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Slinging some spirit: Above, a group of runners show off their "Spidey sense" by making the sign of the web slinger before getting ready to race, and below. Spidey himself leads the group in pre-race stretches. Photos by Msphotoandvideo.com



Omar's 'spirit' uplifts his namesake run

Omar's Dream Run raises funds for medically supervised children

> By Kevin Larsen Times Staff Writer

"I feel Omar is here with me..." said his mom.

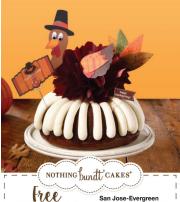
Omar's Dream Run is an annual 5k/10k run/walk organized by Omar's Dream Foundation to raise funds to enable hospitalized and medically supervised children to attend school and stay connected with their teachers and classmates.

Omar's presence, some say, his spirit, was felt by many who came to the annual Omar's Dream Run held at Hellyer Park on Sunday, October 15th, San Jose, California. Some stated that "he returned."

The annual run honors the life of Omar Hassan who when diagnosed with leukemia at age two spent most of his childhood in and out of the hospital. Faced with a bone marrow transplant in the winter of his fourth grade year and the months of isolation required by the surgery, Omar had a plan; he wanted to attend his fourth grade class, remotely. So, when he had recovered from the surgery, Omar joined his class via video conference.

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. Omar's parents and doctors said he was the happiest patient in the bone marrow transplant unit at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital.

While the other kids felt lonely and isolated, Omar kept up with his schoolwork and continued to See RUN, page 18



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Evergreen Valley High Marching Band receives two first place awards

By William Bellou Publisher

he Evergreen High School (EVHS) Marching Band has earned two first place awards for the fifth straight year at two recent Western Band Association competitions.

The EVHS Marching Band, which competes in the 2017 WBA Class 2A, won first place awards at the Dublin Irish Guard Band See MARCHING BAND, page 3



The EVHS Marching Band recently won two first place awards

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The EVHS Marching Band's show is called "Corps De Ballet" featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach.

Marching Band

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Tournament, held in Dublin, CA on October 21, and The Garlic City Classic Band Tournament, held in Gilroy, CA on Oct 14.

The EVHS Marching Band's show is called "Corps De Ballet" featuring the music of Johann Sebastian Bach. The 64 member band is under the direction of Stephen Barnhill, EVHS Music Director, and Rick Pina, EVHS Assistant Music Director.

"I'm very proud of the performances at our last two competitions," said Barnhill. "The musicality of the Bach music is demanding and requires full concentration. The band showed great professionalism and character in their recent performances."

At the Garlic City Classic Band Tournament, the EVHS Marching Band was awarded first place with a score of (69.85). The band was awarded all caption categories: Overall Music, General Effect, Auxiliary, and Percussion.

At the Dublin HS Irish Guard Tournament, the EVHS Marching Band scored (72.15) winning the first place award including caption categories: Overall Music, Visual Effect, General Effect, and Percussion.

The WBA events include more than 12,000 students participating in weekend competitions. Each WBA individual judge is assigned to a specific caption. General Effect and Music are each worth 30 percent of the total score, Visual is worth 20 percent, and Auxiliary and Percussion are each worth 10 percent.

Dublin Irish Guard Band Tournament 2017 WBA Class 2A

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|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Evergreen Valley HS | 72.15 |
| 2. Vanden HS | 67.95 |
| 3. Terra Nova HS | 65.85 |
| 4. Sobrato HS | 64.85 |
| 5. Los Altos HS | 62.30 |
| 6. Christopher HS | 62.30 |
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Garlic City Classic Band Tournament 2017 WBA Class 2A

| 2017 WD/1 Class 2/1 | |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Evergreen Valley HS | 69.85 |
| 2. Westmont HS | 67.70 |
| 3. Beyer HS | 65.35 |
| 4. Christopher HS | 64.25 |
| 5. Selma HS | 63.15 |

"I'm very appreciative of the dedication of our students, the staff and all of our amazing volunteers, Band Moms, Pit Dads, and the families that have con-



tributed their time and money in support of our efforts," said Barnhill.

About Western Band Association

In January 1979 a group of band directors met to change the face of Marching Bands in Northern and Central California. These leaders were Mike Rubino (Live Oak HS), Ramiro Barrera (Lincoln HS), Dan Smith (Independence HS), Gary Runsten (Modesto HS) & Mel Stratton (Clovis HS). The goal was to create an educationally based competitive performance opportunity. Standardized rules and score sheets were designed to assure the bands the competitive experience envisioned.

Join the Band Boosters

Are you looking for a way to contribute to the EVHS Instrumental Music Program? The Band Boosters are looking for people to help out in a variety of roles, from selling cookies at a concert, to loading and unloading equipment at marching band concerts, to being a Band Booster Officer. To volunteer your time, talent or monetary contributions, contact Mr. Steven Barnhill at (408) 347-7034, or send emai to barnhills@esuhsd.org, or visit the website: www.evhsband.org.

Ke Ngo who went missing is found

The San Jose Police Department is-

sued a statement that Evergreen resident Ke Ngo, 80, who went missing on October 20, has been found by family members. The family said they appreciated the public's assistant in locating Mr. Ngo.



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Mrs. Richard's 3rd Grade Silver Oak Elementary class earned top 'Participation Award,' pictured here with Principal **Howard Greenfield** and **Sylvia Arenas**, San Jose City Councilwoman, District 8. The Golden Shoe award for highest participation by a class in Walk-and-Bike-to-School week went to Mrs. Richard's Silver Oak School third graders.

Silver Oak Elementary School has successful Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week

By Linda Paulson

Special to the Times

Silver Oak Elementary students and families participated in the 21st National Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week, October 2-6.

Participation this year reflected three out of four students using their feet to get to school Monday thru Friday with a 75 percent school-wide participation level.

The first place classroom with 94 percent participation for the week—Mrs. Richard's third grade class was awarded first place.

Principal Howard Greenfield and San Jose City Councilwoman from District 8, Sylvia Arenas, presented the class the "Golden Shoe" award.

"I am so proud to provide support and be a part of Silver Oak Elementary Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week," said Arenas. "Thank you students and parents for making the effort to get up a little earlier to create healthier habits and safer streets for all of us. Let's keep it up!"

New Seasons participates

New Seasons Market representative, Kazandra Manivanh, also congratulated the top class with goodie bags compliments of New Seasons Market, Evergreen. The students loved every minute of their first place celebration.

New Seasons Store Manager, Eric Conly said, "Education, environmental conservation, and hunger relief are the corner



Students who walked or biked to school earned a colorful wristband each day during Walk-and-Bike-to-School Week at Silver Oak Elementary School. Councilwoman Arenas provided funding for playful wristbands.



