, Magnet)

Other parents have expressed the concern that their children are not being academically challenged in school. There is a demand for GATE or some kind of accelerated learning program. Some parents are disappointed that the GATE program was removed by the District and expressed the desire to see it offered again.

Another option could be the International Baccalaureate program, which is an outstanding and rigorous program. The district could offer the IB program by starting with the IB Primary Years program at an Elementary School, and then adding the Middle Years program at Chaboya. Currently, Chaboya is the only Middle School

without a "School within a School" program. Our students would then continue on to a local IB program for high school.

Magnet GATE and Magnet STEAM are also very popular options that other districts have adopted. Per the survey, parents would like to see more in-depth subject concentrations in areas such as STEAM, science and technology, and art/performing arts.

Closing Remarks

There are many options for the District to consider. School closure is only a short-term remedy. Now is the time for parents and community members to stand together to help make a positive change in the Evergreen School District. Do not fall into the complacency trap and believe that the only viable option is school closure. Speak up! This is the only way to help the children in our community receive better educational options.

To stay informed on future board and FAC meetings, visit www. eesd.org.

Please sign the petition online at: change.org/p/evergreen-save-our-evergreen-schools

Public Hearings on the FAC school re-purposing recommendations will be March 23 at Leyva Middle school; 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Carolyn A. Clark Celebration of Life

March 25, 2017 11:00 am – 12:00 pm The community is invited to attend



July 31, 1941 - Jan. 23, 2017

Carolyn A. Clark served the Evergreen School District as an elected official for 35 years before retiring and leaving Carolyn A. Clark Elementary School as her legacy.

Dallas Clark and family, along with the Evergreen Elementary School District, cordially invite you to join us in remembering Carolyn A. Clark, on March 25, 2017 from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at Carolyn A. Clark Elementary School, 3701 Rue Mirassou, San Jose, CA 95148.

We will be celebrating her accomplishments, her contributions to the School District and celebrate her passion for children and the arts. This uplifting event will include speakers, songs, poetry, dancing, and much more. A light cookies and punch reception will follow the program.

Her favorite color was red, and her school colors are yellow and blue. Please consider wearing one (or all) of these colors in remembrance of Carolyn.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Carolyn A. Clark Memorial Fund. Make checks payable to Carolyn A. Clark Memorial Fund, which can be dropped off during the celebration, or mail to Carolyn A. Clark Elementary School, 2701 Rue Mirassou, San Jose, CA 95148.





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AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), Team Blue 3 is restoring and protecting Santa Clara County Parks.

AmeriCorps NCCC restoring and protecting Santa Clara County Parks after recent storm damage

meriCorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), Team Blue 3 is restoring and protecting Santa Clara County Parks.

The NCCC is has been focusing on repairing the recent, significant storm damage at both Hellyer and Santa Teresa Parks.

The team is composed of 11 members from around the United States. At Santa Clara County Parks, Blue 3 is working on erosion control, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, and

historic restoration. The (NCCC) and its FEMA Corps units engage 2,800 young Americans in a full-time, 10-month commitment to service each year. AmeriCorps NCCC members address critical needs related to natural and other disasters, infrastructure improvement, environmental steward-

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ship and conservation, and urban and rural development; FEMA Corps members are solely dedicated to disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery work.

Santa Clara County Parks is dedicated to provide optimum recreational opportunities and to have people achieve an appreciation of the natural world for the citizens of the county. AmeriCorps NCCC is constructing and placing new fencing in a historical site, maintaining trails for acces-

sibility, controlling erosion on trails, and generally beautifying parks.

Corps Member Christopher O'Mara loves the work at Santa Clara County Parks. "We are very fortunate to get to work alongside a great group of staff that have shown us around the parks at SCCP. The county members that come to their local parks definitely get a great experience!"

Before coming to Santa Clara, Blue 3 worked on disaster relief projects with the American Red Cross in Goldsboro, North Carolina to repair communities after the devastation of Hurricane Matthew, as well as working at an outdoor school in Petaluma, California.

The Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department has provided recreational opportunities, beautiful parks and precious natural resources for Santa Clara County residents for more than 50 years.

This golden legacy has resulted in one of the largest regional park systems in the State of California. The programs are administered by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS). CNCS is the federal agency that engages more than five million Americans in service through its AmeriCorps, Senior Corps, Social Innovation Fund, and Volunteer Generation Fund programs, and leads President's national call to service initiative, United We Serve.



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Number of popular

'Technology in the Home' implemented by Evergreen **School District**

By Charles Crosby

Special to the Times or the first time, nearly 50 Evergreen **◄** students will be bringing technology home with the implementation of Technology in the Home."

Chromebooks are now used by the students at school and at home and families without internet will be provided online access through the Comcast Internet Essentials Program.

The program, launched earlier this month at an event at O.B. Whaley Elementary, is an effort to expand Evergreen's work on becoming a globally competent district.

In order to raise the bar for teaching and learning and help students compete in a technology-driven society, the District needed to go the extra mile. The "Technology in the Home" Program is among the first steps in this endeavor.

An integral part of the District's mission is to enhance how students learn in the classroom and help parents understand how their child is learning. Parents will be expected to participate in all of the scheduled classes throughout the year.

Several of the parents in attendance

expressed delight with the new program. For my son that doesn't own a computer, I think this is fantastic," said Maria Rodriguez. "(This is a) wonderful program that is extremely needed in our Hispanic community. This is what you call 'giving back to the community'," added Saul Bravo.

