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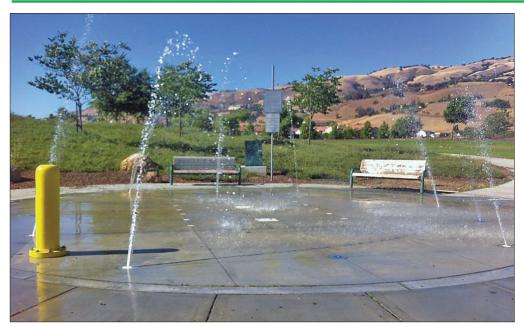


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Evergreen Valley's enchanting community park secrets for you to find and explore

By Kevin Larsen Times staff writer

e who live in the Silicon Valley are often over connected with the invisible bandwidths, and the hustle and bustle of our lives combined with electronic

imagery and tone can at times nag at us. Thankfully, our parks offer the opportunity of a restful retreat from the accoutrements of electronics. Personal healthy outdoor time nurtures our ability to unplug and commune with nature, and we need no permission.

This article is written to help our communi-

venture out and visit new places by picking up our car keys or hopping on a bike to say hello to some parks that we never knew were just around the corner.

Former San Jose vice mayor and chamber of commerce **CEO Pat Dando dies at 71**

Pat Dando

By William Bellou Publisher

atricia Dando of Evergreen Valley passed away Sunday, July 15 of lung cancer. She was 71.

Dando served as San Jose vice mayor and also served as CEO of the Silicon Valley chamber of commerce. She is remembered by colleagues, political leaders, friends, and family.

"I join many San Joseans who mourn the loss of a wonderful civic leader and committed public servant," said San Jose Mayor, Sam Liccardo. "I'm not alone in saying that I got my start with the benefit of Pat Dando's mentoring and advice, and I'm grateful both for her generosity of time and energy on my behalf, and on behalf of the community she proudly served.'

Dando served 10 years on the San Jose City Council beginning in 1995, and was vice mayor for two years during the administration of former Mayor Ron Gonzales. Dando unsuccessfully ran for mayor against Gonzales in 1998 — losing by a razor-thin margin.

"If we see a problem we should work together to solve it," said Dando in an interview with the Almaden Times, sister publication to the Evergreen Times, during her run for city council. "She

would work on problems until she and others were happy with the results, "said her colleagues.

Dando moved to the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen a few years ago at the encouragement of friends who live at the development.

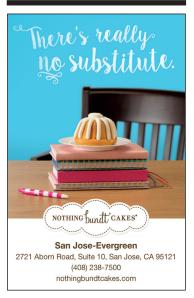
"I really enjoy the peacefulness of our community here in the Villages," said Dando. She moderated the San Jose mayoral candidates forum at the Villages prior to the 2014 primary election.

Dando was a dedicated mom to three children, wife and was known as 'Teeta" by her nine grandchildren.



The Evergreen Area is generally defined as the space north to south from Tully Road to San Felipe Road and east to west from our soft flowing east foothills down through the valley stopping along the running man made boundary of highway 101. To get the nice overview map of all our park locations one can Google;

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CAYDA modern Vietnamese 'signature dish' restaurant opens in Evergreen

Extensive menu has something for all

By Kevin Larsen Times staff writer

re are modern and a little edgy," states Ms. Schultz, daughter of the mom and dad, who both are chefs and with her brother opened CAYDA's doors to all in Evergreen Valley on July

Strong Vietnamese family traditions uphold the integrity of each customer visit. The strength of our family beliefs establishes the atmosphere here by mixing both worlds of modernism while also honoring old world traditions.

One patron of the restaurant described CAYDA as a "new fusion" Vietnamese restaurant and others See CAYDA, page 6



CAYDA promises new fusion Vietnamese cuisine in an elegant atmosphere.

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Firefighters stop fast moving brush fire caused by vehicle accident

By William Bellou *Publisher*

fast moving grass fire swept the hills on the boarder of Evergreen Valley threatening several neighborhoods north of Metcalf Rd. on Monday afternoon, July 10 scorching more than 70 acres.

The fire started following a single vehicle accident involving a late model Mazda Miata which caused grass near the road to catch fire on San Felipe Rd. The fire was so intense the heat melted the sports car's wheel rims.

Cal Fire officials told homeowners in the immediate area to evacuate and put the neighborhoods of California Oaks, Meadowlands and the Villages Golf and Country Club on an evacuation alert after fire officials warned the fire could spread to 500 acres due to high winds.

Fortunately, helicopters, carrying 500 gallon red-colored water sacks dowsed hot flames surrounding more than 150 fire crews, while aircraft dropped fire retardant ahead of the fire to slow it down. Resident closed their windows and doors to keep the smoke from entering their homes.

Cal Fire Division Chief Jim Crawford said there are some roads on the ranch

land which were used as a perimeter for one flank of the fire that "did a really good job of stopping a large portion of it."

By Tuesday morning, the fire was only 40 percent contained, but the forward movement of the fire threatening neighborhoods slowed.

Fire crews responded quickly after the owner of the damaged vehicle ran to the nearest neighborhood where he could get cell phone coverage to report the grass fire. He explained the fire started under the wheel and that he attempted to put out the fire by covering it with gravel.

Residents in the affected area closed windows and doors to prevent smoke damage. A few residents reported they saw the firetrucks before seeing the smoke.

Word quickly spread that the fire had the potential to destroy homes between Metcalf Rd and the Villages Golf and Country Club. One resident returned home to see a fireman filling up his firetruck at the hydrant in front of her home.

The smell of smoke lingered for approximately 18 hours after firefighters reported full containment.







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Valley Currents

cur-rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

Planes, cars and tanks draw huge crowds to airport S.T.E.A.M. event

By Sean Eastwood Times staff writer

ot San Jose Nights presents S.T.E.A.M., the annual charity car and airplane show returned to Reid-Hillview Airport with a 20,000 attendance record on Saturday, July 8, braving 100 plus degree temperatures.

The fourth-annual free gala featured 150 vintage and souped-up cars, dozens of light aircraft and multiple booths featuring science, technology, engineering, arts, aviation and math — thus the festival's name. It was sponsored by Hot San Jose Nights.

