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Crowds came to last year's Day in the Park to enjoy the entertainment, food and time with friends and neighbors. Meanwhile, the prettiest pumpkin in the patch picked a perfect specimen for Halloween.

Fall Family Festival Fun! Day in the Park to be held on Saturday, Oct. 7 at Lake Cunningham Park

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

The fun begins on Saturday, October 7 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Lake Cunningham Park when Councilmember Sylvia Arenas presents the 2017 Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park.

Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park has become a signature City Council District 8 event, bringing the community together to celebrate our rich and diverse heritage through cultural entertainment, interactive children's activities, and a free BBQ. The temperature is expected

to be in the mid 70's for this year's event.

The free event, including parking, highlights an informational resource fair where the community can gain beneficial services and learn about valuable opportunities offered by local non-profit, government, and community-based organizations. There will be many activities, including obstacle courses, a rock-climbing wall, a zip-line, a photo booth, food trucks, and free pumpkins. Performers will entertain all ages and bring joy with dance, song and insights.

"It's an honor to invite you to District 8's Annual Fall

Family Festival - Day in the Park. I am proud to be continuing this San Jose tradition with support from Lake Cunningham Park, other city departments, local organizations and businesses, and community volunteers," said Arenas. "This year, our theme is Family and Culture and I hope to see everyone there."

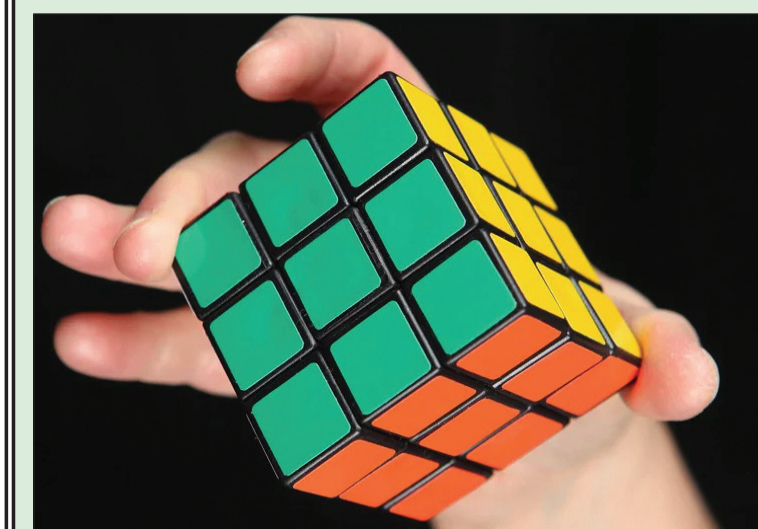
There are numerous entrances throughout the park, so the walk to the activities is close by. A tremendous amount of planning has taken place by Councilwoman Arenas and her staff to carefully put it all in place and to

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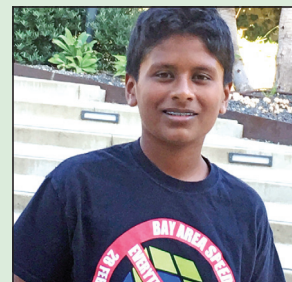
43 QUINTILLION COMBINATIONS Mitty High School student solves Rubik's Cube in under 10 seconds

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

It all started when Siddharth Manchkant of Evergreen Valley was given a Rubik's cube from his mom as a gift three years ago.

Manchkanti, 14, now a freshman at Archbishop Mitty High School, was intrigued by the cube and decided to start learning how to master it. To do

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Siddharth Manchkant

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Rotary Club is integral part of Evergreen's community fabric

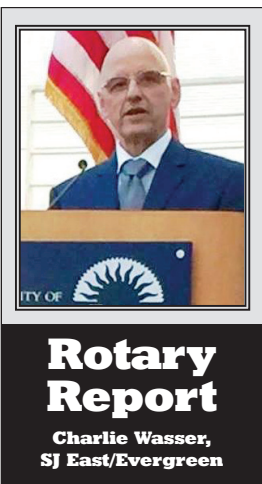
By **Charlie Wasser***Special to the Times*

This last weekend showed me that the Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen is becoming established as an integral part of the East Side of San Jose and Evergreen communities.

I attended the Mexican flag raising at the San Jose City Hall. I had received an invitation to attend from Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco. She is also the Council Member for District 5 made up of a large portion of the East Side.

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen assisted at the Viva Calle SJ. That of course was the closure of 7.3 miles in San Jose. This allowed for a very long pedestrian and bicycle mall. Some of the San Jose East/Evergreen Rotarians were involved with traffic flow of the bicycles. One was involved with assisting the Pokemon activities related to Viva Calle SJ.