"Ultimately, the District is confident that the investment in its kids will pay off for years to come," says Denise Williams, Evergreen's Director of Instruction. "The mindset that it will create in terms of how students and families learn, when we learn, how we teach, and how we connect with each other will fuel the classrooms and schools and create an exciting atmosphere for all concerned."

'Coding for Kids' in grades 3-6 April 1-15

MathandCoding announces that its class "Coding for Kids" introduces kids in grades 3-6 to computer programming using visual programming languages will be held at Village Square Library.

Kids learn to develop games, stories, puzzles and more. This program is mainly for kids who have very little or no experience with any programming languages such as Scratch or Tynker.

The workshop consists of three one hour sessions so only register if your child can attend all three sessions

If you register and don't come to the workshop, you are taking the spot away from other students who are serious about attending and learning. So, register only if your child can attend all the three sessions.

This workshop has three sessions (April 1, 8, and 15 between 4.30 - 5.30 pm) at the Village Square Library. To register please visit mathandcoding.org

YMCA Silicon Valley awarded grant from **National Inclusion Project**

YMCA of Silicon Valley has received a grant from National Inclusion Project.

The grant allows the Y to deepen their impact and inclusion efforts with Camp, After School and Youth Sports programs.

Diversity and inclusion continue to be an incredibly relevant topic in today's climate.

Creating an inclusive environment where children with and without disabilities can play, learn and thrive together has brought the YMCA of Silicon Valley and the National Inclusion Project together once again in 2017.

At YMCA Camp Campbell, the Y's resident camp in Santa Cruz, children of all abilities come together through recreational activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, physical fitness and more.

"These inclusive experiences help children with disabilities improve self-esteem, social skills and confidence; while children without disabilities improve their leadership, problem solving skills and empathy," said Shiel Brockbank, Director of Program and Community Development at the YMCA of Silicon Valley. "These programs help children feel a sense of belonging, preparing them for a rewarding future, as they advance in school and eventually the workplace becoming valued members of their commu-

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By Randall Studstill

Special to the Times

ids, do you have the skills to survive a zombie apoca-Jypse? Find out at the Village Square Library's Survive a Zombie Apocalypse program on Wednesday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. Children ages 8-12 will work in groups using creativity and problem solving skills on one of several design challenges. Coding for Kids - a three-session coding workshop for kids in grades 3-6 - will be meeting at the Village Square Branch on April 1, 8, and 15 from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This workshop teaches kids the basics of computer programming and how to develop stories, games, puzzles, and animations. It is intended for kids with very little or no previous experience with Scratch, Tynker or any other coding languages. Preregistration is required.

Children and families are invited to the Evergreen Branch for a Fiesta Dance Party on Saturday, April 1 at 1:30 p.m. Come celebrate El Dia de los Niños/El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) with your friends at the library! We will tango, salsa, read, and play.... all in celebration of books and children!

Book lovers won't want to miss two upcoming events at the Village Square Branch. On Saturday, March 25 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., gently used books and media will be available for purchase at the Friends of the Village Square Library Book Sale. On Saturday, April 1 at 10:30 a.m., the Village Square Book Club will be meeting to discuss Anna Quindlen's book Miller's Valley. New members are encouraged to

On Saturday, April 1 at 2:30 p.m., adults will make a book safe or book tablet case at the Evergreen Branch's Adults Create program. Make a book safe or book tablet case and then use it to store a tablet, valuables, or treasure for a scavenger hunt. We will have books that you can choose from, or you can bring a book that you feel is suitable. Call or visit the Evergreen Branch to register early as program supplies are limited.

Special Silicon Valley Reads programs are continuing at both branches. On Tuesday, March 21, 1:00 p.m., the Evergreen Branch will be screening the film Ken **Burns: The Central Park Five (120** min.). In 1989, five black and Latino teenagers were arrested and later convicted of raping a white woman in New York City's Central Park. This film recounts the crime, the rush to judgment by the police, a media clamoring for sensational stories, an outraged public, and the five lives upended by this miscar-





The Zombie Apocalypse surivial tips and a Fiesta Dance Party are coming soon to the Evergreen area branch libraries. Left photo by Flood G via Flickr.com; right photo by acplifo via Flickr.com

riage of justice. On Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 p.m., the Village Square Branch will host a film screening of the documentary

Scottsboro-An American Tragedy (84 min.). In 1931, two white women stepped off a box car in Paint Rock, Alabama, with a legal battles. The trial generated the

shocking accusation of gang rape by nine black teenagers. So began one of the 20th century's fieriest

Civil War, led to momentous Supreme Court decisions, and helped give birth to the civil rights movement.

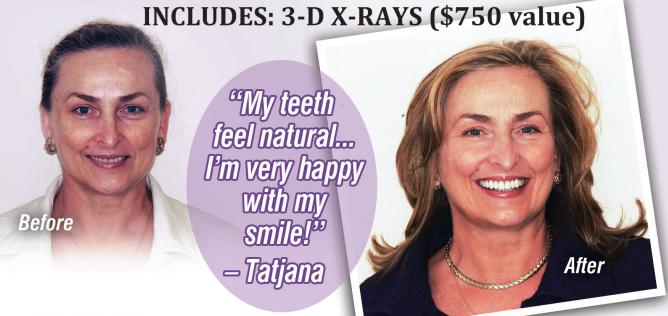
Additional Events

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 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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Not California's last drought: Conservation must be a way of life By John Varela Special to the Times When challenged with low precipitation, lower allocations and drought condi-

John Varela

ast month, the Santa Clara Valley
Water District Board of Directors
voted to continue asking for water
use reductions of 20 percent compared to

2013 water use. Even as we emerge from one of the most severe droughts on record, and although rains may be plentiful this year, it's important to recognize dry periods will return. We should keep up the good habits we adopted over the last few years.