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the lives of the people they serve. We are proud to be a long-time sponsor of Silver Oak Elementary school and support the children in our Evergreen community." Silver Oak students had their hands stamped at checkpoints and every walker/biker received a different colorful wristband each day. Councilwoman Arenas provided funding for the playful wristbands.

On Friday, "Gigante," the San Jose Giants mascot, closed out the week on the black top high-fiving kids, sliding down the big yellow slide, tossing out autographed baseballs, and having fun

Principal Greenfield reflected, "Walk-and-Bike-to-School week was a wonderful success. It was great to see so many parents and students participating in the event. We want to thank everybody for their support."

The week-long effort helped families spend time together—simply by walking. Some joined with other families to walk and build a sense of community. Silver Oak's event was one of more than 5,000 registered events across the United States and more than 500 registered events in California, including at Evergreen Elementary school and O.B. Whaley Elementary.

Correction:

In last issue's advertisement for Silver Creek Academy, one name was misspelled. The winner should have been listed as ANJALI KIRAN, Grade 6 Division, 3rd Place Winner.

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A woodpecker (right) is about to fly away from a palm tree in front of Starbuck's at the Canyon Creek Plaza. Acorn woodpeckers have been a fixture in the parking lot at Canyon Creek for years but they seem to be more active in the trees near the stores this year. *Photo by Lou Alexander*

Bird watching at Canyon Creek Plaza

By Lou Alexander Special to the Times

If you want an easy bird watching opportunity keep reading.

There's a line of palm trees in the Canyon Creek Plaza shopping center near the front of the Starbuck's. There you can observe a flock of acorn woodpeckers working hard to store nuts for the winter.

On several mornings recently, as many as five of the woodpeckers, were chiseling holes in the palm trees and filling them with acorns. They seem to be working down lower on the tree trunks this year than in past years, making them easier to observe.

Chase Fryfogle of Silver Creek Valley studies abroad

Chase Fryfogle of Silver Creek Valley is studying abroad this fall in Rome, Italy.

Fryfogle is majoring in communication studies and plans to graduate in 2019 from John Cabot University.

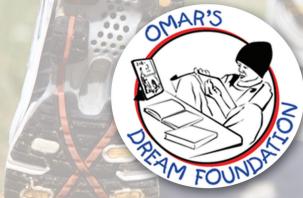
The program at John Cabot University is offered in partnership with the University of San Diego. JCU is an independent, four-year liberal arts university offering undergraduate degrees and study abroad programs to English-speaking students from all over the world.

More than two-thirds of the University of San Diego's undergraduate students participate in a wide range of study abroad programs. The university has been ranked among the top 10 schools in the nation for the past five years for the percentage of undergraduates participating in a study abroad program.

Thank you!

A special thank you to all of our participants, sponsors and our local and state political leadership who have supported Omar's Dream Foundation during the last 5 years!

Our recent **Omar's Dream Run** was a great success and we look forward to seeing everyone at next year's 5K/10K run!



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ast week the Almaden Ranch welcomed a new tenant, Total Wine & More.

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"San Jose is such a great city, being so near great Wine growing regions; Santa Cruz is just over the hill. That we felt was underserved quite frankly in the alcohol beverage business and we wanted to bring our brand to this community with great selection, great prices and most of all great service with a knowledgeable sales staff."

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A family business started 26 years ago, by two brothers that has grown to 170+ stores and the largest independent retailer of wines, beers and spirits in America. Jim is proud to mention, "the beauty of being a family







Above left: **Jim Weiland**, Regional Vice President; Above right: **Ernesto Bautista**, Store Manager and **Marc Harrington**, District Manager

owned business allows us to partner with other wine families to showcase their life's work through our passion for our guests and our heritage relationships."

A donation of \$20,703 made to the San Jose Museum of Art from the opening weekend sales.

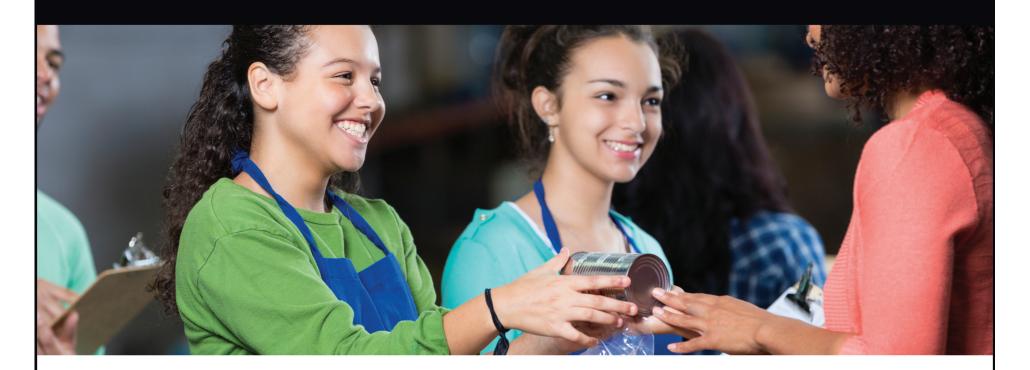
Stop by to browse the aisles and take in one of the classes to help you better appreciate the varied offerings available at Total Wine & More, or visit www.totalwine.com for information.



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Times OpEd

Connectivity of live TV helps humanity

By Kevin Larsen

Special to the Times

rowing up in the last century my brother and sister and I looked forward to certain TV shows that aired weekly.

Just knowing they were approaching gave joy to our hearts.

Perhaps we knew, back then, that our friends would be joining us at the same time looking at the TV in their living rooms, in the neighborhood and this brought us together.

The next day at school we would go over the episode with our peers and dramatically voice our truths with yelling voices and grand hand gestures of solid truths.

Everyone today mostly pays for cable TV even though there are still some big clunky antennas on top of roofs and you can buy a small box to once again collect the airwaves of signals to put in your TV for free but no one does that or if they do they won't tell.

People no longer seem to have the time to connect. Instead they tune into a show at their choice of particular day or time. Choice has taken on a new meaning. They all keep peering to the small hand held screen and seem to be tied to it like a dog on a leash.

We can have it all

YouTube now allows us to watch any Sunday News program the same day the program takes place. There's no fighting for choices to be decided upon for we can have it all any day or time. If you type in Face the Nation or This Week with George Stephanopoulos or Meet the Press, you can watch entire programs on YouTube the same day they are broadcasted. You set your own clock to watch TV now. Few even use TV and instead watch on their devices.

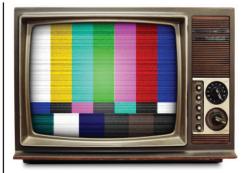
One can now pay to watch movies upon release on their TV or of course one can check out disc movies or watch online with Netflix. Some buy back to back television show episodes and watch them concurrently. Other companies such as Amazon or Facebook also are getting in on the internet choices of offering you selections of things to view. They want your eyes to look at their site perhaps fueled by advertising dollars. Something is missing.