The opening ceremony at noon included a flyover and a parachute Flag Jump and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner by Mike Hugill and Debbie Zimmerman.

Robotics creations, were a big hit with crowd. A number of spectators were given an opportunity to control a number of robotic vehicles and toys.

Leland High School FIRST Robotics Team 604 Quixilver members participated at the S.T.E.A.M Festival. The team showed off their 2014 robot "Skyhammer."

The Girl Scouts "Space Cookies" robotics team also displayed their robot.

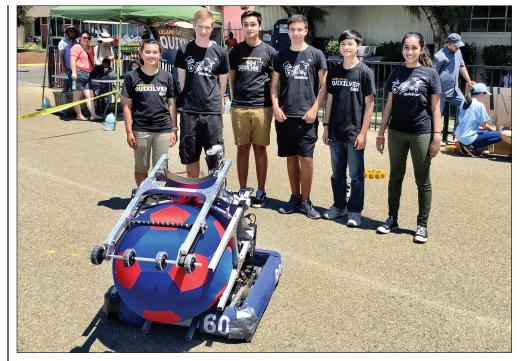
Nearly 200 sports, muscle, antique, and custom cars were on display. A big hit this year was a 1928 red Oldsmobile and a 1930 Packard that was purchased in San Jose in 1930 for \$5,480. The owner posted the original receipt in the window.

Military tank personnel gave family members free rides to show off the tanks maneuverability. Free tank rides were available for the first time this year. Many visitors climbed into the cockpit of vintage aircraft, and children under 17 were given short flights in a Cessna aircraft.

There was a wide selection of food available with festival goers enjoying ribs, chicken wings and a variety of Asian food.

Live music took the center stage with all day performances by Big Mike & the HartBeats. Square dancing was also featured at this year's event.

One of the most popular attractions of the event was the Baylands RC Airshow, with propeller and jet powered model aircraft demonstrations. The Aerial Sports League showed off its caged Drone Wars with six drones. Fire engines and police cars were also on display, along with several



Leland High School FIRST Robotics Team 604 Quixilver members participated at the S.T.E.A.M Festival at Reid-Hillview Airport on Saturday, July 8. Quixilver members are pictured (I to r) **Thuy N., Nathan D., Rohan B., Rajan N., Binh N.,** and **Aanya S.** with their 2014 robot "Skyhammer."

robotic vehicles.

A number of notable citizens and organizations including Second Harvest Food Bank, Sal Pizarro, Kathy Jackson, Rich Alvari, Dick King, Ken Palmer, Dan Montsier, and Steve Angus were presented with awards for their contributions to the community. Food collection barrels from Second Harvest were filled to capacity.

Hot San Jose Nights presents S.T.E.A.M. and Airport Day is sponsored in partnership with Chris Wilder, CEO of Valley Medical

Center Foundation, County Supervisor President, Dave Cortese & 2nd District County Supervisor, Cindy Chavez. 100 percent of the money raised during the event is donated to charitable organizations.



Kudos to Station #11

Editor,

I would like to say a huge Thank You to our firefighters at Station #11 on the Villages Parkway. When on July 10 a fire broke out down San Felipe Road they went to work immediately. They worked quickly and tirelessly to keep us all safe. Cal Fire joined in and what could have turned into a 500 acre fire was contained at about 80 acres. They risked their lives to keep us and our homes safe. To my knowledge this is the closest we have come to what could have turned into a devastating fire. I am very grateful to all of those firefighters and especially the crew at our Station 11. They always have our back.

Thank you Station 11 for a job well done. Please stay safe.

Gayle Goodson

Evergreen Valley Meadowlands



Vern Solberg displayed his immaculate yellow 1950 F1 Ford pickup.

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CAYDA offers a pleasant atmosphere to enjoy modern refined Vietnamese cuisine.

CAYDA

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describe it as simply a "modern Vietnamese." CAYDA has something for everyone where old world traditions meet the more modern ways of life. The extensive menu offers something for people of all cultures with plenty of choices for both meat lovers and vegetarians alike.

"It has a good, 'ngon' atmosphere because it is spacious and well lit," said one patron.

"The food is 'tuyet voi,' excellent," said another patron, for the owners and staff take great pride in serving the best of the best.'

Be strong and never give up!
"CAYDA means "Banyon tree" in Vietnamese and symbolizes a spirit of strength and the ability to never give up!" states Ms. Schultz. The following is the story of the Do's family.

"This tree is what mom, dad, and I picked to represent our special restaurant," said Ms. Schultz. "It represents many things in our Vietnamese culture. Most important are strength and longevity. We never give up, we are hard workers and we believe one should never give up on their dreams. Our journey is one of strength and honor. My family escaped from Vietnam... my father had hardships but never gave up and this too made our small family very close. I was just a little girl when we escaped through the Philippines as boat people.'

Ms. Schultz continued: "In a miraculous journey we had a boat but we ran short of making it to land. Due to the help of others from other cultures our boat was towed. We tried to flee on foot but bombs made that tough as many of the roads were destroyed."

The Do family expressed that they believe, "America is the land of opportunity, work hard you get rewards, this land is also a good economy and offers freedom to all with respect for human rights." The Do family loves America!

Each dish a "signature masterpiece"

Ms. Schultz explained that "Mom and dad are both chefs and have been for over 35 years. They gain enjoyment in understanding that each diner has a nice experience and truly loves the dishes we create. They do not wish to mimic recipes from other restaurants instead they take pride in the presentation of unique dishes that are their own. This pride is passed on with the creation of new taste sensations. Having achieved stardom in other restaurants, mom, dad, brother and daughter wanted to

open a new restaurant where old world traditions are combined with newer American traditions too! Because of the unique tastes offered only here, mom, dad, brother, daughter and staff are proud to offer you taste sensations that you may not get anywhere else. Thus, what we offer are truly 'signature dishes.''

Mrs. Schultz fondly harks back to when she was a young teen helping her parents in restaurants. "I had to take the lead and I learned to be calm and I grew up fast for I often translated to the customers and cashiered." Also, Mrs. Schultz and her brother helped as children sometimes in the kitchen. Both children were successful in their business careers, however both have come back to help mom and dad with the new CAYDA restaurant. It's a wonderful family dream come true! Mrs. Shultz said, 'Work hard and you will be rewarded, has always been a family view of life."