There's no doubt conditions have improved with recent storms across northern California filling local and state reservoirs, as well

as delivering large amounts of snow to the Sierra Nevada. And Santa Clara County residents have done an outstanding job exceeding the water use reduction target of 20 percent in 2016. Also, the water district was able to recharge more water into the groundwater basins than a typical year. Both of these factors resulted in groundwater storage levels returning to the "normal" zone for the first time since the beginning of 2014. But there is more than meets the eve.

Our water supply is made up of an integrated system that includes local reservoirs, streams, groundwater and imported water. In order to manage our water supply efficiently, there are several factors that must be carefully analyzed to balance our water demand needs with preservation of the environment and wildlife, and flood protection.

Nearly half of the water we use is imported from the State Water Project and federally managed Central Valley Project. In recent drought-stricken years, imported water allocations have been much lower than average. These allocations are also impacted by environmental factors. During certain times of the year, federal and state regulatory agencies restrict the pumping and transmitting of water from large reservoirs due to impacts on endangered fish species.

When challenged with low precipitation, lower allocations and drought conditions, we rely even more on groundwater to meet our county's demands. However, pumping too much groundwater has serious consequences, such as overdraft and

land subsidence (sinking) which has occurred historically in Santa Clara County. In January 2014, large declines in groundwater levels raised the concern for potential subsidence. Since 2014, the water district board of directors has called for water use reductions compared to 2013 water use, and has since adjusted the reduction targets according to our local conditions.

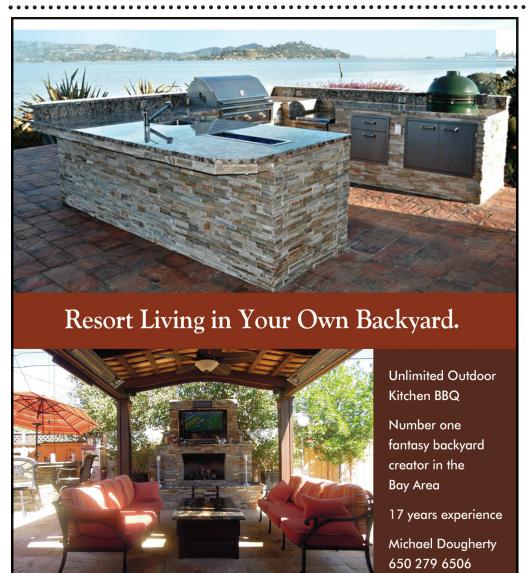
While conditions have improved significantly since

2014, the reality is healthy groundwater levels would not have been possible without sustained conservation efforts. Cutting back water resulted in reduced groundwater pumping and allowed us to stretch the use of our limited water resources.

Droughts are no rare phenomenon in our state, but rather a normal occurrence. Although we may see the end of this one, the next drought could be just around the corner. We cannot go back to wasteful ways. This historic drought emphasized how finite our precious resource is, and the need to diversify our water supplies and bolster water supply reliability.

The water district is actively working on expanding the purified and recycled water program, a drought-proof water supply. In addition, we are exploring with regional partners opportunities for additional water supply resources and storage opportunities. While these projects are further developed, one thing is certain: long term conservation is key to our survival. By being conscious of our water use every day, we'll build lifelong conservation habits and resilience the next time a drought comes around. Saving water every day will help us put money in the bank for those rainy days that don't come.

John Varela is chairman of the Santa Clara Valley Water District, and represents Evergreen Valley on the board.



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Times **Education**

Dr. Seuss + STEM = Transitional Kindergarten

By Shannon Simpson and Lori Lim

Special to the Times

hat happens when you add STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) and Dr. Seuss together? We get a fabulous, fun learning activity in Transitional Kindergarten (TK).

Dr. Seuss Day is celebrated across the country annually on March 2. Mrs. Simpson's TK Class celebrated by collaboratively working on STEM activities this year.

Students were challenged to stack cups and paper squares to build a tower as tall as they could just like the Cat in the Hat's hat! Then they were asked to transfer those skills and make themselves a Cat in the Hat "hat treat" using an apple slice, bananas, and strawberries.

During the Stack the Cat's Hat Seuss STEM activity, students worked in groups to build towers using paper squares and cups of varying sizes and materials. They were asked these questions to think critically about what they were building: How do the paper squares help? Can you build a tower with just cups? How tall is your tower? What measuring tool should you use to measure your tower? How



many cups and paper squares did you use? What could you do to make a taller stack? Does it matter if you use the small cups and squares or the larger cups and squares? Does it matter if you use the styrofoam cups versus the plastic cups? Which works better? How does gravity affect the tower?