When we click to watch anything we want, day or night, subconsciously everyone knows that we are alone (not unlike being in outer space). The program is not being watched at the same time with our peers. We are silently disconnected from all others.

There was something joyful and wondrous of experiencing a performance simultaneously and live which is now absent that may lead to a subtle disconnect with our psyche. However there is a cure. Yes, movies get people together, theatre and arts too but there is another big American pastime that pulls us all together.

N.F.L. football to the rescue

Football is better not re-heated, or warmed up on the microwave to be watched at later times. No, it must be watched live. Everyone feels this. Watching the live game connects people for each play carries the weight of an entire TV



season and often entire movie plots.

People yell, cry, weep and laugh just by watching the actions of the players on the field. Teams become beloved, heroes are selected and coaches walk among the most blessed preachers in our land.

Often when watching on a Sunday one can hear the screams of other households nearby with their rabid fans when a touchdown is scored, especially during playoff games and the Super-Bowl.

Backyard to backyard, bar to bar, living room to living room, even the obese get their exercise with breathing techniques wrapped in hoots and hollers while taking pride in drinking the same liquid the Pilgrims drank on their voyage to America. A hardy hats off of thanks is given to those unsung heroes who drive the trucks to deliver and tilt the carts that maneuver the six packs into the coolers. Camaraderie drives up the chips and ice sales and allows us to prehistorically cook meat over fire.

This connectivity of sports and watching TV live is the same experienced in movie theatres, churches, stage events, and social clubs. The human connectivity of watching TV sports live is the experience that uplifts our human spirit and mends bridges between opposing fans.

The icy internet is too powerful now and needs to be put in its place. "Down boy." We must put a leash on our phones and turn them off at the dinner table and remove them from children so that they do not consume such a great deal of our time each day. The electronic gadgets remove caring connectivity and interrupt bonding experiences that touch the prehistoric dendrites in us. The yet to be discovered human element of deep rooted communication of caring which long ago was developed by our ancestors in caves must be nurtured by watching our favorite game with a brewsky and friends over in front of the TV.

Deep down we love the presence of our fellow human beings and the internet can rob our time of such interactions. Some even are caught walking into traffic as zombies while glued to a small rectangular soon to cost \$1000 wafer thin projection screen but not those who wear their caps back rooting for their team. For them texting never will be the new form of talking.

Since we are no longer conversing together in meaningful ways due to multitasking job norms, and forced efficiency of work texts, we must take the time to stop what we are doing and root for our favorite football team to save humanity.

As the future runs up to meet us, we must take a pledge to never order pizza delivery from droid cars nor eat a pie which was not created by human hands for that would be just like putting a microchip thruster on a spiraling football.

We must guard against trite quibbling about football under-inflation and instead strive to keep our experiences in our lives pure by giving thanks to God, Church, beautiful women, the N.F.L, apple pie, flag and country.

Homecoming dresses distributed for low-income families

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

Homecoming dresses are being distributed to deserving girls around the country by the Believe in Yourself Project.

Each homecoming dance season there is a lot of pressure on young girls to stay in style. The reality is that many girls from low-income families cannot afford the high cost of the latest fashions.

Believe in Yourself Project is a foundation launched in January 2017 that provides brand-new, never-worn dresses to low-income girls around the country, while at the same time works to promote positive body image, to reduce cyber bullying, and to inspire girls to believe in themselves and their dreams.

Dress donations are tied to the girls' progress in achieving goals. Each girl who wants to receive a dress is entered into a system where they are then tracked to see their progress, whether towards improving their academics or pursuing an extracurricular interest such as music, dance, or sports, and Believe in Yourself provides the girls dresses for any upcoming events they have during the school year.

Believe in Yourself is part of a broader initiative. The charity brings in mentors and speakers to motivate the girls to believe in themselves. These mentors also provide tips if the girls are experiencing a negative body image or bullying of any kind, and they counsel the girls to help them achieve their dreams and goals.

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Sam Sisakhti, founder of the Believe in Yourself Project is pictured with recipients of new homecoming dresses.



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Times **Feature**

Hendrickson of Evergreen becomes first candidate to enter Persky recall election

By William Bellou

Publisher

indy Seeley Hendrickson of Evergreen Valley has announced her candidacy to replace Judge Aaron Persky.

The recall election is expected to occur in June 2018, although the recall effort is still in the process of gathering the required signatures.

Hendrickson said her candidacy provides voters with a clear alternative to serve in their judiciary. She currently serves as a Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney. "During the past 22 years, I have prosecuted some of the region's most gut-wrenching cases," said Hendrickson.

In 1999, Hendrickson helped launch the Santa Clara County Financial Abuse Specialist Team, sending con artists to prison and helping seniors recover and protect millions of dollars in life savings. She also worked with the sexual assault unit of the District Attorney's Office, which led to life imprisonment for numerous child molesters and rapists.

In 2015, Hendrickson spearheaded the creation of a Family Justice Center in San Jose, where victims of domestic violence can receive comprehensive services.

"I've spent over two decades as a prosecutor advocating for the most vulnerable victims in our society while safeguarding the rights of the accused, and I will continue to faithfully serve my community as a Judge on the Superior Court," said Hendrick-



Cindy Seeley Hendrickson

son. "Santa Clara County needs judges who reflect the values of the community, and there needs to be no doubt that the laws apply fairly to all. In my courtroom, everyone will feel respected and heard."

Hendrickson, a graduate of Stanford University and UCLA Law School, worked as a civil litigator for five years before being sworn in as a Deputy District Attorney in 1995. She currently lives in Evergreen Valley where she and her husband are raising three teenage daughters.

"My husband and I chose Evergreen to raise our family because of its diversity, good schools and the beauty of the surrounding foothills," said Hendrickson. "All three of our children have attended Evergreen schools and had their First Communion at St. Francis of Assisi. "We are very proud to call Evergreen our home."

Dia de los Muertos celebration

Elena Robles (below, far right) leads dancers from El Grito de la Cultura in rehearsals for a variety of Dia de los Muertos performances. At right, Erin Baham waits for her troupe to begin a dance. The group performed in celebration of Dia de los Muertos at "Festival de la Vida" at the Gardner Community Center in San Jose, as well as other downtown events.



Times Events



Enjoy Yoga with Lacy on Sunday, November 5.

New Seasons Market events

Wednesdays, 8am-9pm: Wellness Wednesdays. Stop by the Solutions Counter every Wednesday and sample a new wellness product, a healthy meal recipe, or a featured healthy item from our deli and juice bar. Expand your culinary and wellness repertoire. Free.

