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Santa accepts pancake breakfast invitation

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle, jingle...jingle! What's that sound?

Santa is coming!

A tradition has been born again at the Evergreen Community Center.

It's official, Santa is coming to town and he says that the visit to this valley fits right into his route through the Bay Area.

On Saturday, December 2, he took time away from overseeing the elves at the North Pole to do his marketing research on what the children want under the tree this year. He received a special invitation by the staff and when



On Saturday, December 2, **Santa** took time away from overseeing the elves at the North Pole to visit the Evergreen Community Center to do his marketing research on what the children want under the tree this year.

he heard there would be pancakes with maple syrup he agreed to pull his sleigh from high above the clouds into the fields of the Evergreen Community Center.

There were more than a hundred people at the beautifully decorated center. Santa went slowly from table to table taking time to say Ho Ho Ho and hi to the little ones. Not in a fast paced multi-tasked way but instead, slowly, he sauntered and he would ever so gently put his white gloved hand from time to time under the chin of a little one

and gaze into earnest eyes and say in his husky voice, "Merry Christmas." Then, as he turned to walk to another table the little one would joyfully, ever so silently, inhale with a gasp and place one hand over the mouth to silently say, "He's real, oh my goodness he spoke with me." The music was pure Christmas.

Breaking News Santa tells all

Santa arrived wearing all red with white fur on the edges of his clothes, big black boots, snow colored gloves with a beautiful

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Evergreen 'Team Tectonic Gears' wins Design Award in first qualifier round at FIRST Tech Challenge

By William Bellou
Publisher

Evergreen Valley Team Tectonic Gears, mostly seventh and eighth graders, won the Design Award at FIRST Tech Challenge (FTC) qualifier held at Folsom High School, Folsom, CA on Nov. 18.

Team Tectonic Gears competed against a 7-year-old veteran team from San Diego, with members mostly from High School. Tectonic Gears won all five

rounds and also two semi-final rounds.

This is the team's rookie year, as Team Tectonic Gears was formed this year and actually started working in September. The captain of last year champion trophy winner said he sees a lot of potential in Team Tectonic Gears.

FTC teams (10 or more members, grades 7-12) are challenged to design, build, program, and

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Team **Tectonic Gears** won all five rounds and also two semi-final rounds, until their battery died during the finals.

'Radio Hour' Broadway musical to be performed at Evergreen Valley College

Come and be transported back to the "radio days" of 1942 as San Jose Musical Theater, sponsored by Evergreen Valley College, presents a favorite Broadway Musical, The 1940's Radio Hour.

The 1940's Radio Hour plays for four performances only at Evergreen Valley College Theater with two evening performances December 8th and 9th and two matinee performances December 9th and December 10th.

The scene is December, 1942 and Radio Station WOV is about to air its final broadcast of the year from the Algonquin Room of New York's Hotel Astor.



Ron Hour surrounded by **Brennah Kimberly**, **Sarah Griner** and **Alysia Beltran** appear in the joyful holiday musical produced by San Jose Musical Theater, "The 1940's Radio Hour."

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Times **Local News**

Eagle Scout project solicits help from community

By **Kevin Larsen**
Times staff writer

In Evergreen as well as throughout the world the Boy Scout oath is held in high regard. It is made up of three promises: duty to God and country, duty to other people, and duty to self.

Evergreen resident, Arnav Bhau, has established his Eagle Scout project for troop 264 of Evergreen Valley. The Boy Scout project reflects his vision of working with nonprofit organizations, such as Community Seva.

He is leading a winter backpack drive for the underprivileged and homeless and the collection of toys and board games for children.

Bhau's project includes a winter backpack drive for the underprivileged and homeless and the collection of toys and board games for children.

Bhau's project is underway and approved by his troop leaders and his volunteer team has already distributed a donation of about 500 items at one of the shelters. He has two more distribution days coming up. Busy time for the 15 year old Bellarmine student!

"Our team of scouts and volunteers will be fundraising, ordering, collecting, storing, and assembling backpacks full of goods," said Arnav. "Multiple separate items will be added to the backpacks such as blankets, beanies, gloves, towels, socks, rain ponchos, a personal hygiene care kit that includes; toothpaste, toothbrushes, soaps, shampoos, and body lotion along with a donated food. 100 percent of what is donated goes directly to the project."

"I appreciate everyone's help," states Arnav. "Let's come together for this cause and spread generosity in our community! Any monetary donations that you make



to help the cause will only be used to serve the homeless individuals and needy and under privileged kids in our area. When we think about all that we have, there are people out there that don't have a home or money to buy things that we all take for granted. It has gotten to the point where some people in our community can't afford blankets to stay warm. We have the ability to do something about it! That being said, if this project even helps one needy individual, I will feel lucky!"

If you wish to donate used toys, books, and board games, you can email Bhau: arnav.bhau1014@gmail.com. The volunteer team will come and collect items from your location. Additionally, the team is in talks with local businesses where donation boxes will be placed for convenient drop offs.

Editor's Note: Arnav's proposal has gone through many rounds of approval by the Boy Scout Scoutmasters and Review team. Here is the link to learn more as to how to support his caring Eagle Scout Project; communityseva.org/arnaveagleproject. Donations are 100 percent tax deductible.



PHOTO OP

A lunar delight

FULL MOON OVER EVERGREEN VALLEY – This incredible photo was taken about 10 hours after the total full moon, on Sunday, Dec. 3. The photograph was shot with a Nikon D7500 DLSR, 400mm (Tamron 18-400), f/7.1, 1/640, ISO 200. Photo by Frank Langben



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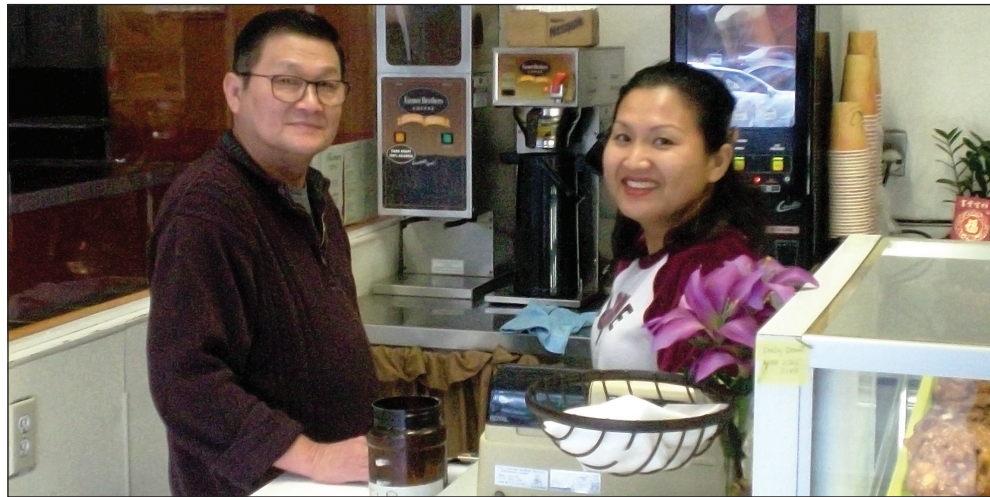
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Sony Norby (pictured with her father, who helps run the business) learned the donut business from the ground up.