After making their cup tower, students were given the opportuni-

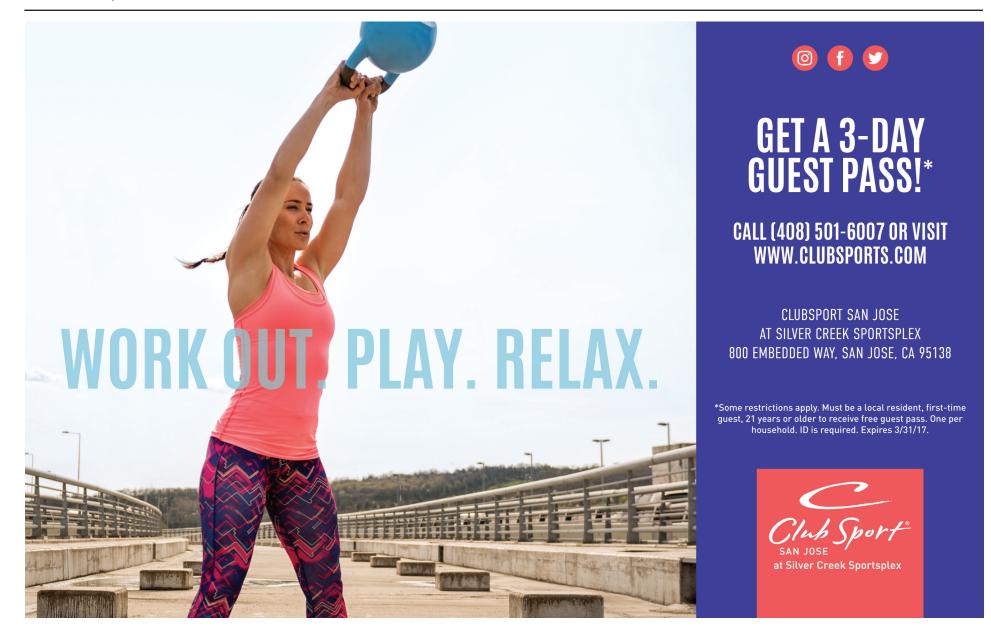
ty to make a Cat in the Hat "hat treat." Students sliced bananas and strawberries in whatever height they felt would make a sturdy tower. They stacked their bananas and strawberries on an apple slice to make their "hat treat" and then enjoyed the fruits of their labor.

Editor's note: If you have a child who will turn five between September 2, 2017 and December



2, 2017, you may register him or her for TK in the Evergreen School District now. The Evergreen School District is offering full day transitional kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year at Cedar Grove Elementary, Evergreen Elementary, Holly Oak Elementary, Katherine Smith Elementary, and Matsumoto Elementary.

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Times Feature



Above: Representing Silver Creek Valley: (L-R): Bridgette Menne, Francesca Longoni, Alyssa Gonzales, Ashley Stephens, and Mallory Menne. Below: Representing Evergreen Valley: Front Row (L-R): Mariana Estrada, Andrea Nguyen, Lucy Parks, Natalia Gonzalez, Alyssa Kloczl, and Charlize Murray. Back Row (L-R): Elizabeth Tapia, Raziel Santos, Jasmine Parada, Gabrielle Forbes, Neda Amin, Natalie Sousa, and Mallory Andresen.



Presentation High School to host Annual Fashion Show April 7

he 51st anniversary of the Presentation High School Fashion Show will be held at the Santa Clara Convention Center with a lunch show at noon and a dinner show at 6 p.m. on April 7.

The theme this year is Let Yourself Blossom.

This Annual event is to benefit the Endowment for Financial Aid, which provides scholarships to deserving young women. Senior girls are modeling clothes from 12

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different clothing and accessory stores.

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April 7

Santa Clara Convention Center Mission City Ballroom

Lunch Show

11 a.m. - Registration

12 p.m. - Lunch

1 p.m. - Show **Dinner Show**

6 p.m. - Cocktails

7 p.m. - Dinner

8 p.m. - Show

Times Features



The skill and athleticism of each Olympic participant is celebrated.

Dance

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Silver Creek Country Club. It's enormous with amenities for the whole family. April Gonzalez, Program Marketing Director of ClubSport states, "I am so very proud of all the hard work the Kainos Special Olympics Dance Group have put into doing their performance. They bring a lot of joy into our facility."

Director Kirsten Johnson leads the choreography

"It is a lot of fun and I am grateful to be part of the experience," said Kirsten Johnson, Choreographer. As the performance is practiced and careful refinements are made, Johnson exerts powerful leadership tempered with kind guidance which ensures all athletes are in synch, executing each move with the delicate grace necessary to position the team for the gold medal.

Volunteers gracefully glide hand in hand during the performances

Volunteers hold one hand and are harmoniously led by the skill and athleticism of each Olympic participant. Schandelle "Shea" Acosta states, "Unbelievable, it is just unbelievable that Kainos has been able to work with the community to make dreams come true." Cheryle Mc-Govern said, "I love it!" Ann Morrison said simply, "thrilled!" Gina Reidy stated, "this is an amazing moving experience... I have joy on the Wednesday and Saturday practices...It is an incredible challenge for the group and I have seen them all grow from taking baby steps to getting the feel of the music and then learning the complete chorography." It was seen that during the rehearsals they were masterful!

Jennifer

This Special Olympics performer stated, "happy...good job to everybody."

Tod

"I like to be with the staff...so great...they help my heart...we are going to have a good time...good luck to all of us," Tod said.

Paula

"This is my first thing to say... sometimes...when I am with her (my partner)...dancing...very special to me," Paula stated.

Eric

Eric has participated at top levels in past National Games for Special Olympics gymnastics. He is seen summersaulting solo and doing cart wheels with his very own independent chorography through the entire presentation. His gold colored professional dancing attired appareled top, let's all know what medal he is striving to obtain overseas in this month of March 2017. He states, "It feels so good, I feel I am a good dancer... I love following my dreams."

Julie

"I feel happy to go on vacation... I like to dance all the time. I dance outside too. Dancing is my dream ... I like everybody," she stated.

The choreography is thought by many to be incredible

"Good morning to all, the Kainos Special Olympics Dance Group will be preforming their rehearsal...we are all so excited for them...join us in the fitness studio for they start in a few minutes," stated April Gonzalez of ClubSport who effortlessly and professionally used the intercom to broadcast the announcement throughout the ClubSport facility.

Anticipation built up for the gallery of onlookers as they walked through the door of the fitness studio which offered a professional dancing floor with assistance of mirrors on one full wall so that performers during practices could hone their skills over time.