We all had our yellow club shirts on



and were easily spotted. Several people came up to me knowing who I was. Passed the ego part of being known, they knew I was involved with San Jose East/Evergreen Rotary and wanted to discuss the club. Some will come to club meetings to check out the Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen. I am setting up meetings with a couple of people I met to chat about our club's activities.

Our robotics competition idea being developed for use at high schools in the East Side Union High School District, is underway. Want to get involved in a state of the art techie project that will assist underserved young people? Stop by.

Bottom line, come visit us on Thursdays at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose. We start to gather at noon. The meetings start at 12:15. At 1:00 p.m. our program speaker begins and ends by 1:30 p.m. There is a \$20 cost for lunch. If you do not want lunch, there is still a charge of \$10.

Local businesses contribute funds for Breast Cancer Awareness month

By **William Bellou***Publisher*

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month.

Several San Jose residents are each raising a minimum of \$2,300.00 and a team goal of 10K for the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, frequently referred to as the 3-Day.

The 3-Day is a 60-mile walk to raise funds for Susan G. Komen for the Cure and promote awareness to fight breast cancer. Individual participants must raise at least \$2,300 to walk 60 miles (96 km) over a three-day weekend.

Almaden area businesses are also becoming involved in donating for the 3-Day, including Almaden Country Club with the proprietary sponsor of Garrett Rajkovich, Ana's Bakery, La Playita restaurant, Charlie's Cheesecake Poppers, Bloomster's, Legends Pizza, Olive Garden, Trader Joe's, World of Sports Memorabilia, Hayes Mansion, The Creek Eatery of Silver Creek, San Francisco artist Marina Goldberg, Permanent Make Up artist Marina Dumov, Hotel Valencia and the San Jose Sharks.

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Gifts for Teens volunteers pictured are: top row (l to r) Lea Kammerer, Jan Giroux, Kathy Bechly. Bottom row: Gary King, Jeanne Carbone, Bob Benoit, Elaine Benoit, Kathy Heihn and Bob Heihn.

Gifts for Teens celebrates 20 years of 'Community Giving to Needy Teens'

By William Bellou
Publisher

Gifts for Teens is celebrating its 20th anniversary of helping poor teenagers in San Jose.

Each December, the organization distributes holiday gift duffel bags to local low-income and homeless teens. Warm clothes, a stylish hoodie, fun cosmetics, games and more are in the wildly popular bags.

Gifts for Teens needs community help

Volunteering time to fill bags or mailing a cash donation is the way to show these teens positive attention and a merrier Christmas. For more information, contact Elaine Benoit-elaine@gifts4teens.org. To volunteer to fill gift bags, (sign up starts in October) contact kathy@gifts4teens.org for individuals and cheryl@gifts4teens.org for groups.

To party for a good cause, tickets are still available for the Silicon Valley Broomstick Ball October 14, 2017 from 7pm until midnight. Almaden Valley based, Silicon Valley Cares, is sponsoring Gifts for Teens with a grant from the Ball proceeds. Gifts for Teens is honored to be one of the beneficiaries. For more information, go to siliconvalleycares.org.

org and click on the Broomstick Ball.

About Gifts for Teens

Gifts for Teens, a non-profit affiliated with the American Association of University Women (AAUW)- San Jose, has been giving back to the community since 1997. This AAUW community action project has grown from the initial 21 baskets of cosmetics for girls to 1,300 duffel bags and totes filled with useful and fun teen items for homeless and needy teens of both sexes. These gift bags are prepared and filled by Gifts for Teens volunteers in December and distributed to five partner agencies: Sacred Heart Community Service, Bill Wilson Center, HomeFirst, Unity Care Group and Advent Group.

More than 600 Silicon Valley residents, corporate sponsors, local schools and community organizations volunteer their time and donate cash/gift items each year which allow the program to continue. Popular gift bags are incentives for needy teens to attend holiday events and visit the five agencies where they can access counseling, housing, job training, complete educational goals and receive health care.

OP ED

Homeless youth seek opportunity

It's no secret that the number of homeless transition-age youth in San Jose has skyrocketed over the past year.

There are several reasons for this specific age range becoming homeless: parents suffering from early onsets of dementia to those who refuse to accept their child's sexual orientation, just to name a couple.

When I visited the Bill Wilson Center in downtown San Jose, I learned that the nonprofit organization implemented a Youth Advisory Council (YAC), whose purpose is to analyze current policies and enhance their services. YAC members, who are currently homeless youth, voluntarily attend meetings to tackle problems such as stolen belongings. They suggest and implement viable solutions that solve these issues, bettering the overall experience for all who take advantage of the Bill Wilson Center's resources.

Two 19-year-old members of the YAC shared with me their testimonies on how they became homeless. Both experienced difficulties throughout their childhoods, from adoption at birth to strained relationships with family members to no schooling after the age of 10. Yet, these two teenagers are planning prosperous futures for themselves, seeking jobs and permanent living spaces. The first is attending community college classes and would like to contact distant relatives in the future. The second cares greatly about his friendships and currently works temporary jobs.