Cambodian immigrant starts new business 'Daily Donuts'

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

“I want to build a successful business as a token of my appreciation for all that the United States has done for me,” said Sony Nordby.

Sony emigrated from Cambodia to the U.S. in November, 2003. Her children, a boy, 5, and a girl, 8, attend schools in the Evergreen School District. Sony married her husband Christopher soon after arriving in the U.S. He is currently Director of Global Facilities at Harmonics, Inc.

Daily Donuts

Sony is venturing out to start a business called “Daily Donuts” located in Santa Teresa. The business is run by Sony, her parents, and some friends with the help from Christopher.

Sony states, “It was not easy being allowed to leave Cambodia as I was denied entrance to America three times and eventually had to go to Thailand in order to come here. When I arrived to America I found that there were further problems as the English I was taught in Cambodia was much different than the way it was spoken here.”

A determined Sony first came to Boston and worked in a plywood factory where she learned to keep the different sizes of plywood in orderly stacks. She later worked in a plastics firm. After two years in Boston, she decided to come to San Jose. “I worked quite a few jobs here in order to help make ends meet,” Sony recalls.

Sony first began work in Silicon Valley at electronics firms and later, after seeing friends of hers making a go in the doughnut business, decided to pursue work in the business and learn it from the ground up. Her last



job, before venturing out in her own business, was recently at Evergreen Doughnuts, where she acquired lots of customer friends because of her sunny nature and ready smile.

Sony attended Adult E.S.L. classes at Independence High School. She earned a Master’s degree in Cambodian History before arriving in the U.S. Anyone desiring to learn about the history of Cambodia should contact Sony.

Both Sony’s parents are retired and as one observes their mannerisms it is not hard to figure out why Sony has such a sunny disposition. Even with the difficulties of acquiring all that she needs to run ‘Daily Donuts,’ Sony remains positive that she can make a difference in the community.

“It has been difficult to obtain the right coffee, the tables we need, the signs that are needed for the walls, and, at the same time, trying to keep our customers satisfied! She says with her warm smile: “Our goal is to show America that immigrants are very helpful to the U.S. economy!”

Editor’s note: Daily Donuts is located at the Plaza De Santa Teresa Shopping Center, 6233 Santa Teresa Blvd. San Jose, CA. Phone: (408) 225-3188.

OP ED

The ebb of the human condition

I heard from my mom one morning that the Barnes and Noble in Eastridge Mall will be closing in January of 2018.

Admittedly, I don’t know the specifics of this event, but I was told that it was something along the lines of “the mall raised the price of rent for the store, and the store will not be paying the increased rent”.

Once again, I am not aware of the financial situation of this establishment, but I want to openly protest this closure and closures of this sort that occur so often.

I am a sixteen year old, which may make my case less compelling due to my “lack of awareness in business matters”, but as a teenager living in the Silicon Valley, I can’t help but feel ruffled by this event.

I don’t know anything of business nor what is necessary to keep a business running, but I do know that the presence of establishments like Barnes and Noble is essential to the growth and nurturing of creativity.

I’m sure that after a busy day you wouldn’t want to read the pseudo-philosophies of a teenager, but in an area where the expansion of fast-paced technology and STEM-related movements are flourishing (and humanities and arts such as those celebrated in B&N are being smothered), I can’t even begin to explain the necessity of hubs that will brew creativity and curiosity within people.

Our education system has been failing to truly educate the masses of children and adolescents. This is surely something that you may understand as well as I do, as I am currently a student, and I am sure that once upon a time you were as well. This failure snowballs into the failure of producing students that feel intellectually enlightened and fulfilled.

When the education system fails, the heavy task of spreading the wonder of education falls to establishments such as libraries, bookstores, second book hand stores, etc.

And unfortunately, even this has not been successful.

I am a student at a high school in the East Side Union High School District, and our school has a beautiful, large library. This library was neglected for the majority of the 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 school years, when I was still a freshman and a sophomore. The library was only open for 2-3 days during lunch and break during the entire week.

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The staff did not do anything to resolve this issue until I took it up with the ESUHSD superintendent and pestered the principal relentlessly for meetings.

After several meetings and countless unfulfilled promises, the

library is now open every day, lunch and break, and even in the mornings.

The reason I recounted a slightly dull story like this is to highlight how in this nation we desperately need establishments such as Barnes and Noble to champion the power of reading and creating—a power that is slowly becoming

diminished in the face of scientific and technological pursuits.

Books and stories and knowledge are a power that is being neglected in California.

Books and stories attest to our humanity as a species, and they are a testament that we must never forget to honor.

Anyone can read and write and

create and become something greater than themselves.

In such confusing and tumultuous times, this is a power that we all need to feel as though our existences are substantiated.

Books and stories remain a part of the human condition more intimately than ever, and with the decline of the humanities in a region like ours in San Jose, we are working to forget this and disregard the necessity of literature and wonder.

I know that there is not much a child can do, but please count my words in petition and consider my argument.

We must work together to preserve establishments such as Barnes and Noble, which serves an integral part of our community by inspiring wisdom and creativity among us all.

Please work with me in insisting that corporations such as Barnes and Noble should be protected to keep the wonder in this part of the land where we all forget to smell

the roses (more often than not).

As a small town close to the sea slowly contorting into a land for of economic and STEM-related opportunities expanding beyond itself, it is our job to remember the simplicity, joy, and importance of hubs to inspire through books, ridiculous stories, and fantasies that teach us to grow into someone greater than we could have ever imagined to be.

We all rise through stories.

We rise through the freedom of literature.

We rise through creativity.

Protect this.

Please protect this freedom by protesting establishments like Barnes and Noble's closure. Protest the closure of libraries.

Protest the passivity of this destruction of freedom that has passed into our minds - there are Ernest Hemmingway's and Gertrude Stein's that have yet to come and change the world.

Raka Bhattacharyya

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MEASURE EXPECTED TO QUALIFY FOR JUNE BALLOT

Petition for ballot initiative to rezone industrial site in Evergreen to senior housing submitted to city

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

San Jose Residents for Evergreen Senior Homes, a developer's plan to rezone 200 acres of industrial land in the Evergreen Valley foothills for 910 homes, submitted a petition to San Jose City Hall officials on Nov. 27.

The proposed site, currently a large undeveloped natural area, is in the Evergreen foothills on Aborn Road just to the right of Gurdwara Ave.

The petition with 35,000 signatures, more than the necessary number required, puts the project on the June 2018 ballot and foreshadows a political fight over rezoning of the property, which was originally set aside to build a campus for high-tech jobs.

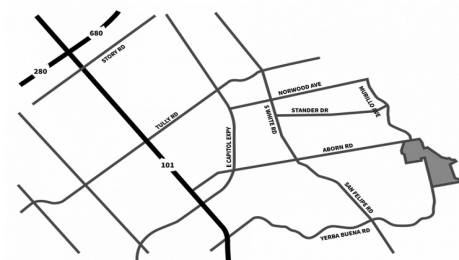
The petition will qualify the local senior housing initiative to be placed on the June 2018 ballot and ask voters to convert vacant zoned industrial land for a senior community that contains at least 182 affordable units and a preference for veterans.

The project sets aside community space for Veterans' services, a housing preference for Veterans to the fullest extent allowed by law, and more than 30 acres of voter protected open space. At least 20 percent of the homes would be designated as affordable with a preference given to military veterans.