A movable feast for the eyes

Never do they look down, always they show they command the moves and subject matter with poise for the rehearsal of these two performances, after all they are going for the gold and everyone knows it too!

Being expert in their craft, the performers interpret the song and lyrics with the use of the rumba, paso doble and salsa dance influences in the first performance and skillfully switch to disco in the second unbelievable separate presentation. The audience was breathless. Shimmering pink skirts and black leotards grace the girls as they maneuver smoothly in their jazz black shoes while delicately spinning and stretching with the grace and ease of swans while holding their partner's hand. Tod also moves with strength and skill while Eric breaks free with spins, twirls, cartwheels and summersaults. Many comment that he is at the pinnacle of expressiveness in a dance performance and of course this was built upon his earlier gymnastics competition in years past. Fairly and decisively. it will all up to the judges to mark on their cards in Austria to score the winning team.

'Path-to-College' leads the way to higher education

unday Friends, "The Working Alternative to Charity" is seeing increasing numbers of the very low income students it serves off to college.

Thanks to its programming for families and, specifically, its three-year-old Path-to-College, students from San Jose families have enrolled in local community colleges and state universities as well as prestigious institutions such as Harvard, UCLA and Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo.

"Many of our youth who have grown up with Sunday Friends have developed strong work ethics, good grades, and motivation to go to college," said Ali Barkeat, Executive Director. "They also need additional hands-on support to realize that goal.

"Parents, though eager to help, often lack formal education, computers and computer skills and English language fluency," said Barkeat. "Today, college guidance counselors, career coaches and language interpreters work one-on-one with prospective college applicants and their parents to make the dream of college come true."

Within the Sunday Friends program, the team of Path-to-College volunteer consultants advises students and parents regarding:

- middle and high school class selection
- career planning
- college research
- college entrance exams and preparation
- college applications and financial aid.

The process begins with a conversation with a career coach, followed by a get-down-to-business session with a college guidance counselor. Families may return to Path-to-College as often as needed for continuing personalized help and also receive guidance concerning outside-of-school enrichment programs, summer programs and tutoring services.

"I didn't know what my questions were when I first sat down with the counselor, but soon I was asking lots and lots of questions. I know what my next steps are now," said a local participant.



Alma Perez and her daughters at Sunday Friends: (I-r) Emely, Naomi, Alma and Stephanie.

One success story, Alma Perez, accompanied her cousin to Sunday Friends in 2014 and found it to be a "life-saving experience," a way to earn basic necessities while learning and contributing to the community. In addition, Path-to-College consultants helped Alma navigate the San Jose City College financial aid process, which has enabled her to complete her studies. She has also received a Sunday Friends scholarship for books the past two years.

Alma will receive her Nursing Assistant Certificate next fall after graduating and completing her summer externship. "I will be the first in my family to graduate from a college," Alma says. "It will be a great accomplishment and a great motivator for my three daughters." Alma's 17-year-old daughter, Stephanie, has already met with a consultant to start on her own path to college.

Funding partners

Sunday Friends' Path-to-College programming is funded in part by grants from the Office of San Jose Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Air Systems Foundation, Sathaye Family Foundation and Waddell & Reed Employees. Councilmember Khamis said, "I am delighted to support the efforts of this wonderful organization that helps give people a hand up."

Visitors to Sunday Friends are welcome to tour the program and see Path-to-College in action on the second or fourth Sundays of each month. Reservations are required by contacting mail@sundayfriends.org. Sunday Friends, "The Working Alternative to Charity", provides very lowincome families the means and community to break their cycle of helplessness and poverty. Detailed information about Sunday Friends is available at sundayfriends.org.





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By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

Three young men and their wives got together after having visited Deli Delicious sandwich shops in Fresno and decided to entrepreneurially open a delicious sandwich shop in Evergreen Valley.

Amarjit and Suneet, Jimmy and Amar, and Rammy and Harleen, took the time as couples to get involved with the strong effort of opening the new franchise.

They admired the way the Deli Delicious in Fresno won the people's choice award for best sandwich shop for eight years in a row. Working as tech workers they decided to make the jump into the sandwich industry while also keeping their jobs going.

Techies transform into local sandwich gurus

Jimmy stated, "We all grew up within walking distance from this shop and hung around as teenage friends here in Evergreen... we lived near here on the corners of the streets." They decided to open here on Aborn road near White Road along this strip of small businesses. "We liked the food so much in Fresno that we decided to open our own Deli Delicious and we want "your" (the customer) visit to be so good that you will come back again and again... we figured out the way to do this is to offer top quality and top service."

"We are all in tech and we all have jobs but we also manage the business closely...we do a lot of social media marketing, yelp, Facebook, gorilla marketing, door to door flyers, and more." Jimmy also said, "If people can put a face to the product they are more likely to trust it and come back."

Beer batter fries are something new to try

Amarjit said, "the batter is a secret recipe, we literally have people coming from all over to get them because they love the taste! "The fries are a major traffic driver for us." By the way, the beer batter is non-alcoholic so it is wholesome for all.

"I'll take a Turkey Avocado but hold the bread"

For gluten-free customers and those who are watching their carbs, the Deli Delicious will offer any sandwich in a lettuce wrap (also they use alfalfa sprouts on their turkey avocado). If you are a bread lover they offer four kinds, and it is delivered daily. The top four sandwiches in the Evergreen shop are:

#44 Chipotle Chicken #37 Hot Pastrami #45 BBQ Tri Tip



California State Assembly Member **Ash Kalra**, **Jimmy Bhullar**, **Amarjit Gill**, and **Rammy Jhutty**.