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Times Local News

Thank you for making Day on the Bay 2017 a huge success

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<u>Report</u>

By Dave Cortese Special to the Times

efore the 8th Annual Day on the Bay slips into memory, I want to take a

moment to say thank you to those who organized, produced and supported another successful event.

First, I and my staff owe the deepest gratitude to our guests – the nearly 10,000 who came to Alviso Marina County Park on October 8 by car, bicycle or on foot to enjoy the multicultural festival.

Our event is multicultural because we reach out to many diverse groups and agencies to provide entertainment and to join our Resource Fair. And we're planning to reach out to more next year. We want to be

truly representative of the vibrant cultures and communities that make up Santa Clara County.

But the real measure of a multicultural event is in the diversity of those who attend. Walking through the crowd and seeing people representing all ages and ethnic and cultural groups, backgrounds and walks of life, reminded me that we live in a very special place. That's something to celebrate.

A special thanks also goes to the County



Supervisor Dave Cortese speaks at Day on the Bay.

Parks Department for co-hosting the event for the eighth year and to my staff for the hard work in planning, setting up and managing 2017 Day on the Bay. Thanks also to

the Santa Clara County Firefighters for grilling the 4,500 free hamburgers and veggie burgers.

For the second year, I joined Bike to the Bay along with dozens of other bicyclists who rode the 8.5 miles to the festival along the Guadalupe River Park Trail. Thank you to San Jose Bike Party for organizing Bike to the Bay and to the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for operating the Bike Valet service.

Thank you to all the volunteers who came from local high schools, community colleges and the Silicon Valley Career

Technical Education Fire Science and Law Enforcement Program. They were ready to jump in to whatever we needed. Starting from 7 a.m., they helped sign in our Resource Fair participants and unloaded their boxes, operated our water stations and pumpkin patch, distributed the hamburgers and veggie burgers, and helped set up and break down the canopies and tables, and whatever else came up throughout the day.

And we're so thankful to have our special volunteers who served as emcees on our stages: Sam Van Zandt, Jona Denz-Hamilton and Megan Williams. And also a big thanks to Mix 106/94.5 Bay for promoting our event.

Thank you to all the others who volunteered their time and talent to make our event a success, including the performers who danced, sang and made music at our Pumpkin and Trail stages, and to the 130 nonprofit organizations, government agencies and County Departments who provided information about their services and made some important connections with festival guests. Thank you to our Public Health Department for providing the flu shots.

We're also grateful for the generosity of our donors who provide the giveaway prizes, and again this year, Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation provided our kayaks and supervision as our guests paddled along the Alviso waterway to the Bay.

We couldn't put on this event every year





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I also want to thank the Sheriff's Office,

Park Department staff and George Mayne Elementary School for letting us use their parking lot.

Believe it or not, we're already planning 2018 Day on the Bay, so please let me know what you liked and what you think we could do better. You can contact my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.



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OFF THE SHELF

Free programs, resources and services from the library

By Edith Sutterlin Special to the Times

our local San Jose Public Library branches offer many free programs, resources and services, including book clubs and ESL classes for adults; storytimes, homework help and tutoring, and crafts for children; teen service opportunities and learning programs; and a wide variety of educational and entertainment programs for all.

Book Sale!

Stop by the Friends of the Evergreen Branch Library quarterly book sale, Saturday, October 28, 10 a.m. -3 p.m., to choose from thousands of gently used books. Sales support our library's special programming. In our events calendar you will also find cooking and chess classes, yoga, and other new learning experiences to sample.

New book-writing software

New at Evergreen? Adults and teens who love to write should sign up for Evergreen's class for adults and teens on a new book-writing software useful for selfpublishing, "Pressbooks," November 3, 4 p.m. (Please sign up in advance). On Saturday, November 4, 4 p.m., Evergreen begins our Mental Health Awareness Conversation Series with a focus on Stress relief and mindfulness. Future sessions will address bullying (January) and teen-specific issues (February).

The celebration of animals

Celebrating animals large and small

takes center stage in November. Marvel at the Happy Birds show at Village Square, Saturday, November 4, 4 p.m. Do you want to meet Big Brown Bears? On Monday, November 6, 6 p.m., join wildlife photographer Joan Sparks for an adventure to Cook Inlet in Alaska to see breathtaking images of brown bears! Enjoy a taste of salmon dip to feel like you are actually in the Alaskan wilds! The Little Explorers' Petting Zoo, wildly popular last month at Village Square, returns to Evergreen, Saturday, November 18, 2:30

No matter where you are from, all of us can learn more about the Hispanic American experience as Evergreen hosts a film screening of the PBS $\check{\text{film}}$, "Latino Americans," Tuesday, November 7, 1:30

New science lab programs Looking ahead? Village Square has a new series of science lab programs for children in 3rd thru 5th grades. Evergreen has interactive Virtual Reality experiences scheduled for both adults and teens. Easily check out all events online at events.sjpl.org or stop by today to see which event times work best for you. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page. (facebook.com/ sanjoselibrary)

Parking

When the Evergreen Branch library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the Evergreen community.

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



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Times **Feature**

Mayor Sam Liccardo presents his ambitious plan to build 25,000 new homes by 2022

an Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo has put forth a plan to build 25,000 new homes.

The plan calls for below-market-rate homes to be built during next five years. The proposal would be the most ambitious new housing construction outpacing any half-decade in the city's history, according to city officials.

"The Bay Area housing crisis affects residents across the income spectrum, from the homeless to our high-tech workforce," Liccardo said in his written statement. "This plan provides a roadmap for accelerating

the development of new housing in ways that are both smart and sustainable for our community. While achieving our goal will not be easy, we must think big and act boldly to address this growing crisis."

The Mayor wants to finance homes for the teachers, firefighters and nurses. He also wants to expand housing for students, faculty and staff at San Jose State University.

The Mayor also indicated he wants CalTrans to find (locate) homeless housing sites, build more homes around transit hubs and help developers find suitable sites for new housing.

Charity shopping so others may give Holiday Shopping Spree Nov. 10 & 17 at Hillsdale Target Store

By William Bellou

Publisher

Sunday Friends, "The Working Alternative to Charity" invites shoppers of all ages to purchase holiday gifts so that low income families may experience the joy of giving at its 10th Annual Holiday Shopping Spree.

The event will take place on two Friday evenings, November 10 and 17 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at Hillsdale Target, 1811 Hillsdale Avenue in San Jose.

Hillsdale Target has hosted the annual Holiday Shopping Spree since 2009. The store offers a 10 percent discount on all event purchases and is adding Target Gift Cards this year.

What does "Shop So Others May Give" mean?

'Sunday Friends' unique charity model involves more than 800 participating event shoppers purchasing items that are stocked by 'Sunday Friends' Treasure Chest store.