The dishes are amazingly presented with care and beauty. This is a joy to be served delicious foods on plates that are artistically presented. For example, the Char Siu Chilean Sea Bass is set nicely on sliced squash and asparagus with craft and skill. All dishes have a different artistic look to them. CAYDA food is a work of art. The sauces are of course secret and delicious too! The beverages are unique and pair nicely with the meals.

Asian - American atmosphere

CAYDA's atmosphere and selections of cuisine make this restaurant a very special and unique dining experience; it has a feeling of spaciousness and is well lit.

"CAYDA presents its atmosphere as a traditional American dining experience," said manager Nounie (pronounced New Knee). "When you walk through the door we seat vou in our clean, modern environment."

Fresh ingredients only, natural sauces

CAYDA doesn't cut corners. Fresh ingredients are used in the soups and all things are prepared for you to the highest level.

"We have two extensive menus that include plant based vegetarian choices and a variety of meat entries and all flavors are created with time and effort in natural ways. Time takes the lead in specially cooking items in an old world traditional ways for it takes time to get the taste just right," stated Ms. Schultz.

Pho (pronounced "pha") is nourishing noodle and or stew soup

In a hurry, the noodle soup is quickly brought to your table. Can you imagine having a selection of nine choices? The selection is cosmopolitan, for example, Beef

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Oxtail, Filet Mignon, Flank Steak, Chicken Breast, and more including Vegetarian Thai noodle soup.

The CAYDA Pho soups are described as filling, hardy, healthy, full of nutrients and good for your body. The ingredients of course are just the best of the best and that is one of the secrets to the taste created that can't be matched. The secret is the time spent cooking earlier in the day's preparation.

It's all about timing

The old world process, which

is utilized in the making of Pho soup, starts early in the morning in order to create the flavor of the shimmering concentrated flavorful broth. The chiefs follow a secret recipe and process that is passed down through the generations and cleanliness is honored throughout the entire process. At just the right times the temperature is adjusted to slowly cook and prepare the healthy "faaa,"(soup)..." shhh, that's an old world secret that mom and dad know," said Ms. Schultz.

Trendy banquet room available

The banquet room is spacious, seating more than 100 guests, and it has a place for a portable stage, if needed. The room is designed for memorable weddings, birthdays, private business meetings, presentations and more. The banquet room is separate from the main dining which can accommodate more than 200 guests when combined. A custom menu can be created for special events.

"We want to be part of the Evergreen community...we want to share what we experience and each dish is a signature dish." States Ms. Schultz (daughter of chef "Tai" (dad) and Chef "Sen" (mom). She also stated, "Let this restaurant be your home away from home and consider it the house of my parents and me and when you enter, you become a part of our family.'

Full service "sporty" wine and beer counter for relaxation, conversation

It's a sports bar with TV sports going all the time. Friendly service is at hand with appetizers too. This restaurant has an elegant shiny white counter and after a long day's work it welcomes all to have a cocktail and interact with the bartender. Customers are seen with a glass of wine or draft beer conversing. They also pride themselves on a vast selection of connoisseur sake (rice wine) selections.

The music is synchronized to the time of

As you walk in at lunch the music tones are soft to allow kindly conversations over a meal with friends. As the day moves forward and CAYDA restaurant slightly adjusts the style of the sounds to meet the





mood of visitors. The music is both soothing and fun!

CAYDA's menu presented in English and Vietnamese

Since CAYDA is created to serve all people from all cultures and backgrounds the lunch and dinner menus are presented in both Vietnamese and English. Lunch prices are reasonable, many in the \$7-\$12 range. The dinner menu prices range from \$7-\$25. "Signature Dishes" are moderately priced, so it's clear that CAYDA will be a magnet for just about everyone in Evergreen Valley. It is also clear that Ms. Debbie has a great calm strength combined with a sensitive warm smile that sets the tone of the new restaurant, vour welcome here,

Latest YELP and NextDoor reviews creating a positive buzz

"It was fast service, no issues with food or price, service was great, what else can you ask for, "GO EAT AT THIS RESTURANT NOW!"

"Went for lunch and ordered the sampler...it was absolutely delicious...so glad to see IPA's on tap.'

"I went here for dinner with my boyfriend, the food was amazing, we ordered the shaken beef and the hue style spicy noodle along with my friend... the service was great, I love the feel and look of the restaurant...Will definitely come back!

"I gave all the food we ordered 5 stars!"

Final thoughts from Mrs. Schultz and the staff

Mrs. Schultz and staff say, "chao" (pronounced jao). That is how the Vietnamese say hello and also goodbye.

Mrs. Schultz states, "We believe, whatever you give is what you can expect to come back to you. We want to be a partner and be part of the community. We want all to know we care. My mom, dad, brother and I wish to share all that we have experienced in our restaurant skills. We want our Evergreen community to enjoy the ambiance, food and atmosphere in comfort. Let this be your home away from home. CAYDA is our house, when you come in you are a part of our family...we wish for the future of CAYDA restaurant to bring smiles to all and make all happy in a multicultural way with

food that everyone enjoys!" With those kind and welcoming words, Mrs. Schultz smiled and whispered, "jao."

Editor's note: CAYDA is located in the Lucky Supermarket shopping center on the corner of White and Aborn road with its own separate building with the entrance facing White Rd. CAYDA is open from 11 a.m.to 3 p.m. and from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. (From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. the restaurant closes for dinner preparation.) Address: 3210 S White Rd San Jose, CA 95148; Phone: (408) 440-8043.





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Dreams do come true

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

here is always something new to learn in the Evergreen Valley.

This is a true poignant story about love and a boy's dream which continues to make a difference in people's lives.

The beliefs of the Hassan family nurtured the wonderful dream that was sparked by their son, Omar, who gave us all the gift of inclusion.

This nonprofit company that started in 2013 in Evergreen Valley reflects the caring actions of a lov-

ing and supportive family. Five years later, Omar's Dream Foundation continues to carry the message and becomes more vibrant with each passing year.

Omar's imagined bridge of technology

Omar, taken ill, at a young age spent long periods of time in and out of hospitals where he would miss his school and friends. He missed being a kid! He did not want to miss any significant time in education, social relationships and wanted to move forward with other students in class.