One important commonality among these homeless youth is that they understand the value of pursuing a college degree. Whether it be dreaming of a career as a software engineer or a life as a passionate, free-lance artist, they use their unique talents for the greater good.

As many hardworking teens seek resources to become self-sustainable, the community of San Jose can alleviate the process in many ways. We can provide support for affordable housing and donate to homeless services, which will help create an overall better future for the youth of our community.

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Times Feature

Cube

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this he memorized patterns and learned how to change the patterns back to their original form. After a couple weeks, he got his solving time to just two minutes. He now averages around 12 seconds with his personal best of 6.63 seconds. His best times to solve the Rubik's Cube in a competition, is just under 10 seconds.

Manchkanti has attended 18 competitions in places such as Stanford, U.C. Berkeley and the U.S. Nationals in Portland, Oregon. He solved a 2X2 cube at a competition in 1.71 seconds which ranks him 28th in California.

He is also ranked 100th in California for the 3X3 event. In addition, he solved the Skewb in 2.79 seconds, ranking him top 10 in California, and 50th in the United States. According to Wikipedia; "The Skewb is a combination puzzle and a mechanical puzzle in the style of Rubik's Cube. It was invented by Tony Durham and marketed by Uwe Mëffert. Although it is cubical in shape, it differs from Rubik's construction in that its axes of rotation pass through the corners of the cube rather than the centers of the faces. There are four such axes, one for each space diagonal of the cube."

Hexahedron history

In the 1970's a young professor, Erno Rubik, of architecture in Budapest (Hungary) created an object that was not supposed to be possible. It was a solid cube which twisted and turned and did

not break or fall apart. With colorful stickers on its sides, the Cube got scrambled and the first "Rubik's Cube" was born.

According to the Rubik's website, "Erno has always thought of the Cube primarily as an object of art, a mobile sculpture symbolizing stark contrasts of the human condition: bewildering problems and triumphant intelligence; simplicity and complexity; stability and dynamism; order and chaos."

Secret revealed

As he detailed what goes through his mind when holding and twisting the cube to solve it in record time to lay the challenge to rest, Manchkanti stated, "Contrary to popular belief, the Rubik's Cube is solved using memorization and algorithms, but has nothing to do with mathematics. It's not much about thinking; it's more about memorization and understanding which algorithms to use."

Nothing to do with math

Most people give up or keep working on the challenge over a period of days, weeks or months but not Manchkanti. He quickly sees a particular situation on the cube and rotates the columns up, down and sideways to unlock the unique sequence because he knows a way (algorithm solu-



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tion) to move the colors up, down and around, to gain one complete color of red, white, green, orange, blue and yellow on each of the six sides.

Manchkanti stated: "It's not a math algorithm. When it comes to a Rubik's Cube, algorithms are just sequences of moves used to rotate certain pieces on the cube.

When you start learning, the memorization is very hectic and is tedious but after you keep practicing, it only gets easier. There is no set number of algorithms in existence because new ones can be created at any time. However, I memorized about 250 all across puzzles."

Focus, determination

"Going to competitions makes me very determined because I am able to beat my new records as well as meet new people," said Manchkanti. "It's definitely unique, and it is a great skill. Solving the cube is not difficult as long as you are focused and determined at what you are doing," said Manchkanti.

Taking it to the next level

If you have an old Rubik's cube around the house and you are bothered by not being able to solve it, the internet has actual sites called "Rubik's Solver" sites where one can unlock the solution with computer help. You can order various puzzles online, such as the 4x4, 5x5, 6x6, and even up to the 22x22.

Editor's Note: Siddharth is taking multiple honors classes at Mitty High School this year and is a member of the Robotics team and the Boy Scouts. His family, friends and the community will be rooting for him at his next competition!

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Two fires in one morning

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

As children wended their way to school in the Yerba Buena neighborhood of Evergreen on the morning of September 26, two fires raged not far apart polluting the sky and smarting the eyes of the children.

Smoke could be seen on both sides of the Yerba Buena Villas Homes and could also be viewed from Laurelwood Elementary School. Much speculation spread around as to where and what was burning. One resident, a doctor, commented on how that these children had been subjected to quite a bit of smoke in the last few weeks.

One fire was a repeat of one that happened only a few weeks ago on Thompson Creek. It is supposed that someone shoved a lot of shavings from an empty lot on San Felipe and left them to combust into both fires on Thompson Creek. Firemen

extinguished the blaze there in a hurry as they were needed at a worse blaze off Neiman Blvd. What is bad about the Thompson Creek blaze is that children from the neighborhood sometimes wander down by the Creek to play where homeless citizens have been known to camp for long periods. Thick brush down there is easily set afire and could endanger the neighborhood homes.