#27 Veggie Soup is fresh daily

Soup offerings are a healthy and rotated daily, fresh every morning and include Hot Chicken Tortilla, Clam Chowder, Broccoli Chicken and more.

Scrumptious round trays expertly made

It's quick and wow, these trays look like works of art. They are neatly arranged with sandwiches carefully positioned so that the entire round tray is full and ready for quick placement on a table. These trays are made with special plastic tops that conform to fit the individual sandwiches perfectly. For decoration it is seen that garnishes can be requested to be carefully placed on top of it all so that the presentation is inviting to guests. These techies have transformed food that you can order quickly into healthy choices so our definition of the term "fast food," seems to now be changing due to their staff and their leadership qualities.

Youth are mentored

Rammy said, "We all grew up playing sports and we encourage the young people working at Deli Delicious to have such experiences... If a kid has extracurricular activities we work around their schedules. We hire a lot of high school students and we know sports and activities are important for the youth and we work with them so they don't have to give that up." Since we hire lots of young people, if they come in from time to time a bit upset or down, we also make sure we take care of them and nurture them for they are young and we understand this and also they are part of our Deli Delicious family too."

We love our diverse Evergreen community

Amarjit stated, "We're going to make it or break it according to the community...it is a great community and we love that it is diverse."

When you visit you can peek into the counter and see three medium sized phones. These phones are supplied by each of the above companies that deliver to your home (Grub Hub, Uber Eats and Door Dash) which makes ordering fast and easy.

You can get an app for your phone and type in what you want delivered to your home, and poof...the order is sent by phone and the expert sandwich builders zip into action building it and or other items ready for car delivery to you (they have four sizes of sandwiches, and for some, the small can be filling).

The future is tomorrow and tomorrow is here

Uh Oh, maybe self-driving delivery or air delivery might be coming in the years to come, but for now the three competing companies make it easy for you to get what you want without going out the door. You just type (order) and then open your front door to pay. Who knows, maybe the future is tomorrow and tomorrow is here.

Free Wi-fi too?

As you enter Deli Delicious there is a free Wi-Fi code. It is easily downloaded into your phone or tablet and you can use free Wi-Fi while sitting in a booth. The employees will be there to help you if you need to figure out how to load the free Wi-Fi app.

Deli Delicious is located at 2762 Aborn Road San Jose, California The shop is open Monday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Phone 408. 440.4789; Facebook: @delideliciousSJ



Jimmy Bhullar, Amarjit Gill, Rammy Jhutty, California State Assembly Member Ash Kaira, and San Jose Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco.





Times Education



Dragon Festival at Children's Discovery Museum April 1-2

hildren of the Dragon Festival is part of the Children's Discovery Museums Cultural Celebration series which will be presented Saturday April 1, and Sunday April 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, and 12 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Vietnamese culture will be presented with lively music, colorful dances including the famous Lion Dance, and culturally rich hands-on art activities. Here's a chance to get to know the customs and traditions of family, friends, and neighbors at this fun weekend celebration.

ACTIVITIES:

- Learn how rice cakes are folded
- Make and decorate your own conical hat
- Dress up in traditional clothes (áo dài)
- Take a picture in a xich-lo
- Create a dragon puppet
- Fashion a scroll

MUSIC AND DANCE: SATURDAY:

- 1:00-1:30 Lion Dance by Buu Kim Tu
- 2:00-2:30 Dance by Wing of the Hundred Viet
- 3:00-3:30 Dance by Tu i Th n Tiên
- 4:00-4:30 Drumming and dance by Vietnamese Lasallian Youth Group SUNDAY:
- 1:00-1:30 Lion Dance by Buu Kim Tu
- 2:00-2:30 Dance by Rocketship Mosaic School
- 3:00-3:45 Dance by Viet Entertainment Group and Me Linh Youth

Cost of admission: adults: \$13; children: \$13; seniors: \$12; infants and members are free. Festivities are included in the price of admission. Children of the Dragon Festival is created in partnership with the Museum's Vietnamese Cultural Advisors.

The Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is located at 180 Woz Way in San Jose.



A first prize winner with the subject "Bottle flipping" at the Laurelwood School science fair.

STEM Science Fair at lauded by parents at Laurelwood School

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

Parents and students alike were enthralled by the many wonderful and unique creations at the first ever STEM Science Fair at Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District March 7.

Organized by Science Fair Coordinator, Andelizza DeJesus-Brown and under the auspices of Principal, Dr. Hong Nguyen, the displays were done solely by students working at the school and not at home.

STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. This is the first year that projects were designed by only the students without parent supervision.

This year a different tact was taken to insure that students would create their own projects with emphasis on brainstorming, designing, building, evaluating and modification if needed. The results were entertaining and informative for students' parents who were amazed at the ingenuity of the children. Students sometimes worked in pairs and sometimes in groups.

DeJesus-Brown is hoping that in the future a center can be initiated at the school level where students, during leisure time, can go into and allow their creative juices to flow.

She said, "I hope our older students will take enough interest to be able to share their knowledge of technology and invention with younger students." The vision of the center is to include the types of materials that would allow students to pursue whatever path they would choose. This would include Legos, building blocks, art and supplies.

Some of the projects which took first prize were: a vehicle design plan put together by several students; a water bottle flipping project designed by Taylie, Kaylee, Rylen, and Keoni; a roller coaster ride assembled by several students; and the Rainbow Dragon project created by several students.

The first place winners will go on to district wide competitions at the Evergreen School District Center to be judged there. Some of Laurelwood's entries may be winners at the next level.