Faced with isolation of six months for a treatment, he thought of a technology bridge and conceived the idea of using computers and tablets as a communications device to remotely connect with school and friends. Omar had a plan to attend his fourth-grade class, remotely via video conference. Five years ago, technologies like face time, skype, cloud sharing and Wi-Fi connectivity were uncommon.

He asked if cameras could be set up at Matsumoto Elementary school in the Evergreen School District and that way he could continue his classroom experience and quest for knowledge. His parent's listened carefully to their son's request and with the support of the school district and dedicated class teacher turned his dream into a reality.

The young boy decided to break down physical walls and use the internet to connect with the outside world once again.

Dreams do come true!

According to Jamila, Omar's mother, Omar's teacher and classmates saw him online every day. "He participated in math, science, and history lessons, writing workshops, read-aloud sessions, and book discussions. He even participated in music lessons. Imagine a music lesson with 32 children playing their recorders in San Jose and one at the Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in Stanford — but they are all playing together online. Omar was even able to attend assemblies, as his teacher brought her laptop and put it on a chair in the front row so he could participate."

He taught us by his actions that dreams can come true, you must be positive and work hard towards achieving the objective.

According to Omar's Dream Foundation, School-aged children who are hospitalized or under a physician's care long-term due to health conditions



Omar Hassan

can quickly fall behind in their studies and feel isolated from their classmates and teachers. These children will greatly benefit emotionally by maintaining regular contact with their school friends and teacher(s) through Omar's Dream Program.

While many hospitals offer on-site access to state-mandated education programs, Omar's Dream Program allows hospitalized students to continue education with their own home school with familiar classmates and educators. With such sustained contact, when the time comes to reintegrate the student with his or her class, the integration is smooth.

Omar's Dream Foundation making a positive contribution

Omar lost his battle to Leukemia in April 2012 but his vision is fulfilled by the foundation whose mission is to bring normalcy into the lives of kids who are facing health related challenges.

Omar's Dream Program is currently running in three hospitals, Lucile Packard Children's Hospital, Santa Clara Valley Medical Center and Good Samaritan Hospital. The foundation also supports number of individual students recommended by various schools.

Over the years, many kids have benefitted from the program and the Foundation is continuing to look at avenues to reach as many children as possible.

You can "run strong" in the Omar's Dream Run

Each year in October, the Foundation, organizes a charity fun run at Hellyer park in San Jose to raise funds to support the program. Attendance at the run continues to grow with every passing year. It is a family oriented event with exciting atmosphere.

You can register in August to join the 5th annual Omar's Dream Run in October by going to the website. Don't be surprised to see many city officials and others panting as you briskly pass them by.

To learn more about Omar's Dream Foundation, a dream fulfilled and given as a gift to other children today, by going to www.omarsdream.org. This nonprofit organization is a humanitarian organization that is here for all. A world Omar would have wanted! You can volunteer, donate, and become a sponsor.

The Omar Dream Run benefits hospitalized and medically supervised children to attend school and stay connected with their teachers and classmates. The event will be held on Sunday, October 15 at 10 a.m. at Hellver Park in San Jose.





Aytch appointed interim president of SJECC District

Keith Aytch, who has served as vice president of academic affairs at EVC since 2011, was appointed interim president by a unanimous vote of the San Jose – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) board of trustees during its July 11 meeting.

"We are very fortunate to have someone of Mr. Aytch's caliber to serve as interim president of EVC while we conduct a search for the next full-time president," said SJECCD Chancellor Dr. Debbie Budd. "EVC has a strong history and a bright future and Keith's qualifications, expertise, and experience will serve the college well."

In addition to serving as vice president of academic affairs, Aytch has also held the positions of dean of language arts, dean of library and learning resources, and English literature and composition instructor at EVC, where he has worked since 1993.

"I am thrilled to have been selected as interim president and thankful to the board and chan-



Keith Avtch

cellor for their confidence in me," Aytch said. "It will be an honor and a privilege to serve in this new role alongside my colleagues on the faculty and staff to continue moving the college forward."

Aytch holds a Master of Arts in English from California State University, Sacramento; a Bachelor of Arts in English, also from CSU Sacramento; and a K-12 administrative credential from National University. He is a regular presenter at statewide and national conferences.

Aytch succeeds Henry Yong, who accepted a position as chancellor of Yosemite Community College District after serving as president of EVC for six years.

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Third car crash upsets Knights/ **Estates neighbors**

Residents of the Hounds and Knights Estates neighborhood were awaken Saturday morning, July 15 at 4:18 a.m. by a loud crash that triggered a blaring car alarm.

When San Jose police arrived, the residents reported that the occupants fled the scene believe one or the other came back to the scene.

Neighbors reported to the police that speeding in the area with several crashes during the last two years



resulting in damaged parked cars. Others reported seeing SUV's filled with teens and young adults parking, drinking and tossing trash (beer cans, beer bottles, fast food containers, wrappers, used napkins) into the street and in front yards.

According to the police, reckless driving is a behavior happening in many parts of the city, not just our Estates neighborhood.

Lost parrot; owner asks for help

My parrot, Paris, got away. She was last seen in the area of McLaughlin Ave and Yerba Buena Rd. She will get tired and have no way of getting food or water. You may find her flying low or in your backyard or front vard. Please contact me if you see her. Paris may not respond to her name. Please call: 408-386-6338.



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'Taste for the Space' winner announced

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

ou may have seen the ads for "Taste for the Space" in the Evergreen Times.

We can now reveal the winner of the inaugural culinary competition hosted by Eastridge Center.

The winner is Trifecta Cooks. The team consists of three friends who met during their time at well-known Morimoto Napa. Lai Chao, Ryan Gallego and Jason Artajos have a shared passion for Japanese cuisine and look to perfect their craft.

Trifecta Cooks receives an equipped eatery space at Eastridge Center with six months free rent and a \$50,000 investment to kick off this new hot spot – a total prize package worth \$140,000

At the recent Taste for Space event, Joseph George Fine Wines, Camino Brewing and Content Magazine were in attendance with about 1,500 people.