"With this initiative, the developers, quite literally, have written their own rules for their own proj-

ect," said Sylvia Arenas, San Jose City Councilmember-District 8. "They will have a blank check to do as they please."

"The Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative provides San Jose voters the opportunity to turn underutilized vacant industrial land into new housing for seniors," said Pat Sausedo, former San Jose Vice-Mayor and former Councilmem-



ber representing Evergreen Valley, District 8. "The initiative dedicates nearly 200 homes for affordable housing as defined by the city of San Jose."

"This proposal purports to be about affordable housing and senior housing, but really it's a proposal for billionaire developers to build housing for millionaires," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo.

The initiative, if approved, will still be subject to certain City actions that will comply with CEQA and include environmental analysis—in addition to the thousands of pages of review that has been done and will be available to the public during the Initiative campaign.

The Evergreen Senior Homes Initiative is funded primarily by Ponderosa Homes II, Inc.

Times **Local News**

Key leaders, college staff, student government, many outside agencies, and others all pitched in both with time and financial contributions to provide warm Thanksgiving memories for students. Pictured are **Adela Esquivel-Swinson**, Vice President, Student Affairs and **Keith Aytch**, Evergreen Valley College President.

Evergreen Valley College first turkey giveaway campaign

By **Kevin Larsen**
Times staff writer

In a first of its kind event, the staff at Evergreen Valley College initiated a turkey and goodies give-away to select students.

Key leaders, college staff, student government, many outside agencies, and others all pitched in both with time and financial contributions to provide warm Thanksgiving memories for students.

"We have wonderful students who need additional support to attend school and live in the South Bay. We planned and worked together as a community to bring them a turkey and bag of fixings so they could take them home and create a meaningful dinner with those they love," stated president Keith Aytch.

On a brisk Wednesday morning at 10am a line of students with their approved pick up slips gathered to joyfully pick up their own frozen turkey and fixings.

The entire process went like clockwork because so many people were helping behind the scenes and pitching in with smiles.

Making one's own holiday dinner touches the heartstrings

Like baking cookies, cooking a Thanksgiving dinner is good for the soul. Upbeat music played and a truck full of over 400 turkeys had the tailgate open to hand a turkey to students. As the turkeys were given to each person an empty box was neatly stacked.

The fixings were placed in easy to carry bags so the entire process of handing out a turkey and bag of fixings took only a few minutes from start to finish. Care was also taken to offer a wide window of a three hour pick up time to ensure the students could easily come by and take home their soon to be crafted in the privacy of their home, fond Thanksgiving memory. This is a situation where the college fulfilled the void for some "financially challenged students" to create family moments of wellbeing. A way of showing that the college administration understands student needs in deep ways and helps with creat-

ing buy-in which, never in the history of the school has been done. Such planning efforts succeed in reaching out and making a positive difference.

New Visions are taking place

President Aytch added, "The effort today speaks to the mission of our community college and the vision of our District leadership to bring opportunity, equity and social justice to all. We all pitched in together to serve well over 300 students of all ages, cultures and backgrounds. This is only the beginning. We are in the planning stages of establishing SparkPoint San Jose, a financial capability center, which students and others in the community use to increase income, build savings, reduce debt and improve credit to meet their educational and economic goals. With additional support from United Way Bay Area and the South Bay Consortium for Adult Education, SparkPoint San José is under the leadership of Dr. William Watson and directed by Vanessa Muniz as a service of the Community College Center for Economic Mobility. Supporting students at their point of need makes us more effective at realizing greater economic mobility in our communities."

Sandra Dinh ASG (Associated Student's Government) President stated, "The event is the thing that brings the whole school together for it is a way of saying 'sharing is caring. This is not a college where students just drive over to learn, it is much more. We show caring and support throughout the whole journey at Evergreen Community College."

"The event was a huge success for our first time," stated Reyna Avila, Community Engagement Specialist with CalWORKS. We are happy to have been able to serve our EVC students with a Thanksgiving meal this season. I want to thank President Aytch and Vice President, Adela Esquivel Swinson for providing us this opportunity for our students. I also want to thank director Liz Tyrrell of CalWORKS for always supporting our low-income family students.



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Times **Feature**

Fantasy of Lights returns to brighten holiday season

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

You're going to "ooh and aah" throughout your adventure.

Fantasy of Lights will be lighting up Vasona Lake County Park in Los Gatos over the holiday season once again for its 19th cherished season.

Friends and family members drive-thru the holiday light show or bundle up and stroll through on foot to witness 1.5 miles of animated light displays up close and personal.

Two "Walk-through magic nights" take place

The Walk-thru nights are set for the weekend of Saturday, December 2 and Sunday, December 3 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Drive-thru nights run from December 5 through December 30 (closed December 25, Christmas Day) from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Whether you are on foot or in your vehicle, visitors will be dazzled by thousands of twinkling lights in large animated displays. See Santa shooting hoops, a pen of playful penguins, cannons blazing into the night, a tunnel of moving lights, a den of dinosaurs, a 90-foot twinkling tree and more.

Santa won't miss this

The Walk-thru weekend includes international food and beverages by Moveable Feast, costumed characters, visits with Santa and Mrs. Claus and a holiday photo booth by 94.5FM KBAY (Saturday only). Visitors should bear in mind that Fantasy of Lights is a 3-mile loop making comfortable



walking shoes a must! Dress warm for the night air and consider bringing a flashlight too.

There is no parking at the Walk-thru event. Free parking and shuttle service is available at Netflix, 121 Albright Way, Los Gatos. Ridesharing with Lyft or Uber is highly encouraged.

Walk-thru and Drive-thru tickets go on sale Wednesday, November 1 at www.parkhere.org. Tickets must be purchased in advance for both events. Drive-thru patrons purchase tickets by the day of entrance and an allotted time slot of arrival.

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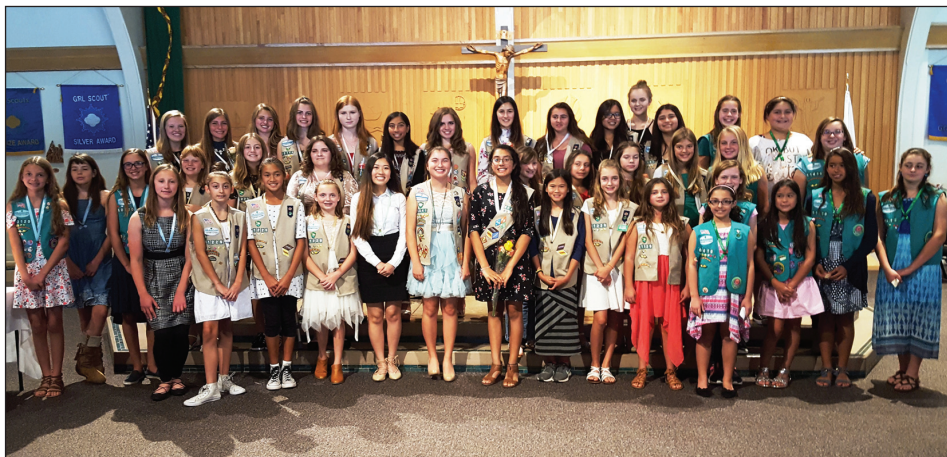
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Girl Scouts honored for their service to the community

By Marianne Bristol
Special to the Times

The mission statement of Girl Scouts is building girls of courage, confidence, and character, who make the world a better place.