In early December, parents and their children will select gifts for family members and "pay" for them using tickets they have earned throughout the year by engaging in learning and giving activities at 'Sunday Friends' weekly programs.

At their holiday celebrations, family members will have the opportunity to present the gifts they have "bought" with pride to their children, parents and siblings, many for the first time.

Here's how the Holiday Shopping Spree works:

- Shoppers (individuals, families, groups) meet at the front of the store.
- Each person donates between \$10 and \$100.
 - Shoppers form teams and



shop with the dollars they have brought plus a portion of sponsorship money.

- Teams are assigned shopping "missions", i.e. gifts for infants and toddlers, girls, boys, teens, moms, dads, and search the store for the best gifts.
- Teams meet at the registers for check out and prizes. Child-created prizes are awarded for Best Bargain, Most Creative and Most Adorable.

"Many of our 'Sunday Friends' families tell us that they have never before been able to exchange gifts with their children, siblings or parents," says 'Sunday Friends' Board President Janis Baron. "What money they have goes to basic necessities like shelter and food and there just isn't extra for gifts. Being able to "shop" with pride for their loved ones and experience the joy of giving is a gift they truly treasure."

Shoppers may register now for the date and time slot they wish to participate at sundayfriends .org/hss-shopper. Potential shoppers who have questions may email the event coordinator at HSS@Sundayfriends.org.

Detailed information about Sunday Friends programs for very low-income families is available at www.sundayfriends.org. **FOUR**

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Times **Feature**



Chaboya Colts Symphonic Band performs at 'Day in the Park'

By Sean Eastwood Times Staff Writer

he Chaboya Middle School Colts Symphonic Band rocked it out of the park at Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park free event held Saturday, October 7.

"Parents rocked it too," said Karen Kolber, music teacher. "It takes a village; kids moving and organizing the stage, then performing. Parents were hauling equipment and kids to and from the school. Amazing students! Amazing parents!"

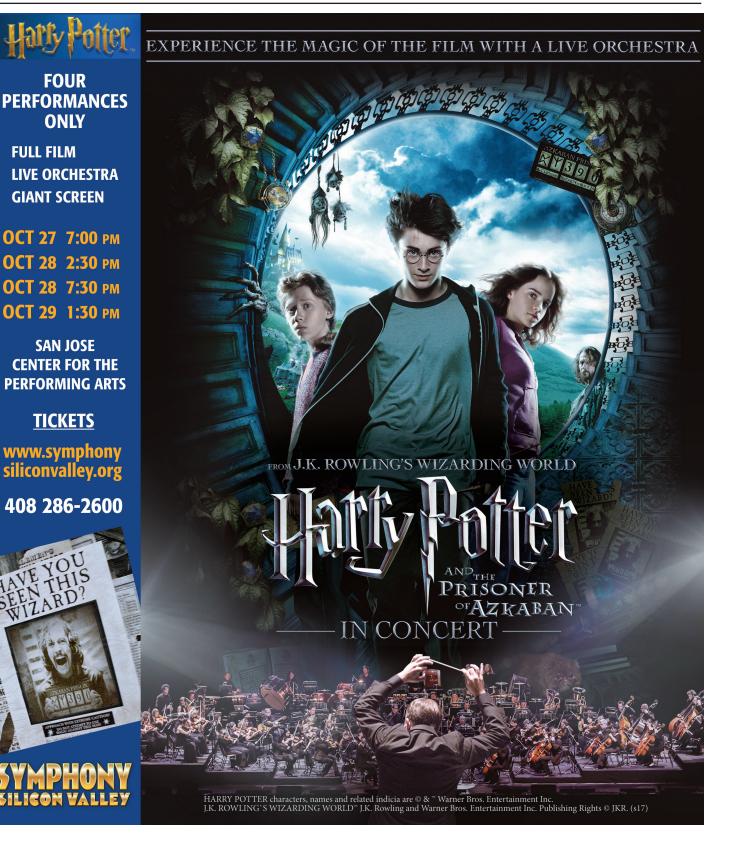
After tremendous success last year, Chaboya's incoming Symphonic Band of 48 members is pushing the limits of musicianship in Middle School band.

Many folks who have the opportunity to listen to them perform are amazed that they are middle school level," said Kolber.
"People often say their level of musicianship is equal to or better than many High School bands!"

Upcoming performance events include: Eastridge Center Holiday performance, Chaboya Winter Concert, CMEA Bay Area Winter Conference, CMEA Solo/Ensemble Festival, CMEA Band Festival at EVHS, Music in the Parks, Chabova Spring Concert, Battle of the Bands at Barnes and



The Chaboya Middle School Colts Symphonic Band rocked it out of the park at Fall Family Festival - Day in the Park free event held Saturday, October 7.



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Planes and drones share the sky in Evergreen

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

any individuals are flying their favorite remote control airplanes at the large field just behind the McDonalds on San Felipe.

You can always see the planes flying, especially early weekend mornings.

The land, owned by the Evergreen Valley College, is slated for light commercial buildings in the near future.

"I was involved in the Gulf War and upon retiring my interest was rekindled into taking up the hobby," stated one avid remote control flying airplane enthusiast. When asked how many planes he owned, his response was, "well, all of us that fly them would say the same thing, too many."

Types of planes to own

There are really two types to own; one for fast flying which can handle aerial loops and turns which get the heart pumping fast and your adrenaline going; the other type of plane is for gliding that can perform with a slow relaxing floating experience of learning to ride the thermal currents just as the birds do.

The glider planes look different and have a longer wing spans. On one ten minute flight the RC flyer shut off the propeller and let the wind current take the glider with only the helpful tug of Mother Nature's wind currents to maneuverer the direction and loft. As the plane came close to the ground the electric current was flipped back on and the flexible bendable spinning propeller took quick flight high into the sky.

RC propellers used today bend and that captures more force and allows for less breaking of them too. This same process was repeated over and over with no hard time of ending the session. The clicking on of electric power little by little can extend the fun of flying.

Suddenly a beeper sounded and this informed the pilot that the battery charge was about to expire and it was time to bring the plane down. Then a miscalculation, the battery ran out of charge and it floated from far away only half way down. It began to dive and the pilot adjusted the flaps so that it landed parallel to the ground. This meant the pilot had to walk out to retrieve the plane from the brown windswept field.

Building a plane with foam

It is a dual experience to not just fly one but to face the courage to build your own. The building of a prototype can be a fun family project.

Beginner flyers can get into the hobby and build their own glider by going the Dollar Store and buying inexpensive sheets of foam

"The internet will guide you, also you can watch YouTube videos and they lead you step by step on how to build the foam planes," said one flyer. "When I built my first one, I just watched the video over and over. Planes can be built in just one day or by taking an hour a day over the course of one week, those videos on building foam planes are spot on, and when you build your own first airplane it gives you a feeling of accomplishment which is something you don't get from buying one over the counter."