Trifecta Cooks focuses on using quality local ingredients with traditional techniques and modern flavors, including sushi and small plates.

"Our redevelopment of the center this year focuses on local San Jose stories and experiences," said Najla Kayyem, senior vice president of marketing for ownership Pacific Retail. "Trifecta Cooks is a great match for Eastridge Center and I'm thrilled to welcome them."

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The land we all share: Scenes from a July 4 patriotic parade

By Kevin Larsen Times staff writer

re are blessed to live in such a diverse city which happens to be the 10th largest city in the United States," stated Jasvir Singh Powar, a spokesperson for the Sikh Gurdwara.

Referring to the parade on the morning of July 4th, Powar and others spoke of the chant was done as they walked the route. "I'm gonna say 'happy' and you yell it out...I'm gonna say 4th... and you yell it out."

This was one of the new traditions in the morning Rose, White and Blue patriotic parade that morning. It was expressed by children that it brought joy to them too "I encourage all of our diverse communities to celebrate together in unity in this great Independence Parade. Also,



please come visit us at the Sikh Temple, come enjoy a cup of tea, lunch or dinner with us, we welcome all," said Powar.

The crowd enthusiastically

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joined in and really appreciated the over 8,000 water bottles we distributed by the Bay Area Sikhs Foundation as coordinated with those from the Gurdwara. Powar also stated that, "I would like to thank all of the congregation of the Gurdwara for being a part of it...by far as the minority we were the majority of the

minorities in the parade. I am encouraging all of the diverse cultures in San Jose to join us next year to show unity and celebrate our independence day."

As patriotic songs and banners lined the parade some of the general comments from the Sikhs were stated. "I think it's just nice that everyone is out here and together to celebrate the 4th of July no matter what background they are from," stated one parade participant.

One little girl stated, "I liked walking in the parade and it was fun to wave the American flag." She also expressed as the parade route is long, if people got tired they could always jump into the car to rest along the way. The Bay Area Sikhs walked as one big group with banner and some said that as a whole group, together we were a family representing the fifth largest religion in the world."

Another parade walker stated, "we really liked it. I saw different cultures of people from different countries and everybody was so very friendly. There was a nice patriotic song that played along as we walked the route which said, "I will never forget those who died to give us the right of freedom."

It was stated from those who walked that they really appreciated the positive feedback given from the crowd. One Sikh member stated that it touched his heart when one parade onlooker said to him, "we're glad you're here."

Another member of the Gurdwara said, "for us to show all our identity, who we are, was important, for we are the ones who wish to help the community in any situation... this is something from our religion."

Great panorama view and ice cream served up at Gurdwara

Later that day up on the hill, the Gurdwara with nice fountain and architecture welcomed the entire community for ice cream.

Thousands and thousands of residents drove up to fill the 500 space parking and leisurely partake in all the ice cream they could eat by the fountain. This all came about with great planning.

"First of all, last year we built a team for that was the first year we had this event," stated Manraj Singh Natt volunteer at the Gurdwara. "I am the product leader and I worked with ten ladies and gentlemen to do 1-90 tasks to do the parade and the ice cream social on this 4th of July. We all started meeting in April one time a week to plan. The team was wonderful and all the members very professional," stated Natt.

"I feel bringing the general community, welcoming them into our house and making them feel





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Times Features



New stateof-the-art self-storage facility open

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer new state-of-the-art selfstorage facility, Little Orchard Self Storage opened this week 1833 Little Orchard Street in San Jose.

The new 200,000 square foot facility utilizes an advanced high tech security system utilizing a high definition closed circuit system monitoring 24 hours per day. The facility is 200,000 square feet with 100,000 square feet devoted to storage.

There are 913 individually



Little Orchard self-storage facility is now open. Pictured (I to r) are: Melissa Volau (Little Orchard GM for Little Orchard), Chuck Toeniskoetter (Toeniskoetter, Development, Inc. - Chairman), Mark Phillips (GM for Cochrane Road), and Todd Trekell (Toeniskoetter, Development, Inc. - Development Project Manager).

alarmed storage spaces with more than 20 cameras connected to 24 hour video recording. The facility is well-lit indoors and outdoors and for added safety there's a 13 ft. walled perimeter

with coded entry and exit. There are also wide driveways, short hallways and for added convenience, all storage lockers are on ground level with an on-site See STORAGE, page 17

socialize with the community." Spectacular atmosphere

nice event. It's a beautiful space and the view is awesome. The weather is fantastic and the ice

cream is delicious. We also get to

No, no, no, don't light fireworks down below in the valley. You know it is wrong. However, the reality of the situation is that one can buy fireworks if one drives about 15 miles in either direction of San Jose to Union City or Morgan Hill, thus many do light fireworks in the San Jose valley.

The result of the backyard blasts created a myriad of sparkly explosions seen about every ten acres across the Valley. Some of the explosions of pyrotechnics went very high and there were percussion booms heard about every ten seconds all evening.

clandestine fireworks stopped from time to time as any helicopter flew in a certain direction of plane that might be perceived as monitoring where the fireworks were coming from, what house or what street.

What occurred was as the booms were heard and the bombs bursting in the sky, one was hard pressed not to reflect on what went on during the revolutionary

The chalk pink sky resting above the dark pastel mountains which formed the backdrop behind the valley allowed the fireworks to light up the sky in a thousand different ways. Then as one tilted their head back, the beautiful star lit evening sky revealed the constellations.

Many walking around and standing watching the fireworks in the valley commented that the atmosphere was "awesome." It seemed that in addition to providing a wonderful community get together for thousands of neighbors, it also was a good place for a guy or gal to hold hands, hug and maybe steal a kiss.



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Times News Briefs

Park secrets

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type "San Jose Parks Evergreen Valley." We embark now on our eagle like flight to each park to give you the reader fun and enjoyable insights for possible visits.

An overview of Evergreen Parks

Two parks in one: By driving up Tully Road toward the foothills about a mile up from White road and just past Ruby Road the road turns to the right and the name changes to Murillo. Here we find the big grass area with softball field and a basketball court to the right called Groesbeck Hill Park (26.6 acres). There is a country and farm-like atmosphere and trails that subtly go up the soft sloping Groesbeck Hill. As you stroll you see the wonderful overlook of Silicon Valley.