At a recent celebration, 45 Girl Scouts who earned their Bronze, Silver, or Gold Award and any Scouts who achieved 10 years of service received awards. These are the highest awards a Girl Scout can earn which puts into practice the leadership, confidence and courage learned through Scouting.

Nicole Stadelman and My Hoang were honored for achieving the highest honor of Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. My Hoang who attends Leland High School and volunteers at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, collected supplies from businesses and individuals to assemble chemotherapy care kits for her project. Stadelman addressed the shortage of milkweed which has contributed to a decrease in the monarch butterfly population. To help combat this, she grew and distributed 1061 milkweed plants to people in over 40 cities.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Scout can earn. Megha Karthik earned her award for the School Bullying Stops Here project.

The Bronze Award is the highest honor a Junior Girl Scout can earn. Karen Fricke, Isabella Kolano, Nila Mettler, Sonoma Mulvihill, and Lauren Todoroff earned the award for the Art Boxes for Caring project. Gianna Butera, Stephanie Crone, Fiona Entzminger, Gabriella Franks, Sarah Hernandez, Ariana Ramos, Lynette Rondeau, Bonnie Stottlemeyer, and Sophia Stumpf earned the Bronze award for their Make New Friends Inspirational Art Wall. The Bronze award for the kids' Hospital Happiness project was earned by Natalie Burrill, Katelyn Chervenka, Aralyn Connolly, Hannah Dudum, Samantha Hoyt, Alyssa Keller, Makaila Khanna, Aliana Liu, Simonne Marshall, Allyson Meek Pierce, Mackenzie Osborn, Sophia Paulazzo, Caroline Sarringhaus, and Bethany Tate.

The following Girl Scouts achieved 10 years of service: Catherine Roberts, Kaylan Tate, Gia Tudish, Clara Graves, Jenna Holsen, Indrea Goyal, Annabel Klaben, Brianna Smith, Kaylynn Truong, Angelique Armenta, Sofie Gmerek, Tatiana Kohlbrenner-Rios, and Ariel

Syrkin.

The ceremony concluded by recognizing the adult volunteers who support the Service Unit programs and the volunteers who support the individual troops. Everyone then rededicated their service to the Girl Scout program, which helps make the community a better place to live.

Gas prices fall 2.4 cents

Average retail gasoline prices in San Jose have fallen 2.4 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.14 per gallon this week, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 427 gas outlets in San Jose.

Including the change in gas prices in San Jose during the past week, prices yesterday were 48.1 cents per gallon higher than the same day one year ago and are 2.0 cents per gallon lower than a month ago.

The national average has decreased 6.4 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 28.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on December 4 in San Jose have ranged widely over the last five years: \$2.66/g in 2016, \$2.64/g in 2015, \$3.02/g in 2014, \$3.52/g in 2013 and \$3.63/g in 2012.

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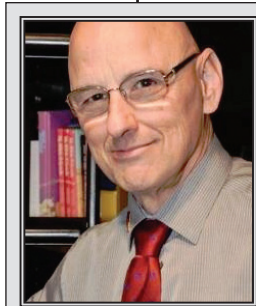
Times Local News

Rotary East/Evergreen Christmas party moving to Grace Church

The Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen will be holding our Christmas party in a larger venue this year at the Grace Church in Evergreen at 7 pm on December 15.

Evergreen. Rajjot is in the holiday spirit and has been kind enough in their pricing so that we only have to charge \$15 per person. Pastor John Goldstein of Grace Church has worked with us to keep costs down to use the church's banquet hall.

We are doing this to make it more of a community event to share with our neighbors. If you have not yet been to a Rotary club meeting or assisted us on a community project, please plan on coming to the party. You will have the chance to meet and



Rotary Report
Charlie Wasser, SJ East/Evergreen

mingle with the members of the Rotary club and your neighbors from around the Bay Area. This will give you a marvelous overview of why so many of us have a real deep seated passion for Rotary. You will enjoy yourself.

The meal will be buffet style including three appetizers, entree, and a dessert. It is catered by Rajjot Indian Cuisine of

him when he takes over as President July 1, 2018 – especially since he will continue to use his passion for Rotary to develop innovative programs like this party and effective community projects. You can use EVENTBRITE to purchase your tickets. Visit eventbrite.com/e/rotary-san-jose-east-evergreen-christmas-party-tickets-40600165187

Christmas Food Drive reaches out to help 5,000 families

\$2M in food vouchers and no one is to be turned away

By William Bellou
Publisher

More than 2,500 grocery carts full of food will be distributed at the Reaching Out Food Center located at the Cathedral of Faith in San Jose during the 'Celebration of Love' event Friday, December 22 from 1 – 3 p.m.



500 volunteers will be on hand at the event December 22 to provide assistance to food recipients. A total of 5,000 grocery carts full of food will be distributed, including turkeys, fresh produce, vegetables, milk, bread, and pastries, to needy families during the month of December.

This year Reaching Out has partnered with 37 local public schools that see a need for food for their students' families. Reaching Out provides food monthly to needy families at these schools.

"This year, we've seen a much greater demand in our services," said Jim Gallagher, Reaching Out's director. "The food drive benefits more than 5,000 needy families during the entire month of December. The retail price of the food is fast approaching \$2,000,000."

The Celebration of Love Food Distribution on December 22 takes approximately two hours to pull off — with the help of hundreds of volunteers from the church congregation. More than 5,000 vouchers are being distributed to recipients over the next month, and each will present their voucher to receive their food. "No one will be turned away," Gallagher said.

Gallagher explained that the mostly-volunteer organization, which operates out of a debt-free, 16,000 square foot distribution center on the Cathedral of Faith campus, provides emergency food and basic life necessities for more than 160,000 economically disadvantaged.

For more information about Reaching Out or the Cathedral of Faith, log onto www.cathedralof-faith.org, or contact Jim Gallagher, Director, at 408-979-3090; jgallagher@cathedralof-faith.org.

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Messiah sing-along scheduled

The audience becomes the choir for Schola Cantorum, Silicon Valley's 51st annual sing-along of Handel's Messiah, Monday, December 18 at 7:30 pm. From treasured arias to the "Hallelujah" chorus, this crowd-pleaser, with a 25-piece chamber orchestra led by Music Director Gregory Wait, is the Bay Area's oldest annual Messiah Sing. Bring your own score, or borrow one at the door. The event will be held at the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts, 500 Castro Street, Mountain View. Tickets at 650-903-6000, or www.MVCPA.com.



States with the highest annual rate of giving

To determine where the most generous Americans are inspiring others to be more selfless, WalletHub compared the 50 states based on 14 key indicators of charitable behavior.

The data set ranges from volunteer rate to share of income donated to sheltered homeless.

California did not make the top 20 list, with a rank of 43.

With a third of all annual giving taking place in December and the U.S. ranking fifth overall in the 2017 World Giving Index, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its report on 2017's Most Charitable States, along with its Charity Calculator to help donors decide whether to give time or money for maximum philanthropic impact.