Mr. Colazzo with his kindergarten participants.



Moriah is happy to have participated.



Buster beams his ever-ready smile beside his project.



Two kindergarteners share their project.



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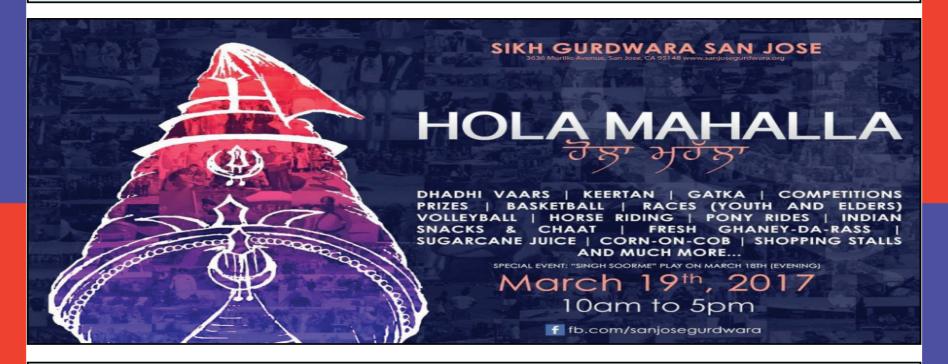
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Times Local News

Beehives

Continued from page 1 some hives and save a few colonies, but most of the hives were unsalvageable as they were covered with contaminated mud.

The park's honey bees are important for many reasons. First of all, the honey bee apiary supports the kids in the 4-H program. 4-H is one of the largest youth development programs in America and teaches young people aged 5-19 good citizenship, leadership and life skills through community projects such as the bee conservation efforts at the aniary. Classes for the 4-H are held at History Park at Kelly Park in San Jose and adult workshops are held at Happy Hollow Zoo.

Bee colonies all over the world have been struggling to remain healthy, an issue

called "colony collapse". Given that bees are the primary pollinator of the world's food crops it is important to learn and practice conservation efforts. The apiary is a wonderful opportunity for kids and adults to help nature thrive. A total of 13 hives died prior to the flood due to colony collapse. That equals a 40 honey bee hive loss in total in just that location alone.

The apiary is also a fundraising entity. For the last four plus years the honey-bee program at the park has been donating all of its proceeds (from beekeeping classes and its honey sales) to help protect the dwindling population of gorillas in the Congo. You can read more about this effort to save the "Gorillas in the Congo" on the Happy Hollow website. This year 50 percent of the workshop proceeds will also help local native gardens for native bee habitat.

To help replace the Zoo's bees, 4-H program's loss and continue the kids' project, the zoo and the 4-H group needed a donation of frames and



A Happy Hollow bee colony, from summer 2016. Photo by Jeff Baham

foundation to rebuild the lost bee hives. And here is where the community stepped up.

Sam and Lisa of Sam's Downtown Feed & Pet Supply immediately donated 200 deep frames and founda-

Jeff Yeramian of Dadant and Sons. a beekeeping supply company, also graciously donated 200 deep frames and 200 sheets of wax coated plasticell (as well as picking up all shipping costs).

"We are so appreciative of Sam's Feed and Dadant's generosity, said Steve Demkowski, Happy Hollow's resident beekeeper and the 4-H Project leader for the honey bee apiary. "Without their help we would not be able to continue with the program for some time. The loss of honey production would have also impacted our ability to donate to help the gorillas of Virunga Park in the Congo.'

If you are interested in helping out the Zoo's honey bee apiary, please contact Vanessa Rogier of Happy Hollow Zoo vanessa@hhpz.org or Sunset 4-H Bees via Jenel Vincze jenelv@comcast.net.



Times Feature

Horsemen

Continued from page 1

the horses as long as they're a good trail horse and will trust their rider.

The horse owners found permanent situations for their horses. However many owners lost everything that they had for their horses so they have to start all over again collecting the basic supplies necessary for horses.

Concerned horse owners set up an emergency fund for the stranded horses and donations can be sent to Silva's Ranches Feed Store, also known as Silva's Hay and Grain, 12310 Santa Teresa Blvd, San Martin, CA 95046 Phone: 408.683.2348.

About the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association

The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association was founded in 1939, making it the oldest horsemen's association in California. The organization promotes good fellowship among horsemen by providing a greater understanding of horses through education that puts children, teens and adults in touch with nature and the caring of animals.

Horses rescues

As a nonprofit organization, The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association members are involved with horse rescue groups and equine therapy programs. They work with Large Animal Rescue when there were fires and opened their grounds for people to temporarily relocate their horses, and also use their property for wild mustang and burro adoption programs.

General information about how the group functions:

- The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association meets monthly on the third Friday of each month for dinner and a general meeting
- They enjoy having people new to their organization or events come to shows and dinners to learn what they do
- For those interested, you can attend any dinner and go to the organizations website to call them up and learn more.
- They participate in many events throughout the year and organize rides.
- It is a tradition for them to ride in the Morgan Hill 4th of July parade, the Almaden Jump-In Parade, and the Los Gatos Christmas parade.
- They organize group rides for members such as the "Dirty Horse Ride" (March 18), and "Spring Ride at the beach" (April 22).
- Camping trips are organized
- Participant events are done where riders earn ribbons and buckles

Cowboy Wisdom:

somebody else's dog around.

every morning.

Old Horse proverbs

If you get to thinkin' you're a per-

The biggest troublemaker you'll

son of some influence, try orderin'

probably ever have to deal with watch-

es you shave his face in the mirror

Don't worry about bitin' off

more'n you can chew; your mouth is

probably a whole lot bigger'n you

vou're about to eat. It's not so impor-

tant to know what it is, but it's sure

When in doubt, let your horse do

When you lose, don't lose the lesson.

crucial to know what it was.