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Traveling up Aborn Road to the east foothills you'll turn on Mosher road and drive around the big circle. In that circle of 18 palm trees there are well groomed bushes and you will see small neighborhood groups with music and joy practicing ballroom dancing at times, which remind the author of how people live and play in parts of Europe. Just up the way you realize you are just at the base of the Evergreen foothills and the rolling undulating hills remind you of scoops of melted ice cream in a bowl. Located next to one of the premier middle schools in all of California, Chaboya, you will find the expansive Fowler Creek Park (9.5 acres). Fowler Park tennis courts are open to the public, bocchi ball courts, a gazebo that can be rented for parties, BBQ's, two playgrounds, and the Compass. One of the two child playgrounds is traditional and the other is abstract looking. It reminds this writer of the expressionist artist Miro in the way the playground has swirling balancing and climbing challenges for children. Don't forget to walk up the steps to the Compass. As you walk up the simple stairs, you are met with a panoramic view of all of Silicon Valley. Children can figure out by looking at the details in the cement which direction certain landmarks are found in our valley. The inviting embracing atmosphere of the of the shape of the Evergreen Valley landscape lends itself to increased understanding of value and reaffirms it as a desired living place both today and in years and decades to

Thrilling three Children's cement slides
Landscaped like a lagoon between two

schools (Silver Creek High School and Montgomery Elementary School) Brigadoon Park (5.5 acres) is a hidden find. The child's playground is for the little ones which is themed with anchor ships for climbing and behind the hill in the shape of the back of a galleon with two walkways to the right and left. Children just a bit older don't know they get exercise by walking up the hills over and over to ride inside the crafted cement slides that are unlike anything they have seen or experienced. The slides are about four or five times longer than regular and offer a chance for the younger ones to be a bit daring to ride down while building up their strength of independence. Using their ingenuity the children often use cardboard to sit on. By lowering friction, the rider can pick up speed as they smoothly slide down the "gangplank" to arrive back into the toddler playground area where moms and dads are tending to younger children. Since there are three different cement slides on the hill, they trounce back up the hill to check out which one is the most fun, or the scariest to ride. Adjacent are large grass fields, picnic tables and BBQ facilities for public use.

Beginning skateboard area guarded by snakes and dragons

Tucked away in the commerce area of shopping centers and such you will find a beautiful cement snakes and dragon for the tiny tots to crawl on and explore. West Evergreen Park (.5 acres is a small sized park that has five cement tables and lots of sitting areas. For beginning skate boarders there's a professional area with four well designed structures for jumping, ramping, skidding, and each lined with steel. Make sure you bring a helmet and knee pads. This skateboard area looks to be a good place for dads and moms to bring their child over to when they are learning how to skateboard and wishing to push it up a bit to the next level. It is a beginner place and compactly well designed. Before you leave make sure to rub your hand on the beautiful beieweled ceramic tile work on the snakes and don't be afraid to pet the cement dragon too.

Big giant grassy area

Since this park is adjacent to the Quimby Oak Middle School it doubles the spacious feeling of all the school grass area adjacent to the park. Boggini Park (10 acres) provides a quality experience open feeling of the grass turf and to strike up a claim by sitting down anywhere to play, rest and reflect. The park has two children playgrounds a public restroom and a few BBQ pits.

See PARK SECRETS, page 18



Local high school students receive paid internships

Sumukh Setty (center left) a recent graduate from Lynbrook High School and **Sanika Sahasrabudhe** (center right), a senior from Evergreen Valley High School, pose at the Silicon Valley Education Foundation's STEM Leadership Institute's lab through their paid internship with Bank of America's Student Leaders program.



Storage

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general manager to assist and help with any questions or concerns. They are offering competitive rates compared to other facilities.

The new facility utilizes the most up-to-date technology, including ultramodern lighting which contributes to the complex's overall energy efficiency. The facility has polished concrete floors and other finishes, ensuring a positive visual appeal both inside and out. Customers can download an available app on their smart phones to remotely monitor their individual storage space at any time.

The local owners of the new Little Orchard Self Storage have successfully operated Cochrane Road Self Storage in Morgan Hill since 1997. They have invested into the community with contributions and by partnering with several deserving Silicon Valley organizations: Turning Wheels for Kids; The Edward Boss Prado Foundation; Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council; Boy Scouts of America; The Stroke Awareness Foundation; and others.

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Cunningham Flood Detention Facility Certification Project



What:

The proposed Cunningham Flood Detention Facility Certification Project (Project) would construct improvements within Lake Cunningham Park (LCP) to ensure the flood detention capability of LCP, reduce flow hazards to urbanized areas along Lower Silver Creek downstream of LCP, and meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) safety requirements for flood protection levees and floodwalls. The proposed Project would consist of increasing the crest elevation of an existing earthen levee along the banks of Lower Silver Creek, constructing a new concrete floodwall along Lower Silver and Flint Creeks, constructing a new pedestrian pathway, relocating an existing trash compactor and green waste collection area, regrading a 70-foot portion of trails along the Lake Cunningham shoreline, and in-kind replacement of the existing chain-link fencing.

Why:

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, the Santa Clara Valley Water District, as the lead agency for the Project, has prepared a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) to evaluate environmental impacts of the proposed Project. The Draft MND identified potentially significant environmental impacts to biological resources and tribal cultural resources, but those impacts would be reduced to a less than significant level through application of feasible mitigation measures. Impacts were determined to be less than significant after the implementation of mitigation measures proposed for the Project.

Public Review:

The Draft MND will be available for public review from **8 a.m.** to **5 p.m.** weekdays at the Santa Clara Valley Water District Headquarters Building (5700 Almaden Expressway, San Jose, CA 95118) for 30-days starting **July 20, 2017**. A copy of the Draft MND will also be available at the Hillview Branch Library reference desk at 1600 Hopkins Drive in San Jose, CA 95122 and the Evergreen Branch Library reference desk at 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose, CA 95121. The Draft MND can also be accessed online at: http://www.valleywater.org/PublicReviewDocuments.aspx. The public comment period on the Draft MND closes at 5 p.m. on August 21, 2017.