Most Charitable States

- 1 Utah
- 2 Maryland
- 3 Minnesota
- 4 Wyoming
- 5 Wisconsin
- 6 Washington
- 7 Virginia
- 8 South Dakota
- 9 Georgia
- 10 Oklahoma
- 11 Connecticut
- 12 Kansas
- 13 New Hampshire

- 14 Oregon
- 15 New York
- 16 Ohio
- 17 North Dakota
- 18 Missouri
- 19 South Carolina
- 20 Nebraska

Key Stats

Utah has the highest share of aggregate income donated to charity, 3.17 percent, which is 4.2 times higher than in West Virginia, the state with the lowest at 0.75 percent.

To view the full report and your state's rank, please visit: <http://www.wallethub.com/edu/most-and-least-charitable-states/8555/>

Sacred Heart volunteers distribute food boxes

Sacred Heart volunteers distributed nearly 1000 food boxes to low-income families that included nonperishable items, vegetable, fruit, bread, and a turkey—roughly 50 pounds of food per box on Monday, November 20.

The agency currently has 3,200 turkeys—1,000 shy of its goal for 4,200 turkeys to distribute this week. Sacred Heart also distributed another 3,200 food boxes the week before Thanksgiving.

"This year seems lower than usual in terms of turkey donations," said Lydia Guel, SHCS Director of Community Development. "One way people can support each other here in Silicon Valley is by making a financial donation to our holiday program, at whatever amount is meaningful to them, by visiting our website."

If you are interested in giving back to the community this holiday season you can visit SHCS' website at sacred-heartcs.org/holidays to donate online, volunteer, or see their wish list of items to donate.

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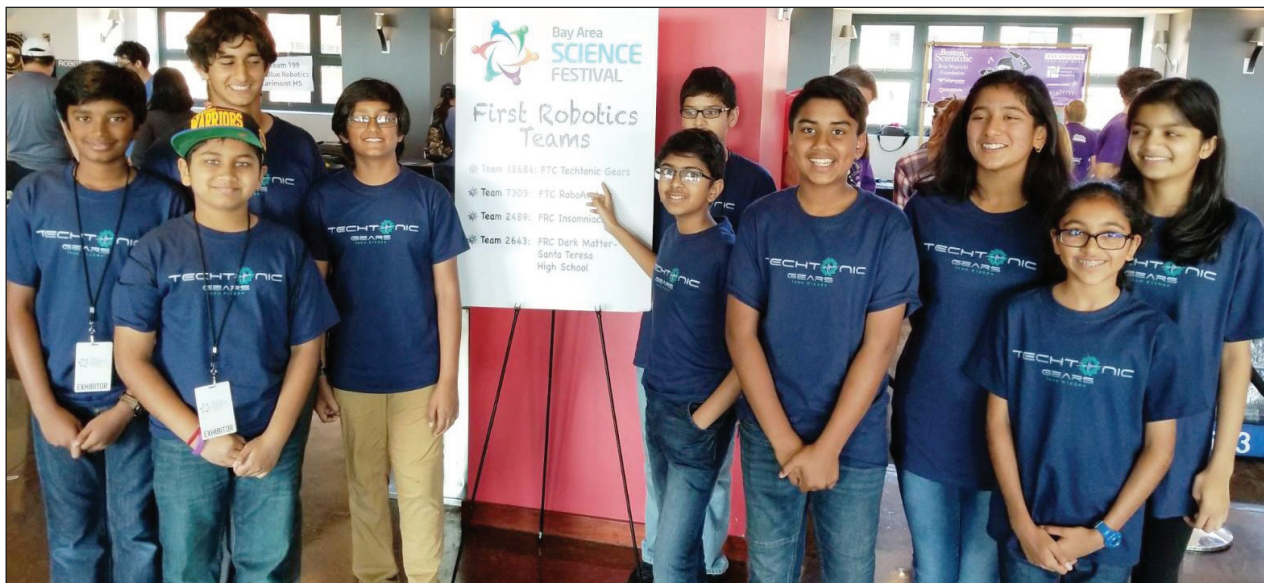
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Team **Techtonic Gears** was invited to exhibit at the Bay Area Science Festival on Discovery Day at AT&T Park on Nov. 11.

LEGAL ADVICE

The basics of a real estate development project

By **Steven R. Roeser, Esq.**

Special to the Times

This week's question:

I inherited a lot of money from my folks and I am considering getting into real estate development. I have remodeled my home and that is the extent of my experience. Is this a good or a bad idea?

Logan G.

Almaden Valley

Dear Logan:

Real property development in Silicon Valley is highly competitive, complicated in terms of permitting and regulations, and as expensive as it gets. That all means it is a big risk for you since you do not have experience. However, with the right team in place, you can greatly increase your odds of success, meaning healthy net profits.

Following is an outline of the initial planning that a developer should consider.

1. FORM YOUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM

First, it should be noted that a developer uses a builder to build a finished piece of construction, and then sells it. Developer and builder are two distinct positions and one cannot fill the other, and one cannot fill both positions.

Building is one of many pieces of the development, as there are financing, purchase, entitlement/ permitting, and sale issues and transactions to address, to name a few.

Typically, the developer will arrange a large group of professionals to perform the various tasks necessary for the development. This usually includes a lending institution, legal professionals to navigate all phases of the project and contracts for same, tax experts to assist in maximizing profit, real estate brokers to act as agent to purchase and lease or sell land, engineers and architects, a general contractor, and subcontractors.

The above is the minimum team

and the unique requirements of each project may require much more. For instance, HUD construction or construction in an environmentally sensitive area will require specialists in those fields and permitting can be a lengthy process. A simple rule is that the larger the project, the more time and expense that should be expected for final approval of the project from all required governing authorities.

Further, if the developer, itself, is composed of various parties, such as a partnership or corporation, careful planning is necessary in the structure to avoid disputes within the structure leading to a break-down of the entire project due to internal conflict.

The developer is essentially the CEO of the project, and must wear many hats and perform various tasks. Disputes between the engineer and architect or the contractor and both are common and at all times the lender can be a constant presence capable of grinding the entire project to a halt by stopping the flow of money.

As the developer is the head of the entire project, get ready to play quarterback and lead your chosen team! Now that you have your team ready, it is time to play ball.

2. PLAN YOUR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND GO FOR IT!

Determine the type of development you want to try. (Commercial? Residential? To own and lease? To improve and sell? Build from scratch? Improve existing? Location? Partnership or alone?

Determine your financial resources. Determine your borrowing potential.

Create a budget and time line that is likely and to do that - Obtain the first part of your team in the sense of discussing the matter with them. This would normally be a builder, perhaps an engineer and/or architect.

Find a good real estate broker and begin your search and learn the market. Don't buy anything yet.

Once the property is located, create

the legal framework that will do the development. You will need the lawyer and CPA to accomplish that. This will cost some money.

Get financing arranged for both the purchase and the development.

Using the architect and builder get preliminary plans for the property. This will cost some money.

Conclude the financing package.

Have the property surveyed and soils, water, hazardous waste, etc, and checked and certified as appropriate.

Buy the property. If possible, buy it contingent on the approvals described below.

Have the architect create final building plans with the engineer. This will cost you money. Submit the plans for approval by all local building, zoning and environmental departments and agencies. This will cost money and take twice the time you think it will.

Enter into construction contracts with the general contractor (GC hereafter) and, if the GC does not, with the subs.

Supervise the construction. Expect and budget for many delays and problems.

Rent or sell the property.