The other, more dangerous fire, was at the corner of Kinaga Kids Zone and Chisin Street. When firemen arrived the flames were beginning to shoot out of the top of the multi-million dollar two-story home. It is assumed that this was a kitchen fire, although at the time, now one knew for sure. One fireman, J. Molloy, stated, "When we (fire department) arrived the fire had already spread to the attic, and from all indications, this could be a total loss of the structure!"

As flames shot up, one police officer estimated that the flames were as high as fifty feet. With flames this high it is no wonder a home can be consumed in just a short time. So far, there are no indications of foul play.

State officials have warned that with the hot weather and low humidity, fires can be ignited with the slightest provocation. As Smokey the Bear tells us, "Only you can prevent fires!"



Times Feature

TENNIS HISTORY LESSON

Remember those wood tennis racquets?

By Ken DeHart

Special to the Times

Most everyone has on old tennis racket in the attic or garage from grandma or a family member.

Tennis was originally thought to have been brought to America from England by Mary Otterbridge and Major Wingfield in 1874.

Wood: The original racquets were made of wood and had no grips on them like you see in today's game. The wooden handle was often grooved to provide some pathway for perspiration to flow from the hand and provide a little abrasiveness to hold the handle firmly. Because wooden frames could warp, there was a press that helped keep the wooden frames from that experience.

Strings: Inside the wooden frame were the strings. These were often from the intestines of cows as the game progressed and mistakenly called "cat gut"

Clothing: Typical long white pants and long sleeve shirts for the males were used and full flowing skirts for the ladies (hats for both were optional).

Surface: Tennis was played on grass courts and the original nets looked more like loosely hung badminton or volleyball nets - even an hour glass shaped court was used in the early years.

Courts: There were not fences or windscreens. The ball would not roll that far in the grass of the court to need to stop the ball.

Game Scoring: Following the idea of each point earning 15 the scoring looked like a clock. First point was 15, second one 30 third one 45 (somewhere along the line the 45 became 40) and if you won all four points and were ahead by two, you won the game.

If you were ahead by only one the next point would win the point. If the score became 40-all it became deuce and you had to win two consecutive points to win the game. The scoring has stayed pretty consistent throughout history.

Set Scoring: If you won six games and your opponent had four or less games you won the set. If the score became six all, you played until one of you was ahead by two games. (In today's game they often play a first to seven points tie breaker at six all and a first to 10 points tie breaker instead of a third set).

Match Scoring: The first to win two out of three sets won the

match. As tennis progressed there were major tournaments that required winning best three out of five sets to in the match like they play today in Wimbledon, US Open, French Open, Australian Open and Davis Cup.

Gradually the game evolved to the courts we know and some moved inside as well to specially built courts. Why, because the wealthy kings and such did not want to be seen by the commoners playing a game. The ball was actually played off a roof and there was a gallery where spectators could watch. The game actually resembled squash.

Gradually the ball, net, court and equipment began to evolve until it resembles the tennis game we know today.

There were improvements on the wood racquets, better wood selection, better production to improve the life of the wood rac-



Ken DeHart

quet and the introduction of synthetic strings that lasted longer and were less expensive. The use of overlays which provided more stiffness to the wood frames and leather grips were added to the handles to improve the control of the racquet and sweat from the player.

The next evolution of the equipment became metal frames in the 1970's. The most recognizable was probably the famous Wilson T2000 played with by the likes of Jimmy Connors.

Eventually the oversized racquets brought on by Howard Head and the famous Prince Classic kind of revolutionized the game for club players. Bigger racquet and a variety of strings equaled more balls in play which brought about more fun for club players.

Today's modern game has evolved with high tech racquets, special shoes and strings that accentuate incredible spin and training of the players. Most players have personal trainers, nutritionists, physios (physiotherapy) and more. Check out the Tennis Channel to see how the game is played today!

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As scorching temperatures fade and pest season passes, pet owners may breathe a sigh of relief. Although the seasonal risks of summer are gone, your four-legged friend may need some special attention this autumn, as well.

Cold-weather pests. Though the dangers associated with ticks, mosquitos and other creepy, crawly critters lessen as the temperatures drop, those same colder days bring other creatures scurrying inside and that can present a whole new set of problems. Rats and mice tend to migrate indoors in search of warmth and the poisons used to eliminate them can be highly toxic to pets. Be sure pesticides are used in areas inaccessible to

your animals.

Stay alert. Ticks may be less prevalent in the fall, but that doesn't mean they're gone completely – especially if hospitable environments remain. Keep yard and garden debris to a minimum and continue administering repellents for any pets that spend time outdoors.