Contact:

Comments on the Draft MND should be submitted via mail or electronically, by 5 p.m. on August 21, 2017, to:

Santa Clara Valley Water District Attention: Tim Tidwell 5750 Almaden Expressway San Jose, CA 95118

For further information please contact **Tim Tidwell** at **(408) 630-3003**, or by email at **ttidwell@valleywater.org**.

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Times Feature

Park secrets

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'Mother Nature' can take

A secret treasure of rest and relaxation Evergreen Park (15 acres) is found behind Evergreen Community Center. While you are there you can pick up a booklet that will allow you to read about the activities offered in the way of classes. A circular cement trail allows you to walk around the park and

leashed dogs are welcome too. The children play on the expansive well maintained grass field and playground and as you walk up a slightly inclined hill where there are BBQ pits and benches to overlook the park. What a great place to relax, cook, celebrate a party and let children play. It seems there is a connection here with the Native Americans who walked before us here near the small stream that flows in the winter months that calls out to us. For ages and ages the trees have given away the secret of the direction the creek, for they line up at attention along its banks as the creek bed moves from high areas to twist and turn lazily in visiting the lower regions. A special tip to all is that on Saturdays there is one of the most popular little kid soccer coaches in all of Evergreen and he teaches "Kids Love Soccer" on the park grass. If ever you have the chance to enroll your son or daughter in that program you will marvel at the ambassador of zeal and kindness named Coach Scott and his wife who help all children in their introduction to the sport of soccer at this park. It is fun just to watch the joy of learning taking place at the Evergreen Park. Seeing such warmth and heartfelt coach-



Trails along Montgomery Hill Park

ing to the youngsters reaffirms this intangible thing referred to as humanity.

Honoring Montgomery

As you exit the park just across the street from McDonalds restaurant you will see the one wing sculpture honoring John Joseph Montgomery, the man who long ago was thinking along the same lines as our Silicon Valley professionals in exploring and inventing things. He made fifty airplane flights in a glider, so why not take time to visit the sculpture and read the hidden sentences which are engraved on the bricks as you walk to this small remembrance of the man who like a bird took flight here in Evergreen.

Who Was First To Fly Like A Bird?

History can be elusive as you visit and walk where glider airplanes flew. Lots of sharing and borrowing of ideas was done during the time of the Wright Brothers, but should they take the bulk of the credit? The art and refinement of flying and getting a contraption called a glider to lift a person in the air took shape here. Located on the foothills on the back side of Evergreen Valley College are nice walking trails and you stand where it all took place.

This is Montgomery Hill Park (8 acres). The rolling hills offer all a nice place to walk, jog and bike. Some people walk, or jog, or bike and some of the hills are steep. It is said that these hills are the place great cross country teams run to compete at high levels. In the spring the flowers are beautiful to see on the hillside. This is the exact spot where John Montgomery's died when his aircraft stalled and plunged to earth October 31, 1911.

Giant rectangle with trails

Perhaps it gets its name from its shape. Silver Creek Linear Park (53.8 acres) runs far and has many trails. As you drive past Silver Creek High School on your left, keep going a half mile and just past Yerba Buena Road. On your left is the park that stretches out to serve the neighborhood where you pull into parking lot along the park. To the left are public tennis courts and in the center is a wellkept basketball court. Around the perimeter are three high quality metal physical fitness stations ready to challenge everyone. On the grass a friendly volleyball game often takes place. There is a large expansive natural habitat on the opposite side of the parking lot running along for acres. Open space here is relaxing.

Very close yet hidden from sight

As one drives south on White Road and crosses over Aborn Road the name of the road changes to San Felipe Road. As you pass the Evergreen College and the San Jose Community Center on your left, just a half mile more and you will go past the Villages. About fifty yards more take a right turn

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Times **Feature**

Julian of Evergreen recognized for business and community contributions

oni Julian of Evergreen Valley was recently awarded Top Women of Influence in Silicon Valley by the Silicon Valley Business Journal for strides in her entrepreneurial career and contributions to helping build a healthier community.

As the founder of Toni's Kitchen, Toni Julian creates healthy, high-protein meals that are sold in specialty food markets and corporate kitchens. Julian is also a health advocate, nutrition coach, author and fitness expert, giving people the tools they need to make lifestyle changes that are sustainable.

This wasn't always her plan; Julian had founded several other firms in the valley, most notable was a marketing communications firm in downtown San Jose.

Earlier in her career, she co-founded Smith-Julian, an advertising agency while attending SJSU. She hired fellow students as interns to the dismay of her campaigns teacher, and to the delight of the San Jose Mercury News, who published a story on her at the age of 21. When her business partner moved on, Julian accepted a position at National Semiconductor in marketing communications, where she spent five years, then was immediately demoted upon returning from maternity leave.

Julian went on to form Four Star Marketing Communications, the first trade show and special event program management firm in Silicon Valley. She offered



Toni Julian of Evergreen Valley (center) was recently awarded Top Women of Influence in Silicon Valley by the Silicon Valley Business Journal.

positions to other women seeking to be justly rewarded for their efforts. Collectively, they managed events for high-profile tech companies like HP, Intel, Adaptec, Incyte Pharmaceuticals and National Semiconductor.

At the age of 48, Julian was diagnosed with high-risk, early stage cervical pre-cancer and at the same time her best friend was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Her

friend Barb survived 17 months. Julian was so devastated she decided to find some good in the tragedy. They had lead parallel lives since they met in the seventh grade.

Toni explains "I owe it to Barb who inspired me to change careers to do what I am doing today; helping people be healthy to avoid disease, to live sustainable, healthy, happy lives."

Toni went on to share her nutrition and

fitness techniques in her book, BITE ME! Change Your Life One Bite at a Time which launched at Barnes & Noble.

For more than 10 years, Julian has been running a unique fitness program in Evergreen where, in addition to her regular membership, she regularly sponsors disadvantaged women who are going through divorce or financially challenging













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Park secrets

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on Larkspur Canyon Drive. The hidden park is on your right and it offers you a panoramic view that overlooks the back side of the Evergreen foothills. Canyon Creek Park (37 acres) has a grass area shaped like a gigantic kidney swimming pool. The park has a child playground and some picnic tables and benches that help one take in the pleasant views. As one looks down from the overlook you see a cement trail that wraps along the hillside and this is part of the expansive park trail area. Something else to explore on another trip, perhaps a bike ride or walk, yet it looks a bit rough in parts of it so perhaps it is mountain bike territory. The light breeze informs us that kite flying is going to be successful here in this hide-away park. Neighbors make a morning pilgrimage here to talk and exercise while taking in the view of nature. You can too!