Enjoy your profits and look for the next project.

If you find yourself needing advice as to a real estate development project, or any business or real estate matter, please feel free to contact me.

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

You can reach Mr. Roeser with your questions by email at steve@roeser-law.net, with "Almaden Times" in the subject line, or by telephone at (650) 300-5778. Your real name will not be used. No attorney-client relationship is created by these articles, and any information in this article does not constitute legal advice and is not to be relied upon.

Robotics

Continued from page 1

operate robots to compete in a head-to-head challenge in an alliance format. Team members include: Shuhul Mujoo, Pratik Lokesh, Ritali Jain, Saurish Srivastava, Sourish Saswade, Ayush Agarwal, Aanvi Shettigar, Aanvi Singhani, Aditya Sinnarkar, and Anirudh Rao.

Bay Area Science Festival

Team Techtonic Gears had a sense of pride recently when it was asked to be an exhibitor at Bay Area Science Festival on Discovery Day at AT&T Park held on Nov. 11. The team interacted with many parents and how they can help girls embrace engineering and mathematics. One mechanical Engineer shared with team coach, "isn't it great to learn from kids design what I have been doing for more than 30 years."

Collaboration with Project enVision

Team Techtonic Gears is collaborating with Project enVision, a non-profit organization founded by youth mentor, Rushil Srivastava, a sophomore at Evergreen High School (EVHS) and an officer for the EVHS' Robotics Club. Other than team female head coach Vishakha Mujoo and Male coach Gaurav Jain, he has been instrumental in teaching team programming, designer principles.

Project enVision U.S (www.envisionnew.org) enables students to give back to the community and promote girls in STEM. The team also presented at companies like Adobe. During a recent event, Ash Kalra, a member of California State assembly, praised and encouraged the members of the team. He was extremely "impressed with team members' zeal and enthusiasm."

Silver Oak Elementary outreach

As part of its outreach program, Team Techtonic Gears presented at Silver Oak Elementary School and as a follow up they are conducting more session at the school to encourage Robotics.

Team Techtonic Gears actively promote STEM and actively recruit girls for the team and currently the team has three girls actively participating in all areas. Members of the team believe that gender makes no difference and it is matter of practice and when you cross initial milestone and hindrance everyone can be successful.

Collaboration with FTC Teams

Team Techtonic Gear collaborated with other FTC teams at Bay Area Science Festival where team members shared their designs and also code with competing teams just a week before actual qualifier. This quest for learning led the team to become a finalist in Folsom Qualifier.

Team Techtonic Gears won all five rounds and then two semi final rounds and during finals their battery died. At this Captain of last year champion trophy winner said we see a lot of potential in this team and we are sure we will cross paths with you in Finals.

Techtonic team believes get rid of fears and adopt gears. Similar to tectonic plates, we all can fit together and use technology to create a beautiful world where there is still room for differences, and as the name implies, Techtonic Gears fit together and move in synchronization to achieve greater power.



Times **Feature**

Batman (Ben Affleck), Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot), Cyborg (Ray Fisher), Flash (Ezra Miller), and Aquaman (Jason Momoa) form the new Justice League. Photo: Warner Bros.

MOVIE REVIEW

The Justice League



By **Steven Leonard**
Times Movie Reviewer

Man kind doesn't deserve Wonder Woman, but boy are we glad she's here anyway.

After stealing the show in *Batman V Superman* and captivating the world in her solo film, Wonder Woman (Gal Gadot) is back! This time around, she's helping Bruce Wayne assemble his team of metahumans to fight against an impending invasion.

Gal Gadot's last film was *Wonder Woman* and it was one of my favorite films. *Justice League* is not in the same league as her solo *Wonder Woman*, but don't get me wrong, Gal Gadot as Wonder Woman was just as exciting in this film. The film is leagues better than last summer's ragtag villain team up "*Suicide Squad*" and superior to "*Batman V Superman*".

One of my favorite scenes was when Aquaman accidentally sits on Wonder Woman's Lasso of Truth and he tells her against his will that she's a smoking hot babe and her face blushes bright red. I'd have to agree with his embarrassing remarks towards her.

Justice League is flawed...but its flaws are outweighed by some welcome levity and some genuine conversation between Batman, Wonder Woman, The Flash, Aquaman, and Cyborg. The film is fun and the extent of that fun lies with its main array of superhero characters. They're great to watch on their own and together, but the film's super villain doesn't do anything for them.

The league is united fighting a super villain (a Big Bad Steppenwolf) who has no real purpose, plot, or motive for destroying the planet or humanity. The *Justice League* needed a worthy villain and plot to

fight against in this film.

This movie should have put out an advertisement in newspapers requesting a worthy adversary for this *Justice League* movie. Actually, the movie would have been a better with a villain, and rather focusing on the league's chemistry between each other with some romance on the side. I would have enjoyed seeing a bunch of super heroes sitting around cracking jokes, waiting for their next super villain to arrive, flirting non-stop with Wonder Woman and Lois Lane with some expensive wine and flowers; bought and paid for by the super-rich Bruce Wayne. We are reminded many times during the film that Bruce has no real super powers except that he's rich, drives fancy cars, and has some really cool lethal gadgets.

If I had a chance to interview the super villain (a Big Bad Steppenwolf) about why he wanted to destroy mother Earth or humanity his answer would probably go something like this, "I don't really know. I never thought about it. No one has ever asked me that question before!" while scratching his head.

Try as he might — and you can see his influence — not even "*Avengers*" director Joss Whedon could save the league from a silly story and a sillier CG villain. Whedon came on board to finish the film after director Zack Snyder stepped down after his daughter's death earlier this year and shares a writing credit in the final movie. This film would have been much better in the hands of Patty Jenkins, the female director for last year's favorite DC solo film *Wonder Woman*.

It's little surprise that Gal Gadot once again steals nearly every scene in which she's included. A bank robbery scene with her early on isn't needed, but it's among the movie's highlights as it reminds audiences why they fell in love with her in the first place. Thankfully, she's not the only hero who will win audiences over. There is a "reveal" superhero that shows up later in the film and I was glad to see in action again, but not surprised.

The takeaway from this entire saga should be that if studios are going to aim for surprise reveals, they need to make the effort to actually keep the secret, and ensure that whatever is unveiled is worth it.



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106 OTHERS TO CHOOSE FROM

9 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE!

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Think outside the gift box: Donate blood and give more life

The best gifts can't be bought in a store. The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give more life by giving blood this December.

Alison Wissen knows the power of blood donations. She received 22 units of blood products after experiencing complications during childbirth. "I truly owe my life to blood donors," she said. "Even the skilled hands of my surgeons could not have saved me without the blood." Because of blood and platelet donors, Wissen will celebrate the holidays with her three children and husband.

blood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.



In December, donations decline but the needs of patients remain steady. During the holiday season, set aside at least an hour to give the most important gift - give blood and give more life.

To encourage donations, all those who come to give blood or platelets Dec. 21, 2017, through Jan. 7, 2018, will receive a long-sleeved Red Cross T-shirt, while supplies last.