On the move. Seasonal changes mean wildlife is on the move, making changes to settle into winter. Snakes are often more mobile during autumn months and inexperienced pets may risk bites if they tangle with intruders.

Shiny, new things. Kids aren't the only ones attracted to a collection of new school supplies.

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Family asks for help in locating missing 82 year-old Julia Madden



Julia Madden

The San Jose Police Department is asking for the public's assistance locating a missing person at risk. 82 year old Julia Madden was last seen by family on Wednesday August 13, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

The family is very concerned for her safety due to the fact that she suffers from dementia and other health conditions requiring medical attention.

Julia is 5 feet 5 inches and 120 pounds. She has blue eyes and gray hair. Julia was last seen at

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If located, please contact San Jose Police Department's Missing Person Unit at 408-277-4786 or 408-277-8990.

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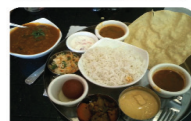
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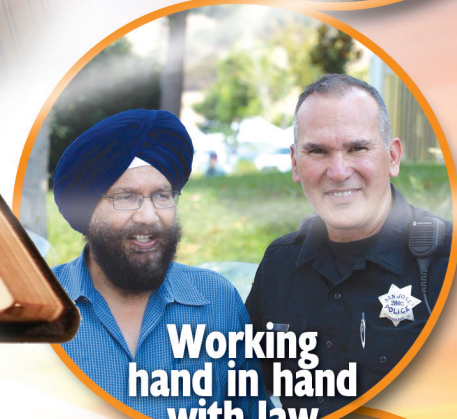
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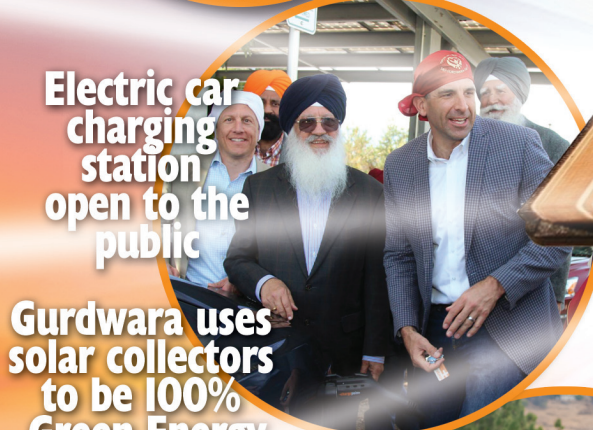
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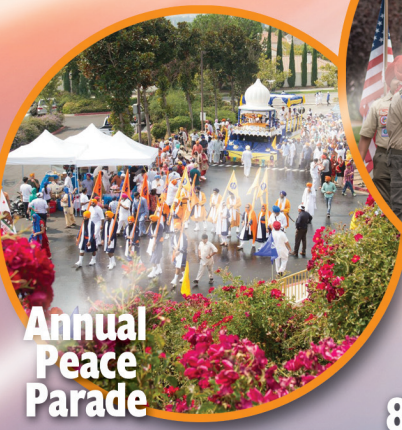
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Times Feature



Chris Farmer (right) and Candace Marbury, winners of the city of San Jose's Unleash Your Geek tech challenge, demonstrate Graffiti Removal by Automatic Drone (GRAD) at the 3rd Annual Civic & Gov Tech Showcase.

DRONE TO CLEAN GRAFFITI

'Unleash Your Geek' contest winner announced

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo has announced the winner in the 'Unleash Your Geek' contest.

Christopher Farmer and Candace Marbury of GRAD are the first winners of the "Unleash Your Geek" contest – a competition launched last year that challenged Bay Area students, innovators, and organizations.

The two students developed a device that could make removing graffiti on highways quicker and cheaper than the current \$60,000/clean-up cost. The winning team modified a drone to create a device that sprays paint to clean graffiti from hard-to-reach places such as highway overpasses.

"This contest proves that we have the most innovative community on the planet," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "Chris and Candace rose to the top from a field of 140 submissions because their idea was focused, clearly addressed the problem, proved that their technology works, and built a vision for an industry-deployable product."

Chris and Candace are downtown San Jose residents who have an interest in design and innovation. Chris Farmer has a degree in Business Management and over 6 years of professional experience in global sourcing. Candace Marbury has a degree in Mechanical Engineering and over 9 years of professional experience in hardware design. Together, they combined their talents into design and consultancy ventures over the past 3 years. Because of his experience through the Unleash Your Geek competition, Chris has taken it a step further and become an FAA certified UAV pilot.

Mayor Liccardo launched the

"Unleash Your Geek" initiative in May 2016 on the belief that by harnessing the intellectual power of the community, City Hall could create innovative ways to deliver better service to its residents.