Once you experience how easy it is to build an airplane out of foam sheets you begin to stretch your skills by creating your own innovations by experiment with different twists of design. This is especially good for children because it marks their entry into engineering. The hobbyist stated, "You get to



come here and see if you made a good flyer or not and if it breaks or doesn't fly right, you just add to it and fix it till it works well."

Technology advances ease flying

This RC flying sport has grown leaps and bounds during the past twenty years, but it still is the same in many ways too. The greatest changes have come with the advances of battery technology. "In the old days when I was a kid we had planes made out of balsa wood and ribs, but today most are made of foam," explained a hobbyist. "The difference is the planes were more fragile in the olden days and if you crashed it broke to pieces whereas foam doesn't and if an issue occurs it can be easily, quickly and inexpensively repaired."

Others stated that the expense of the sport has gone way down. It doesn't cost that much to buy a plane, maybe forty to sixty dollars at a hobby shop. There is less noise as compared to the days of gas power propellers and battery power offers clean power with no smell of flammable liquids so it is safer than in the past.

AMA Academy of Model Aeronautics

The AMA (Academy of Model Aeronautics) is the largest model aviation organizations in the world and it offers flyers insurance coverage. Their website states, ...sometimes accidents can happen involving people or property...Enjoy peace of mind knowing the AMA has you covered... Most of those who fly are members of this organization. Upon joining one gets a certification card and magazine. It was explained that as the hobbyist continues over the years they may be inclined to build bigger and better planes that go farther. The question was asked, "What happens if you lose remote control guidance by the plane going too far away?" The answer was that all the planes have a "failsafe" component in that if a plane goes outside the perimeter of control from the operator it automatically shuts off and glides to the ground.

Millennial Jet Fighters

On weekends, early in the morning, one can see something out of this world so to speak. It is the F.P.V. (First Person View) flyers. These dedicated drone flyers actually place goggles over their eyes which give them a view from the cockpit of the aircraft they fly. Their fast passed maneuvers are not unlike that of a hummingbird. They move so quick in all four directions that it is a marvel to witness and watch. They put on a show. This is drone technology.

"As a kid I always wanted to be a jet pilot and this hobby allows me to feel like I am inside a plane and flying it. I get the pilot view," stated James.

"There is toy grade stuff and then there is the next level called hobby grade stuff. My friends are actual pilots and this flying with FPV goggles is the closest thing to a real flying experience without getting an actual pilot license," stated James.

Hydro Dipped Controllers

These young flyers of Hex-a-copters and quad copters also ride E board skate boards that run on batteries. Incorporating art on the tools used for flying, some use Hydro Dipped Controllers. This is a specialty of art done on plastic. Sent out by Fed Ex, it is dipped in a fish tank with activator film and a photo or art form grabs the plastic shape of the controller tool to make a work of art that is used to fly the drones. It is a way to join art with sport.

Just our world has made great jumps in the various selections of music we hear today; this is a stylistic extension of the flyer. The art just as the music is a representation of the individual's tastes. Seeing this new hobby where goggles are used instead of sight lets us know that the future is tomorrow and tomorrow is here! All one needs to do is look around and observe. It seems to all be a form of expression and art mixed together.

Grab a burger and take in the show

This field is a popular one and in the shopping center next to Evergreen Valley College one can find many places to dine. It is an opportunity to buy takeout food and spend a moment watching the sport in the true backdrop of Montgomery Hill where it all started long ago.

According to Wikepedia, Montgomery never claimed firsts when he lectured about his gliding experiments. This was in the 1880s and some say his flights were the first of their kind of heavier-than-air flying machines in the Western Hemisphere.

With the same zeal of those who make and fly their own hobby planes, he too devised different control methods for his gliders that included weight shifting for roll and elevator methods for pitch. He too used pilot operated edge flaps that trailed off the wings.

Relatives of the same birds that flew alongside of his flights above our softly sloping Evergreen hills by the college, today fly alongside battery operated drones, planes and silently swooping gliders through the identical blue skies. As one hundred years have passed it gives many solace to know that the same will be true in the next century to come.

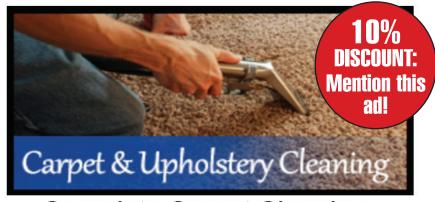
Those that fly on a regular basis are enamored by it all and express, "it relaxes me." Perhaps this is a creative way to incorporate stress reduction in their busy lives. They know not that their efforts of organizing and flying many planes in the course of an hour also give joy to those who watch.

Sometimes the flyers get so immersed in what they do that vast amounts of time go by in their joyful hobby. As one smiling flyer stated after flying his F.P.V. (first person view) flying machine, "you got to do some research online to put together your flyer just the way you want it to fly and for me this kind of flying is a mind out of body experience!"

The AMA has low price membership and you receive a magazine, for more information go to: https://www.modelaircraft.org/joinnew.aspx?s=google

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attend his school from a distance. He was in touch with his friends and teachers and remained an important part of their lives. Omar lost his battle with leukemia on April 7, 2012. His dream of extending this opportunity of connectivity to other children in the hospital came true. He handed off this joyful way of learning to others in the hospital through the foundation named after him.

"Omar was the type of kid that everyone wanted to be around," stated Melody Sutton his fourth grade teacher. This pioneering Skype teaching educator was all heart in making the dream come true by using the computer as a visual (hospital to classroom and vice versa) communication device to reach Omar.

We just had to find a way

In speaking with Omar's fourth grade teacher, one feels that intangible spirit of meaningfulness all teachers bestow to others, that indomitable spirit of strength of knowing that all challenges can be overcome with effort and wisdom. She exudes the kind ways of wisdom that Omar used as a fuel which inspired him to know that he had a sense of great purpose in his life and he could accomplish anything he put his mind to even if he was inside the four walls of a hospital room day after day, week after week, month after month.