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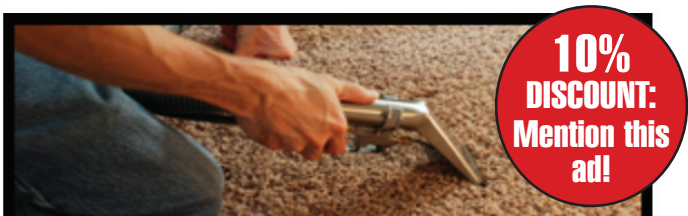
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U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class **Vanessa Sifuentes** (pictured, right) graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She earned an associate degree in 2017 from Evergreen Valley College.

WINTER WOES

Avoid costly repairs with these winter maintenance must-dos

Failure to prepare your home for the upcoming winter months can have dire consequences on your wallet, as well as pose a safety hazard for others.

Even those in warmer climates will want to be careful this time of year: Everyone can benefit from an annual maintenance tune-up, and even in the South a winter frost can come as a nasty surprise.

Fortunately, there are some relatively easy preventative measures you can implement in the fall months to help ensure a smooth winter. The list below provides a few of the low-cost measures you can take now that will save you from the hassles of repairs and from the cost of winter issues.

Clean roof gutters

If your home has gutters you need to make sure that you inspect how they are attached to the roof and that they are clear of debris. You want to make sure no dams or clogs are created. The best time to check is after all the fall leaves have dropped and then again during the spring thaw. Cleaning the drains will help ensure that the drains do not get ripped off from the roof and that water will not back up, which can cause a leaky roof.

Remove foliage and potential tree hazards

Trees and foliage provide great shade for your home in the summer and help keep the heat at bay. However, you want to make sure that you do not have branches and other foliage over your roof or potentially covering electric lines, cable, gas or any

other cables you may have running to your home. It is easiest to trim back or remove any potential problems in the fall. Snow on branches can weigh them down and potentially cause utility problems or even roof damage.

Inspect your furnace. Winter typically requires the use of a heater. Schedule an inspection of your furnace to make sure it is venting properly and will not be obstructed by winter weather. Check and/or replace your carbon monoxide alarms, which is a low-cost fix that may just save your life.

Dryer exhaust

Much like your furnace, inspect your dryer vent. Make sure no lint is backing up the exhaust and that winter weather will not cause any issues. A backed-up exhaust can lead to house fires.

These few safety precautions will help ensure that the winter months pass safely and that your home is protected. Take a few minutes and make your home as safe as possible for you and your family.

Winterize outdoor spigots

As the temperatures start to dip below freezing, any water that is exposed to the lower temperatures will freeze. When water freezes, it expands; water left in a hose has nowhere to expand to. The copper piping that feeds the water to the hose will eventually split because of this expansion. The easy fix here is to remove all the hoses and make sure that there is no water left in them. Also, for more protection, you can place a foam box over the spigot.

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Times Feature

VTA brings back historic 'Holly Trolley' for the holidays

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is bringing back the historic "Holly Trolley" for the holiday season.

Jump on board and spread joy across downtown San Jose as you and the family ride for free on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 31.

The trolley operates approximately every hour from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday nights and from 2:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays between the Civic Center and San Jose Diridon Light Rail Stations, weather permitting.

Make VTA a part of your family's holiday tradition and ride the trolley to and from Christmas in the Park, Downtown Ice or any of your downtown holiday destinations.

On December 2, VTA will also host a special event on the trolley from 2:30-5:00 p.m. starting at the Diridon Light Rail Station. The event will feature cookies, holiday tunes and a station for children to write and mail letters to Santa on the trolley.

The historic trolleys
The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) maintains several restored trolleys. Volunteers at the Trolley Barn restored seven vintage cars. Trolley Car 2001 is the "Holly Trolley" was built in 1928 by Officine Meccaniche Lodigiane in Lodi, Italy and was part of a group of trolley cars numbered 1993-2002. The streetcar ran on the Milan tramway system until the mid-1980s, and was donated to the San Jose Trolley

Corporation by the Italian government in 1985.

Trolley history

From the late 1880s to the late 1930s, electric trolleys operated in San Jose, Santa Clara and throughout the County--on nearly 130 miles of trackway at the peak of the era. It was a time when \$750 would buy a nice home, a newspaper cost five cents, and trolleys were state-of-the-art transit. The birth of bus and automobile travel brought an end to local trolley service, but the trolleys were not forgot-



Riders enjoy the festive surroundings on the VTA Holly Trolley. Jump on board and spread joy across downtown San Jose as you and the family ride for free on Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 31.

ten. Since 1982, the nonprofit San Jose Trolley Corporation and its hundreds of volunteer workers restored several historic trolleys. The Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) maintains these trolleys

For more information about the historic trolleys, visit vta.org/trolley

Editor's note: The Holiday Trolley will not be in service on December 17 and December 24 due to Levi's Stadium events.



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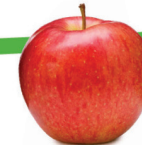
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Evergreen Village Square Holiday Festivities great success

By Steve Natale
Special to the Times

The happy faces of hundreds of children and their families were everywhere Saturday, Dec. 2 at the annual Evergreen Village Square Holiday Festivities. Special guest San Jose District 8 Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas spoke to the crowd and visited with Santa.

The famous and fabulous Lori & RJ were masters of ceremony, bringing their special brand of Holiday fun and music, along with some special friends that included performances by Bytes & Notes, NorCal Academy of Performing Arts, Evergreen Studio of Music & Arts, Tom Matsumoto Elementary School Choir, Future Message

Youth Band, a wonderful magician, and a beautiful and whimsical marionette show, all to the delight of kids and parents alike.

The Involved Evergreen Community group had a rubber ducky fountain-drop that thrilled the kids as they scooped them out of the water.

Santa and Mrs. Claus were at the Village Branch Library, with eager little ones waiting to get their free picture taken with them. The library provided activities for the kids and had a holiday book sale as well.

Evergreen Coffee Company provided free hot cider and cookies were donated by Walmart.

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CALENDAR

Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

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.

Wednesdays, 3–4pm: Tea Party for Seniors.

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OFF THE SHELF

Fratello Marionettes to entertain in 'The North Pole Review'

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

Evergreen Branch library celebrates the holidays on Saturday, December 16, 4:30 p.m., with a special marionette performance showcasing the high-kicking Russian Trepak Dancers, the graceful ice skater Crystal Chandelier, and dazzling acrobatic penguins.

Sew Easy Workshop for tweens and teens during winter break: Sign up now to reserve your place for Evergreen Branch's sewing craft activity on Thursday, December 28, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Eight to fourteen year olds will learn basic sewing skills craft while enjoying a hands-on wintertime craft during the winter break.



Participants will create their own small, three-dimensional stuffed animals.

Village Square Branch's Around the World in 2 hours series revels in European Winter Celebrations for their December 15, 3:30 -5:30 p.m. Friday program. Discover unique winter traditions from all over Europe. Enjoy themed arts and crafts, games, and snacks; explore library resources; win prizes! Activities include following a clue to uncover a special European winter tradition, delicious snacks inspired by Scandinavia, a Swedish

Santa Lucia photo booth, making jingle bells (an instrument that traces its origins to Western Europe), as well as a book giveaway in the tradition of Icelanders on Christmas Eve!

Additional Events

View all library event listings online at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page. (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary)

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

Santa

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white beard and a smile like no other. On his head was a simple red cap with white fur and a pom-pom tassel.