"With the Unleash Your Geek competition, the City of San Jose has found a way to create private businesses," said Chris Farmer, co-founder of GRAD, the winning team, "As entrepreneurs, half the battle is finding someone who will use your idea. The City of San Jose has stepped up and said we will be the testing ground if you can bring the right idea. This has empowered us to launch our own company, innovate a stagnant industry, and improve the community we live in."

While the team's first prototype has successfully demonstrated proof-of-concept, the team is already iterating on a second version that will allow paint to be sprayed with greater force and accuracy.

"The Unleash Your Geek Challenge is a shining example of how technology and the spirit of Silicon Valley can be leveraged to build a tool that creates real public benefit," said Bijan Sartipi, Caltrans District Director. "This new tool could potentially increase the safety of motorists and Caltrans workers by decreasing the presence of Caltrans workers in traffic to remove graffiti on the state highway system. We look forward to working with the winner to help build on their technology to work towards a model that could potentially be deployed across the state."

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make the day one of the best and most joyous events possible for you and your family. Arenas and her staff are earnest about hearing ideas and or concerns from the public for she lives in the Evergreen Community and reaches out to work with citizens on all issues.

Bringing the community together

The Fall Family Festival was founded to bring Evergreen Valley and surrounding neighborhoods together. It's a community team spirit day and a testament to our citizens and city leadership for it represents how we work together to make Evergreen the best it can be.

Firefighters and hamburgers go together well

It is so nice to know that the Firefighters Local 230 will once again be barbequing hamburgers over the coals and serving up conversation too. This is a time when a citizen can thank them for their great efforts in keeping our community safe.

Children marvel at the fun zones

Oh my goodness, a pumpkin patch, Shetland pony rides, a zipline, inflatable slide, nerf style dodgeball games, Sumo suit wrestling, inflatable haunted house and more will be there for you and your family to experience on the 50 football field size grassy area of Lake Cunningham park. There is something so wonderful about seeing a child ride a horse for the first time in their lives. This will bring a grin to grandma and grandpa. Have your camera ready!

Educational booths create understanding

Children marvel at the fun zones at Day in the Park. Last year, some kids had a wild time climbing the rock tower, which is pictured at right.

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The tented booths are where you can interact with people and pick up brochures. These encounters stimulate the mind and help in understanding a wide variety of interesting and useful topics in the Evergreen Valley. Crime Prevention Unit, Anti-Graffiti and Litter Program, Public Health Department, SIREN, First Five, Downtown College Prep, San Jose Behavior Child Development, Evergreen Teachers Association, MACLA, Lion Dancing Club, Asian Art Foundation, SJ Earthquakes Community Team are just a few of the many organizations that will be participating at this year's event.

Editor's Note: Volunteers are always welcome and one can phone the office of Councilwoman Arenas (408) 535-4908 or email: distict8@sanjoseca.gov or fax (408) 292-6469. You can also access the latest updates at: facebook.com/councilwoman-sylviaarenas



PARTICIPANTS TO RECEIVE MEDAL

Inaugural SJVRC 10k/5k Charity Race slated at Almaden Lake Oct. 1

By William Bellou
Publisher

The San Jose Vietnamese Running Club SJVRC is hosting its inaugural OneMile4OneChild 10k/ 5k Charity Race on Oct-ober 1 at Almaden Lake Park.

The Almaden community is invited to participate in the charity running event which is geared for the whole family. It's the first of its kind running event in Northern California for the Vietnamese Community, but is open to everyone to join in the fun.

Awards will be presented to the top three 10K and 5K male, female and youth runners. All participants receive a timing bib, tech T-shirt and finisher's medal designed by the local artists.

The race welcomes casual beginning runners to active elite runners with different fitness levels and running backgrounds and purposes. SJVRC primary goals are to encourage and foster physical health; expanding community support and networking; and most importantly raising funds to support orphanages through the "OneMile4OneChild" Charity Fund.

Runners will start from scenic Lake Almaden and traverse along scenic Los Alamitos Creek, turn around and finish at the Arroyo picnic area at the lake to enjoy



wonderful postrace treats and live music hosted by the famous Warren Baker of "The Game Day" featuring singer Ngan Hanh.

SJVRC was founded by Luong Le in June 2016 with just four members. Today, there are more than 400 members. "I

founded the running as a great way for everyone to have fun and to achieve healthy results and also contribute to charity," said Le.

All proceeds go to OneChild4OneMile charity fund, 501(c)(3). The SJVRC, a non-profit organization established in

September 2016 and consists of compassionate volunteers to raise funds for the unprivileged children throughout Vietnam and promote running within the Vietnamese community.

Due to the safety of all runners, no dogs and strollers are allowed.

Mt. Umunhum now fully open to the public

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

With a ceremonial flourish and a giant pair of scissors, an official ribbon cutting ceremony on Sunday, September 17, 2017, kicked off the long-awaited opening of Mount Umunhum's peak to the public.