With that inspiration that comes from



Mr. and Mrs. Hassan (founders of the Omar Dream Foundation)

inside and which is stoked like coals on a | fire through the guidance of teachers, parents and peers, Omar achieved something never done before with his individual wisdom. He asked his parents if they could help him set up a laptop computer in the classroom so he could stay connected... they agreed. Sutton states, "He maintained his friendships... it allowed him to have as much of a normal life as possible while fighting cancer...we just had to find a way for the routine was very important to him...it gave him something to do for when you are isolated inside of a hospital

room one can get lonely and bored." I projected him

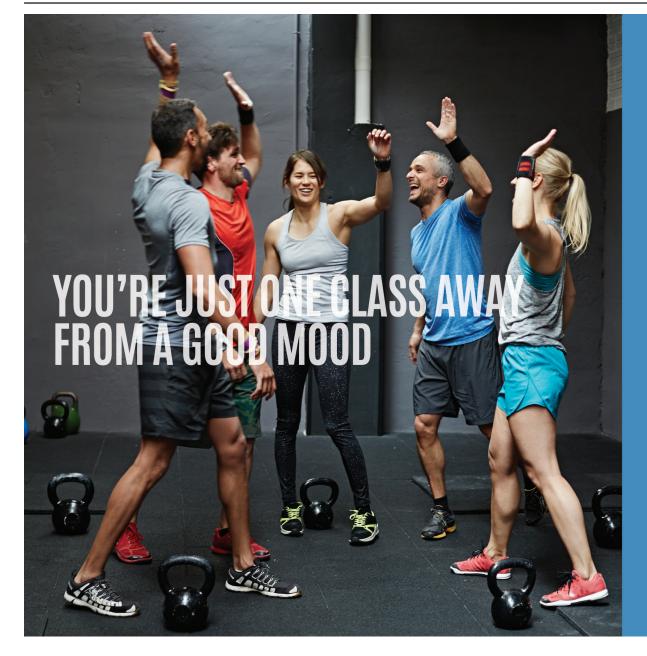
'It was live communication done in real time, not taped at all...Omar could raise his hand and I could call on him because the laptop was positioned so it would face me... I would call on him just as I would any other student...sometimes I would project him on the big screen when he shared and spoke to the class," "stated teacher Sutton.

"When we moved to sitting in groups in the classroom I would pick up the computer and move it to the group he was in so he

could participate with them. Omar would work with his classmates right at the group table. Omar had a way of making things better for people," stated Sutton who currently serves as a board member on the Omar Dream Foundation. His classmates worked with him as if he never left the classroom.

Ode to Omar

"As a nurse I shouldn't have favorites. I should care for the incredible children in my care equally. I know this, we all know this, but my heart doesn't seem to know this. Meeting Omar, and caring for him and his family day after day, it was impossible not to lose my heart to this young spark of life. His infectious smile, his determination to go to school and to participate in class despite "Chemo Brain," despite mucositis, despite overwhelming fatigue and feeling crummy, couldn't help but capture my heart. Each day he looked forward to his family coming. What would they do today? A craft? A game? Wild karaoke? My admiration for Omar only grew with time. This sharp young man knew the score. But it didn't seem to affect him. His courage, determination and love for his family and LIFE were indomitable and inspirational. Please run today like you mean it and live life today like you mean it. Love as much as you can-like Omar did, and mean it. His spark, his joie d'vivre, his determination are alive in all of us. Go Omar, Run!," stated one of Omar's stem cell transplant nurses Ms. Linda. (Continued, next page)









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Three heroes speak

Songs at the Dream Run were played expertly by DJ Marie. "I decide the beat to get people comfortable." Marie is a hero and recovering with the help of Omar Dream Foundation and Stanford. She had the job at the Dream Run to set up all the songs and bounce to various selections to set the mood using a computer console. "It's really an honor to be here and to play the music to make people ready to run and to help the program. It's really important to me and others for a lot of people are suffering and this program helps keep them on track so I am so grateful to be here and participate at this special event."

Another hero, Nate stated, "I am honored, his legacy is still living! I feel incredibly honored to have reaped the benefits of the foundation and so excited to do the Dream Run today and give back." Nate is the first person in treatment at Stanford hospital to run in the Omar's Dream Run.

Still another hero at the race, Michelle, catapulted to gaining many classes and credits in education and enthusiastically spoke to the crowd before the race began. She energized the crowd by explaining the value of the Omar Dream Foundation and how it helped her to continue to achieve her goals in life. "I am a three time cancer survivor. Every time leukemia has managed to hold my education hostage, education is my motivation to thrive! Omar's Dream Foundation has reconnected me with the outside world, and has allowed me to take the preliminary steps toward earning my Masters' degree." Michelle, age 29, A.L.L. SURIVOR.

You should see the smiles I see

"I had the privilege of taking care of Omar and his family because in pediatric cancer you don't work with only the individual but you also have the privilege of getting to know and work closely with the family...the Omar Dream Foundation benefits so many who are currently suffering from and going through cancer. The connection to the classroom allows the patient to have goals, allows them to achieve goals, and allows them to stay connected with their school and peers...you should see the smiles I see when I tell cancer patients about Omar's Dream," stated Pamela Simon, nurse practitioner.

Many came to run who knew Omar per-

Principal of LeyVa middle school, Mr. Jim Sherman was dawning his race jersev and number when he commented that," I was at Matsamoto Elementary and he was my student there...I feel like I am part of the family...there is no place I would rather be than here with Omar and his family...he was a very special young man to me... he was that happy kid and I see that smiling face today."

A high school student commented, "I am at this Dream Run because in elementary school I had one of Omar's teachers and the teacher told the class about the whole situation of Omar's passing away and the class dealt with it. I felt kind of sorry for him because he couldn't change it and so when I heard about the Dream Run I was excited to support him in some way," stated Omar's stem cell transplant nurse, Ms.

A friend of the family commented as he was tying his running shoes, "We are honored to be part of the event which symbolizes strength and perseverance and has led



"Thank you to Omar for dreaming this up and wanting to help people into the future; that's what it's all about"

> Supervisor **Dave Cortese**

to beautiful outcomes in terms of support for Stanford hospital cancer program which allows kids to stay connected to their classrooms. This event gives me strength and courage to face difficulties and it provides through the community, hope...even in the darkest of times."

Dave Cortese and wife Patty spoke to the crowd before the race and Dave told the crowd, "Thank you to Omar for dreaming this up and wanting to help people into the future; that's what it's all about. When your heartbeat goes up as you are running...you know you are helping someone else too, stated Cortese. Patty Cortese spoke about the wonderful mascot of the race, Spiderman and explained while pointing to the enthusiastic person dressed as Spiderman who with expert body language and arm gestures silently encouraged all at the race that day, "Spiderman was one of Omar's favorite superheroes. He had a love for Spiderman and that is why he is here with us today and the web that Spiderman uses represents our consecutiveness of our community and we are so grateful to Omar and his family for connecting us all.'

Omar's mom stated privately while watching the runners make it gracefully to the finish line, "I don't know what to say. I am extremely thankful to the community to be here. I feel Omar is here with me.'

Omar's Dream Program

Hospitalization is stressful. Children who are hospitalized long-term experience a startling separation from their home, family and friends. These children long for regular contact with their friends and familiar educators. Omar's Dream Program plays a critical role in helping a young person maintain a social presence at school when they are absent due to a health condition. It enables them to stay connected with the outside world.