He told all about his visit saying that; "On a clear day like today, all the reindeer and I do a trial run over to Evergreen to make sure we map out each chimney but not to worry, if you live in an apartment, we'll get the presents in under your tree with the same wonderment of how we got the reindeer to fly. We love the outside brightly lit house decorations and use them as guide posts."

Santa continued: "This year our emissions on the sleigh have been lowered due to a visit by Elon to the pole. First he wanted me to write 'Santa's Tesla' on the side of the sleigh then he wanted to write 'SleighX' on a sign on the back, but I told him, Ho Ho Ho, no. Of course we can only advertise that we want boys and girls to always be on their best behavior of good or nice.

He is a good boy that Elon, always helping out our toy shop in the summer to search for new ways to make fun things for the children. Some of the intellectual earnest elves also help answer his questions on how to improve production line techniques. Sure enough, he got all the elves to install solar collectors on one side of the building to give us natural power and we bumped up the toy shop lighting. He's a thinker that one, Ho Ho Ho."

Santa said sometimes the elves don't listen to him and he has to keep a watchful eye. "Rather than reprimand them with words, I give them a silent look that they understand means for them to stop joking around and get to work. I bet you've seen that look from your parents at the kitchen table when you are daydreaming and not finishing up your homework, Ho Ho Ho.

Mrs. Claus and I are so very proud of all the children, she says you have been on your best behavior and are trying to stay off those cell phone games and instead are playing with friends more outside. She's into fitness and has the elves making all kinds of sporting equipment for the girls and boys. Also, Mrs. Claus and I are making more organic food for the reindeers for they seem to like it and are always very hungry this time of year when the weather turns cold and brisk. Rudolf pulled a hard left when we were going down San Felipe and took Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen Comet, Cupid, Donner and Blitzen to land at the New Seasons Market. They were very kind about it all but the reindeer flew through the doors and cleared out the entire granola isle. We paid in Klondike gold and I wagged my finger at them Ho Ho Ho."

I think I hear sleigh bells

Sylvia Arenas, councilwoman for Evergreen District 8, came in with her children and spoke with the little ones in a way that was endearing like moms the world over do. Her voice sweet and kind



Santa had a story for every girl and boy, and spread cheer through the whole community center.

with caring for all to hear: "Who wants to see Santa? Who's been a good student? Who's been listening to mom and dad, they love you so much and they keep you on the right path." Then she said, "I think I hear sleigh bells, do you?" With that he marched in and the children gasped in awe. Instead of yelling they all took in deep breaths of oxygen. It was Santa and he was real. It's all true!"

Children share their thoughts

Nayeli: "I'm so excited Santa is coming, he does a lot of work." Khloe: "I think it's cool to be here with Santa, the reindeer are coming and I like Rudolf the best. He has a red nose." Vittorio: "He has a sleigh and has deer and he delivers gifts." Ileyan: "I like about Santa the reindeer." Oasys: "Santa's awesome," Savana: "When asked about the naughty and the nice children she said, "they get coal for Christmas but Santa will bring them presents anyway." Bellami: "He is nice." Autumn: "He lets you take a picture with him and he likes to give you presents. Cruz: "He brings presents, he is so nice." Ram: "I like Santa, happy Christmas to Santa." Samantha: "Thank you for Christmas." Hanna: "I have a list for Santa, a list is all the toys we want." Sophia: "You should be thankful for what you get from Santa." Neema: "He is going to give a donut with a happy face." His mom said that Neema: calls all wreaths "donuts."

Helper elves, reindeers and moms and dads say: Mr. My: "The Evergreen Community Center staff is building community through fun again. We kicked it all off with our annual Breakfast with this Santa holiday event!" Ijeoma: "He's a universal person that brings cheer to everyone so you can't help but put a smile on your face." Tony: "thank you for coming to the Breakfast with Santa, we want to welcome you. We want everyone to have a safe and happy holiday and please feel free to visit us in the Community Center anytime. I am really in awe of how well the staff prepared for this event! Thank you too to the

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Times Feature

Santa

Continued from previous page wonderful high school students and others who volunteer." Rick It's nice to see our Evergreen community come out to an event like this. Our diverse community is well represented here and we all stand united as Evergreen residents." Andrew (from WePlay Company with Lego sets) "It was great to have Santa bless us with his appearance. I know he is a very busy guy and it was nice he got a chance to take all the wishes from the kids." Maria: "Breakfast with Santa engages the community. Everyone enjoys Santa coming to visit the center. I want to thank all the volunteers, city employees and the Bateman staff for cooking the lovely breakfast."

Santa answers tough questions
Q: How does it feel to be here Santa?

A: "I hear what they want for Christmas. The elves are very busy."

Q: Tell us about Mrs. Claus, we don't hear much about what she does.

A: "I deliver the packages and Mrs. Claus makes sure the elves are making them. She takes care of the business end of things, Ho Ho Ho. She is very kind and giving. She understands what I do and why I am away this time of year. She is full of loving and care when I return."

Q: Where is the sleigh and some of the other reindeer?

A: "Their up in the hills sleeping, we have a long trip back to the pole."

Q: Why Ho Ho Ho?

A: The tisk tisk tisk hides this time of year and out of my tummy comes the Ho Ho Ho for the Spirit of Christmas is present and allows us all to see the good in everyone."

Q: What's it like at the North Pole?

A. "Cold, very cold, I'm pretty far north, just as far north as you can get, not too many igloos nearby."

Just then, a little one came back up to Santa and gave him a terrific crayon colored place mat and Santa softly whispered, "is this for me?" The little one nodded and Santa held out a basket of tiny candy canes. The child took a handful and said, "some for little brother." Santa winked and smiled and seemed to know if candy didn't get to brother destination that sometimes it's ok be a little naughty.

As he left the center he said, "Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas!"

So much joy was captured at the event that it captivated the Christmas spirit to spread all over the valley which resulted in reports of Goosebumps being felt by all.

Musical

Continued from page 1 commercials, sound effects and a beloved cast of characters singing the hit music of the times. And, behind the scenes at the Radio Station, you'll see a harassed producer coping with a drinking lead singer, the delivery boy who wants a chance in front of the mike, the second banana who dreams of singing a ballad, the classy and sassy cabaret singer, the overworked sound effects person, and the trumpet playing orchestra member who chooses a fighter plane over Glen Miller.

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Actors Equity Association), Gary Beytin, Sarah Griner, Michael Kaelin, Dane Lenz, Brennah Kemmerly, Leslie Ivy, Alysia Beltran, Ron Houk, Devin Adler and James Snell.

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Evening Performances begin at 8 p.m. and matinees start at 2:30. Before each performance there will be a pre-show beginning 20 minutes before showtime. Tickets range from \$10 to \$35 and may be purchased by going to www.sjmt.org or by calling

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East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees
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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 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
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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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The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjose-ca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and

well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofvergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/> The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact: President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley
This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview Airport Association
3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association
Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board
Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@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). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

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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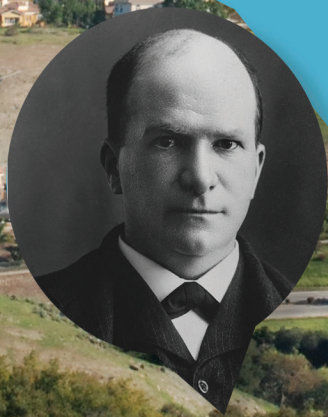


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