The newly constructed Mt. Umunhum Trail connects miles of hiking, biking and equestrian trails to the summit (visitors can also hike this 3.7-mile trail from the Bald Mtn. parking area). Mt. Umunhum offers nature lovers winding trails through rolling hills dotted with wildflowers, pine forest and shrubby chaparral. With its rich cultural history, ranging from a sacred site of indigenous peoples to a Cold War-era radar station, Mt. Umunhum is known as a mountain made of stories. At an elevation of 3,486 feet, the mountaintop affords 360-degree views of the Santa Clara Valley, Santa Cruz Mountains, Monterey Bay and the Pacific Ocean.

"Today we are celebrating the completion of an incredible journey: getting the summit of Mt. Umunhum cleaned up, restored and open for everyone to enjoy," says Larry Hassett, Director of Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District. Hassett appreciates the vision and support that led to this event, includ-

ing the passing of Measure AA, a \$12-per-parcel tax to fund Bay Area habitat restoration. "Voters made it clear that opening this mountaintop was a high priority," he says, "and we're trying to deliver on that."

Hassett especially credits Midpen's General Manager Steve Abbors for making access to the summit possible. "If it was not for Steve's passion, tenacity, wisdom and leadership," he says, "this mountain would still be behind locked gates with no legal public access. This project really began in 2008...when he went to Washington, D.C. and worked with the U.S. Air Force and our congressional representatives to get \$3.2 million from the federal government. That money allowed us to clean up the contaminants and remove the old Air Force buildings, about 80 of them, the rest of the site's restoration and public access and improvements."

Opportunity is transferred to reality

"Every now and then, a really special opportunity appears," says Abbors, "and sometimes, when the tumblers of the universe align perfectly, that opportunity can be transformed into reality. The decision by the board to purchase a surplus Air Force station, the willingness of Congress to fund the cleanup, the generosity of the public and our partners to fund the



Former Congressman **Mike Honda** and **Kitty Monahan** both worked to save the radar tower.

restoration and capital improvements, all of these things had to happen for us to enjoy this day." He also acknowledged his staff for everything from acquiring the land to opening the gates to the public. "It's truly been a team effort," he said. "Without the dedicated and inspired staff of Midpen, who clearly understood the unique once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to both heal the mountain and prepare it for gentle enjoyment by a patient public, we

wouldn't be here today."

Mt. Umunhum, the resting place of the humming bird, has watched the world change around it. "The arc of history goes back 10 to 15 thousand years," says Abbors. "It spans hundreds of generations of indigenous peoples living with the land and paying homage to its highest peaks to be close to their creator. It's seen the appearance of missions in the valley below and the efforts of European settlers to eke out a living growing stone fruits on the slope of the mountain. In the late 1950s, the mountaintop was leveled and terraced to become a bustling Air Force station for 220 service personnel and their families, scanning the western horizon for Russian bombers carrying nuclear weapons that fortunately never came." Lieutenant Colonel Charles Skinner (USAF, Ret) presided over its closing 37 years ago when new satellite technology rendered the long-distance radar of Almaden Air Force Station obsolete.

Although Midpen was working towards opening the summit to the public for years, they weren't interested in keeping the radar tower. In September, 2012, Umunhum Conservancy formed to do just that. Director Basim Jaber created a video depicting the Air Force station in action, as well as the families who lived on top of



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the mountain, and shared it with the community. President Sam Drake manned festival booths and drummed up community support to save the tower. They raised funds and grew membership in the Conservancy and convinced Midpen not to destroy the tower.

"We shouldn't be burying or demolishing our history," says Councilmember Johnny Khamis. "I want this monument to stay for generations to come."

Radar tower important

"I'm glad the radar tower is still on the summit and I was a part of saving it," says Jaber. "It's historical to this area and contributed to the welfare of this valley. It's our landmark." However, he cautions that even though the tower still stands, it is not preserved. "We want to make sure the preservation happens," he says. "The views on top of Mt. Umunhum are to die for, but everyone also wants to see the radar tower up close."

Drake says that their next step is to ensure that Midpen hires engineers to assess the condition of the tower and that repairs are done to a proper standard in a timely manner. "The radar tower is spared for now, but not yet preserved," says Drake. "We're not done."

World class destination

Through a representative of his office, Assemblymember Mark Stone expressed his excitement to realize this day as he had co-authored legislation to clean up Mt. Umunhum for public use. "Mt. Umunhum is a special piece of land that supports over 63 species and 324 native and animal species," says Stone. "It has been transformed into a world-class nature destination and is also a significant historical reminder. Mt. Umunhum's historic radar tower represents Silicon Valley's contribution to the protection of Americans during the Cold War. It is one of few remaining physical reminders of how the defense industry put Silicon Valley on its path to worldwide technological leadership. The radar tower should be restored and preserved so Californians can learn about our proud local history."