Stanford nurse practitioner Simon states, "Survival rates for childhood cancer have improved greatly over the past 30 years and we hope that continues. Omar's Dream foundation is playing an important role in fighting this terrible disease.'

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San Jose honors Mexican Independence Day with flag raising ceremony

By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

an Jose's beautiful city hall S and rotunda was the setting to honor Mexican Independence Day last month.

The annual event brought many out to speak at a podium just outside City Hall Plaza. This is where the flags are raised each day for the

The flag raising ceremony commemorates Mexican Independence Day and the Grito De Dolores Speech which took place two centuries ago to galvanize all of the local population of Mexico to defend themselves and fight against the Spanish to claim their Mexican Independence. Viva la

The following people spoke at the podium: Vice Mayor Magdalena Corrasco, Councilmember Raul Peralez; San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo; Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas, representing Evergreen District 8; Councilmember Don Rocha; Consul General de Mexico, Mauricio Toussaint; and U.S. Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren.

Vice Mayor galvanizes crowd

Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco vivaciously. creatively enchantingly spoke about how the family roots of many who serve the City of San Jose today are intertwined with Mexico. She welcomed all in attendance as "brothers and sisters."

It was witnessed that she speaks so well, and succeeds in captivating the crowd as must have been also true with leaders throughout distant centuries for she too "galvanized" people with use of her voice and actions which resulted in truly inspiring all.

Oak Grove H.S. Color Guard

Oak Grove High School elite Color Guard Team, Pedy Pascual, Jose Talon, Janel La and Katie Nguyen crisply honored all by standing at attention for long periods of time and preforming a regimented presentation of honorably hoisting both the American Flag and Mexican Flag with equality and dignity.

As each flag slowly swirled in the breeze and slowly moved up the silver flag pole, the national anthem of each country was played for all to hear and reflect upon. Such ceremonies help us to put down our cell phones and silently reflect on the meaning of country and what it stands for.

Consul General speaks

Mauricio Toussaint, Consul General de Mexico stated, "Today we celebrate the Independence of Mexico. 207 years ago, brave and courageous men and women in Mexico began a battle that took 11 years. Mexico today is one of the most important economies in the world. The last two centuries have been difficult with international invasions, natural disasters, and threatening speech. The people of Mexico are very proud and strong.

Vice Mayor Liccardo stated, "We stand together in San Jose for our entire community.'

Value of immigration honored

Councilman Don Rocha honored and spoke about his grandmother who was present in the audience and flowers were presented to her. Rocha stated how his grandmother worked at the Del Monte canning factory for more than 40 years and she was recognized for her dedication. Rocha said, "This is what wonderful immigration brings to our community." The crowd was reminded by the speaker and also reflected upon how immigrants raise strong children who successfully serve and make positive impact to our city today.

As American as anyone else

Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas acknowledged her mom and dad stating, "Their bravery changed the course of my life, my son and daughter and the future. I am very proud and have a huge sense of pride in my position (referring to her being Councilwoman of District 8 serving Evergreen Valley residents and others). She stated, "I straddle two identities. I am Mexican to the heart and also American; I am American as anyone else can be; I am so full of joy to be here."

Our strength is our diversity

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren stood at the podium and stated, "It's wonderful to be home. Our strength is in our diversity... that's America. That is the strength of our country and why

people would want to cut that off is beyond me. The fight is with the 'Dreamers' in the end it will depend on the American people to speak out. We have a lot to teach the world and we have a lot of work to do."

As the event came to a close all moved to the rotunda of San Jose. This is the beautiful glass rounded building next to the city hall skyscraper building. The Pasto Seco Band played Cumbia which is a fusion mix. In keeping with the day's honor of how important diversity is to San Jose and how those from Mexico help to make up the tapestry and vitality of San Jose, the band members were composed of a group of all-stars hailing from Cuba, Mexico, Chili, Argentina and Columbia.

The spectacular circular rotunda building creates a warm reflective atmosphere for shared conversations, team building and the opportunity for new ideas to be shared. The historical day of Mexican Independence some two centuries ago was honored with the flag raising ceremony.

The speakers provided insights to Mexican pride and the determination of its people. The fight for independence long ago displays just one of many important elements of the heritage of the Mexican people which continues to shape America today. Their fight for independence was a defining moment in history which galvanized the Mexicans and impacts the world we live in today.

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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

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

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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.

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

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Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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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). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

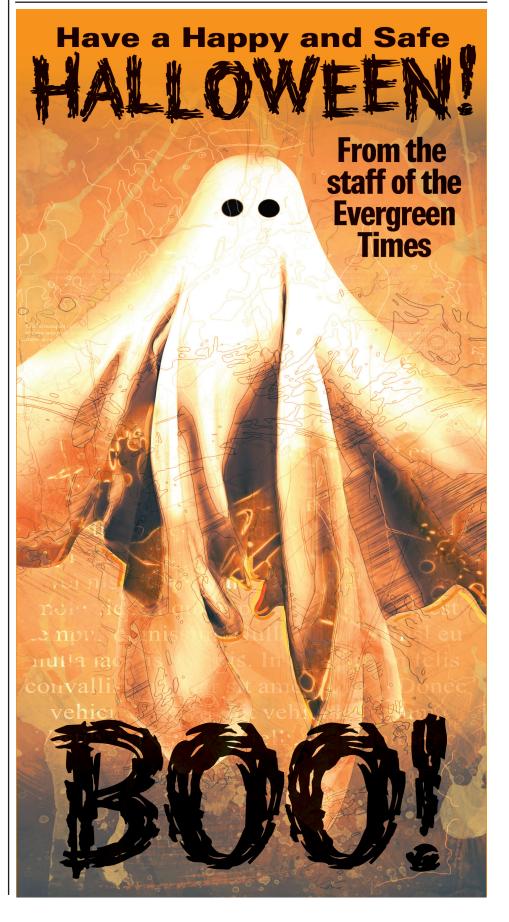
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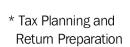
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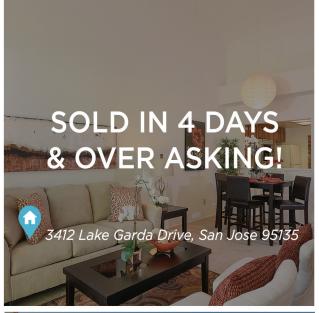
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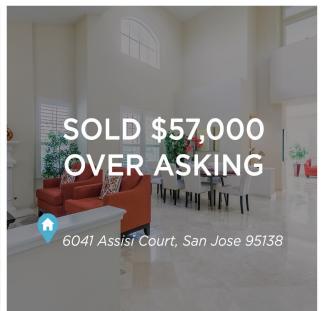
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