Lake Cunningham Park

Cunningham Park is within the Evergreen boundary on the White Rd. side (200 acres of open space, 50 acre lake and leisure activities for everyone) This park offers something for everyone, including, jogging, walking, bicycling, bird watching, volleyball, horseshoes, playground, and more. Note: Currently no swimming or fishing is allowed in the park due to algae bloom.

There are three big venues in the Cunningham Park to choose from in addi-



A relaxing patio at Silver Creek Linear Park.

tion to just walking and relaxing along the lake. They are, Raging Waters water park, skate park, and the new bike park.

Raging Waters: From their website it is stated, "You'll enjoy the awesome attractions ranging from a massive wave pool to water slides and a relaxing lazy river. For those who enjoy a little more adventure, there are tube slides like the Great White Shark and Dragon's Den, and body slides like Bombs Away, where you plummet over 200 feet through a looping flume. There are even special kid-friendly rides for the little ones. So grab your bathing suit and the sun screen -- this summer's going to be a wet

Skate Park: Lake Cunningham Regional Skate Park is the largest skate park in California, at 68,000 square feet. The skate park featuring the "world's largest" cradle, tallest vertical wall, and largest full pipe, LCRSP offers a wide variety of terrain for all skill levels to learn and enjoy. The Skate Park has live Friday concerts that are free all summer (free for spectators). Their website states: "Spend your Friday nights riding at California's Largest Skate Park to the sounds of a LIVE band! Every Friday night this summer you can enjoy live music at a unique new venue. From 6:00-8:00 p.m. every Friday night come hear a different rock-skapunk-soul band while you ride!

Bike Park: "Pick the 1.5, 3 or 5 foot drop off and take the plunge"

The Bike Park features diverse riding ramps fabricated by industry leader, Progressive Bike Ramps. The riders are moving up and over ramps and it is a fun challenge for them. There is a dual slalom track where bikers can race side by side. There is a beginner pump track for children as young as a year and a half where they can move around an oval track and up and over berms and also an advanced jump track. There is a dirt jump zone with table tops. Also in the park you will find the slopestyle zone where advanced bike riders can catch air and do tricks. The skill trail encircles the bike park and has obstacles The website says that when a rider tries the drop zone they test their guts and drop zone abilities, "pick the 1.5, 3 or 5 foot drop off and take the plunge." This is a good park for it gets the kids away from electronics and gives them a good workout while honing their physical skills and capabilities not to mention building old fashioned camaraderie with fellow bikers.

Editor's Note: Saturday, October 7 there will be an annual Day in the Park event at Cunningham Park. This event is sponsored by Councilwoman Silvia Arenas of District 8. The event brings together the entire community on the large grass field next to the lake. There are booths that educate and inform for all services in the City and County including arts and community organizations. The San Jose Fire Department donates their time to put on a delicious BBQ. There will be performance stages with music and dancing. Look for more information on this event in the Evergreen Times in the August issue.

The big three parks nearby

Though not in our Evergreen Valley, you can drive a short distance to visit three special large parks that we couldn't leave out.

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Alum Rock Park

A plaque at the ranger station of Alum Rock Park (720 acres) says,"...We find the Gods of Rest and Peace dwell inside this matchless canyon..." Only a few miles away from our Evergreen community this natural canyon offers something intangibly special for some believe it gives the visitor the medicinal gift of tranquility.

Joseph D. Grant County Park

Up and over our Evergreen foothills there is an expansive 9,000+ acre Joseph D. Grant County Park with over 40 miles of trail for mountain bikers horseback riding and walking. Forty reserve able campground sites, big lake fishing and boating and more. To get there it is suggested one drive up Alum Rock Road and take a right eight miles on Mt. Hamilton Road. Another way, but with very curvy road turns is to go up and over the hills by taking Quimby Road, however the road is winding and large vehicles are suggested to take Alum Rock Road. This county park is worth mentioning because it is close to Evergreen but many natives do not know it is just over our foothills. In a way it belongs to us because it is so close. What a nice surprise for a visit to a park you may never have known was there. It's open year round with dedicated rangers and interpretative staff.

The parks are yours and the memories await you and are always there for your family and you to keep. The natural settings have been kissed and gently traveled upon by the respected Native American Tribes who sustained their lives and their children by living in harmony gathering the bounties of nature continues to bestow itself to all today.

As we power off our cell phone and grab and create our temporary hiking stick, we recharge and get an assist from the natural world which gently reminds us that nature is vital in helping us live our personal healthy lives. By visiting our parks with young ones and the elderly helps pass the torch forward showing reverence, value and respect for all living things. Visiting our parks rests us and nudges us ever so kindly to remember how our ancestors throughout the world lived and worked with nature.

Dictionary.com defines Mother Nature as, "a personification of the forces of nature as a controlling and regulating maternal being, sometimes creative and caring."

It will be fun for all to find new treasures of memories and laughter from the beauty of our parks by loading up the car with our family and friends and visiting places where "the Gods of Rest and Peace" dwell forever.



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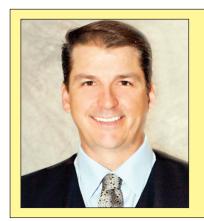
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District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bimonthly 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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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 atten-

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.meet-

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Evergreen School District Board of

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.

Everareen 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

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Further information Susie Henderson @408/532-6602

susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net

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

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 friendsofevergreenlibrary. 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)

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

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

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San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

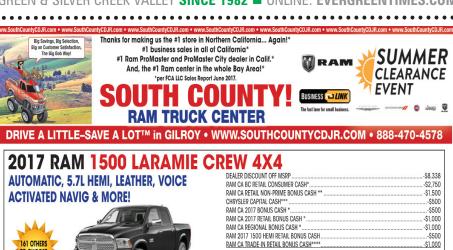
The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting schedule will be posted in August.

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

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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