Former Congressman Mike Honda also worked to acquire the \$3.2 million needed to clean up the military site. He remembers as a kid looking up the mountain and seeing the rectangular square on the hill and wondering what it was. "It's fitting as we look forward, we look back at our original brothers and sisters who were here and understand we are a part of nature," says Honda. "We have to take care of this earth that's been given to us. Keep on working for the future."

A representative of Senator Jim Beall's office presented a State



VIPs turned out to cut the ribbon and officially open the summit of Mt. Umunhum. Above right: Rising 84.5 feet tall, Almaden Airforce Station's radar tower atop Mt. Umunhum was the foundation for one of the largest rotating military radars ever built.



Senate Resolution to the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District for their hard work and vision to open space, including Mt. Umunhum. He also thanked them on his behalf for helping to pass the park bond, Senate Bill 492, which allows Midpen to acquire about 6,500 acres of land—the upper Guadalupe, Los Gatos Creek and Saratoga Creek watershed—currently owned by the San Jose Water Co. to be acquired, preserving 1,000 acres of redwood forests and allowing trails to be linked.

The mountain is being reborn

"In 1980, the Air Force abandoned the station and in 1986, Midpen purchased it for a mere \$260,000," says Abbors, "\$25 million and 31 years later, the mountain is being reborn. Once leveled, the mountaintop has been restored to its original form and carefully planted with native species that will thrive and breathe new life into this sky island that has been absent for more than 60 years...a place where rare purple martins duck and dive after midges and the Thunder Bird of lore, the California Condor, can suddenly appear."

In researching Mt. Umunhum, Midpen became aware of its connection with the indigenous people who were forced to leave the site 200 years ago. "We're interested in doing the right thing," says Abbors. "Our purpose is for the new stewards to work with the ancient stewards of the land to heal this place."

"Creator gave us the responsibility to take care of Mother Earth and all living things," says Valentin Lopez, Chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band. "When we got the phone call recognizing us as a stakeholder of Mt. Umunhum, we said we have to restore prayer to the land." They requested a prayer circle for their ceremonies and for all people. "For us to return to this mountain is truly miraculous," says Lopez. "Being here at this sacred site is significant because our creation started here. We came to ask the Creator to bless the mountain, to thank our ancestors and to make a promise to our descendants to restore the

humanity of our native people."

To restore balance in the story of the history of Mt. Umunhum, members of the Amah Mutsun Tribe held a ceremony on Thursday. They built a fire and burned herbs, allowing prayers to rise to the Creator through the smoke. They circled the fire counter clockwise, cleansing all

with the sacred smoke. The native men began singing, then male dancers entered the circle to celebrate their ancestors. Females joined in, sharing their prayers through dance. The ceremony closed with a prayer of remembrance.

"As a county and community, we have such a reverence for

open space, keeping the land open for generations to come in spite of the demands for development," says Santa Clara County Supervisor Ken Yeager. "We are a community willing to tax ourselves and elect people to protect these areas. The people on the valley floor don't know the beauty we have up here."

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Pets

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Anticipate energy needs. Colder temperatures can mean your pet has to exert more energy to keep warm and that may warrant bumping up meal serving sizes. Consult with your veterinarian about the appropriate feeding amounts for your pet's specific breed, health and lifestyle needs.

Auto-related issues. Many car owners use the change of season as a milestone for car maintenance and winterizing, such as changing oil or antifreeze. Antifreeze in particular is highly toxic; a small quantity can kill pets and, unfortunately, the sweet smell makes it quite attractive to curious creatures. Clean spills thoroughly and take added precaution by keeping pets away from your work area entirely while handling these substances.

Not so fun-gus. Damp conditions can bring about a surge of mushrooms. Although only a small percentage of mushrooms are toxic, they can be hard to distinguish from the non-toxic variety. A good rule of thumb: keep pets clear of areas where mushrooms may be found, or if that's not possible, conduct regular checks and remove any temptation that pops up.

Comfort foods. Most pet owners know chocolate is dangerous for pets, but many other foods that are common in the fall can also be problematic. Keep pets away from rich, savory foods that can upset their digestion and leave Fido at home during your annual jaunt to the apple orchard; apple stems, seeds and cores can create plenty of digestive havoc. If you want to indulge your pet with a little seasonal flavor, instead try offering fresh or canned pumpkin.

Find more pet parenting tips for fall and all year long at eLivingToday.com.

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

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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 ESUHS 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 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

is MOVING to a NEW LOCATION and DATE! Starting October 10, we will be meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7-8 PM. Our first meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10. EVGC membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. During this time of transition, any membership fees paid now will be extended to cover all of 2018 as well. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or 408-532-6602

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.sanjosca.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

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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.

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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