Always take a good look at what

■ New shows and events are added yearly

How do I join?

The club encourages anyone with an interest in horses and horsemanship to come to one of their events or monthly dinners to learn more. All potential new members have a current member sponsor them and need to attend three club events prior to the board of directors' approval. However, interested individuals may attend the dinners without a member sponsor-

Their members are knowledgeable and can help with horse knowledge



The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association believes that horses help all to understand that old saying that the simple things in life are important and often, "less is more." The horses become the teachers to mankind.

The Horsemen's club has many members who give lessons and offer fun and non-threatening first time experiences to others. Often when lessons are offered, the riders develop a love for riding. Then, in time, one might choose to take the next step and either lease or purchase a horse of their own.

Upcoming events

Each month there is a dinner which serves to introduce club members. In April there are two show series starting up. The schooling show series demonstrates horses and riders moving through a series of obstacles, testing the control and confidence of each horse plus rider. The 5D Play days have horse and rider competing in six events the objective of getting the fastest times; one of these events is the popular barrel racing.

The club's president Karen Tarasco states, "These events are great ways for the general public to come out to our grounds to see the riders, meet the horses, and have a very low-key, personal experience with the equestrian sport. We always have our snack shack set up too so that people can come out, enjoy the show, have some food and develop a greater understanding of our club, our horses, and our love for riding."

They love what they do

Club members love being a part of the Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association and you can be a part of it too. Their club is determined to not be a "dying breed." Tarasco states, "Our club members recognize the importance of sharing our experiences, our love for horses, and our support of the local

community. There is a special bond between a horse and rider – a trust that develops over time, a mutual respect that is earned."

No wonder why people are drawn to horses

Tarasco President believes that, "As the trust develops between horse and rider a mutual respect is earned over time. For people not familiar with horses, or who have only seen them standing in a field on the opposite side of a fence, it is an amazing experience to stand next to one of these beautiful creatures. love having people come out to our shows and to watch them touch a horse for the first time, and to ask

questions that they might never have even thought of prior. These experiences allow us to educate people about horses, and to create a better understanding of just how special horses are."

There is a lot of history on the walls of the clubhouse

The clubhouse is the place the monthly dinners are held and you can see it on their website. During shows spectators are invited in to see the hall and many enjoy looking at horse show memorabilia, trophies and photos, demonstrating that the organization is an important piece of history for Almaden Valley and an integral part of the history of Santa Clara County.

Juniors program for the youngsters

The group also has a juniors' group for children less than 18 years of age. They have all kinds of fun and wholesome activities in which they participate in, including an outdoor movie night using bales of hay for comfy seats. The club's newsletter included a recent article about a twelve year old boy sponsored by his aunt as a Junior member. Over time he earned a horse named "Dutch," the horse named after someone respected named Dutch Mapes. It seems that the boy's Aunt helped in the search for the perfect Quarter Horse and found one at a rescue in King City. Dutch, it is said, "has his boy and Antonio the boy has his horse...Antonio and Dutch enjoy trail riding and just hanging out."

A youngster can start out by attending func-

tions and dinners with you bringing them along. In time the young one can show they are capable by participating on different activities and after proving trustworthiness. After time sometimes they are asked to come over and exercise a boarding horse by one of the members. That experience can lead them to participate in local parades.

There is something special about this organization that allows one to rest far away from the cell phones and badgering instant news twittering of our Silicon Valley. Horses help all to understand that old saying that the simple things in life are important and often, "less is more." The horses become the teachers to mankind.

They've got a dinner dance and chili cook offs

What is so nice about this organization is that they are having lots of fun in what they do and it is seen that they have dances, chili cook offs, and much more. So, even if you do not ride horses but want to join a group that cares about animals, this is your opportunity!

Since they have dinners each month, don't be afraid to call (408.268.6155) and find out more and visit the historic hall. Social hour is usually at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. Meetings usually start at 7:30 p.m. Think of this group as a social network of down to earth people who don't ride on their horses with their phones in their back pockets. There are no ring tones on the trails.

The Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association publishes the "Corral Chatter" monthly newsletter for its members and friends. The information is a great read and you can find archive information about the group and read current updates.

As a nonprofit, donations are gladly accepted and the money will be put to good use (call for more information). Santa Clara County Horsemen's Association, PO Box 20124, 20350 McKean Rd., San Jose, CA 95120; Phone: 408.927.6647 or 408.268.6155.

Website: www.horsemens.org or visit their Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/santaclaracountyhorsemens

Directions: To get to the hall, drive all the way down Almaden Expressway until it deadends, then one turns right on Harry road and then left on McKean Road. It will be on your right about a mile down the country road.

Donations for the stranded horses can be sent to: Silva's Ranches Feed Store (Silva's Hay and Grain), 12310 Santa Teresa Blvd, San Martin, CA 95046 Phone: 408.683.2348.



Horse owners said the rescues that happened gradually were necessary and riding across the river is the best thing for the horses as long as they're a good trail horse and will trust their rider. *Photo courtesy KNTV*

Evergreen Area Meetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters

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@ sbcglobal.net.

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East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

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

The Evergreen Business

Association is 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 201516 will meet on the first
Wednesday of the months of
October, December, January,
February, March and May. The
meeting is held in the
Evergreen School District
boardroom, 3188 Quimby
Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email chhaprahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets

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

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site.

http://ev.ca.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 friend-sofevergreenlibrary. 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 infor-

mation, 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 @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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