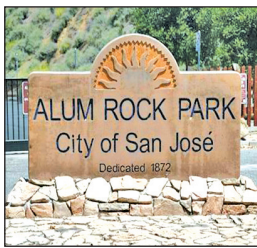


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Romoney, K. Smith student, getting a present from the Giving Tree. Photo by Aaron Brengard

TIS' THE SEASON Gift giving event serves 165 local families for holidays

By Aaron Brengard
Katherine Smith School
Special to the Times

Each year the K. Smith School staff helps about 25 families with a staff Giving Tree. Our health clerk, Maggie Rodriguez, works to identify what each person in the family would like for Christmas. The staff then shops and wraps those gifts bringing a little joy to those who need some extra support.

Just before Thanksgiving,
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Foothill Community Concert Series presents Abbie Gardner Jan. 19

By William Bellou
Publisher

Foothill Community Concert Series presents an award-winning songwriter, Dobro (special resonating guitar) player Abbie Gardner in concert on Friday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at Foothill Presbyterian Church located at 5301 McKee Rd. in San Jose.

It takes a very talented musician to play the Dobro and Abbie Gardner is that person.

Wikipedia defines the Dobro guitar as “a resonator guitar or resophonic guitar, which is an acoustic guitar that produces sound by carrying string vibration through the bridge to one or more spun metal cones (resonators), instead of to the sound board (guitar top). Resonator guitars were originally designed to be louder than regular acoustic guitars, which were overwhelmed by horns and percussion instruments in dance orchestras. They became prized

for their distinctive sound, however, and found life with several musical styles (most notably bluegrass and the blues) well after electric amplification solved the issue of inadequate guitar sound levels.”

Also, Urban Dictionary refers to a Dobro guitar as, “this is a resophonic slide guitar played by fingerpicking and a steel bar-slide which puts the tens of millions of standard guitars to shame with its most tremendous sustain and tone. It is often referred to as a ‘hubcap’ guitar due to its appearance. In the presence of a dobro, other guitars shudder and whisper (without much tone).”

Whether performing solo or with the popular Americana folk singing group Red Molly, Abbie’s acclaimed tales of love and loss, both gritty and sweet, are propelled by her impeccable slide guitar playing. Her newest CD Wishes on a Neon Sign is due out

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Singer-songwriter **Abbie Gardner** performs January 19 at the Foothill Community Concert Series. Photo by Steve Sandick

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Can we get the FCC's decision to kill net neutrality overturned?

By Evan Greer
Special to the Times

The FCC just voted to repeal all existing net neutrality protections, giving ISPs like Verizon and Comcast the power to control what we can see and do online with new fees, throttling, and censorship.

This will ruin the fundamentally open nature of the internet. This fight isn’t over, though. There is still a clear path to victory.

The organizations behind Battle for the Net are launching a new campaign to demand that Congress step in and restore net neutrality via the Congressional Review Act (CRA).

The CRA lets elected officials in Congress

overrule actions taken by Federal agencies like the FCC. And it’s different from a normal bill because it only requires a simple majority in the Senate and House to pass.

There’s some poetic justice in it, since it’s the same procedure that ISP-backed lawmakers used to gut Internet privacy protections earlier this year.

Given the level of public backlash and polls showing that 83% of voters from across the political spectrum oppose the FCC’s plan, and given that several Republicans have already started to publicly criticize the FCC vote, we have a real chance of making this happen.

But it won’t be easy. And it can only happen within 60 legislative days of the order

going into effect.

Here’s what everyone can do right now:

1. Text “BATTLE” to +1 424-363-4877 or go to BattleForTheNet.com to easily send a message to your lawmakers.
2. Share this article widely so everyone knows there is a way we can still win.
3. Use these tools to change your profile pic and help sound the alarm.

We can still win this. Even if you’ve already contacted your reps, now is the time to call them again. We need all hands on deck. Please, take a moment and make the call, then spread the word.

Evan Greer is the campaign director of Fight for the Future. Follow her on Twitter @evan_greer

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L-R: Lupe Ruvalcaba, Aaron Brengard, Michael Van Every, Micheal's son, Reyad Katwan, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, Sylvia's daughter, and Rolando Bonilla. Photo by Patrick McGarrity

Gifts

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Councilmember Sylvia Arenas met with me to talk about some upcoming neighborhood events and her goals for our community. In that conversation, I mentioned the K. Smith Giving Tree and asked if she wanted to adopt any families. She did more than take care of one - she connected us with Michael VanEvery from Republic Family of Companies and through a \$10,000 donation helped us expand the Giving Tree to serve 165 families.

"Families in the Tully-Ocala-King, Edgeview, and Meadowfair neighborhoods face difficult issues like crime, violence, and impacted parks. As a newly elected councilmember, I have been working to ensure that these families have access to city services, safe streets, and paths to success," Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas said. "That's why I'm so thrilled that Republic Family of Companies has offered their support for Katherine Smith and our east side families."

With the donations in hand, the clock started ticking. We had just seven days to identify families, shop, and wrap presents.

Each second Thursday of the month, Second Harvest distributes food to families in the greater K. Smith community. Teachers and other staff stood outside and asked each family if they would like presents for their family. Clothing and shoes sizes were collected along with a type of toy younger family members may want.

Then the next day, the volunteer shoppers hit the stores. Twenty-seven different K. Smith staff members shopped for the 682 presents over the weekend. One staff member said, it was overwhelming how positive it felt, "Even workers in the stores got into the spirit, everywhere I went they helped me find the styles and sizes I needed."

Another teacher shared, "It reminded me what the holiday season is about. Doing this did something for me."

The vision is to have everyone be able to open a present during the holidays. So began the wrapping. K. Smith staff, district admins, family friends, and even the San Jose Police helped wrap and organize presents - over 50 volunteers in all.



Kevin Armstrong, K. Smith School instructional Coach wrapping presents. Photo by Aaron Brengard



Evergreen Assistant Superintendent Dan Deguara wrapping presents for the Giving Tree. Photo: Aaron Brengard



Leila Welsh, Evergreen School Board Clerk (left), and Gracie, Meadowfair community member and Sergio Hernandez, K. Smith School teacher (right) wrap presents. Photos by Aaron Brengard



Sergio Hernandez and Christina Ramos greeting gift recipients. Photo by Aaron Brengard



K. Smith students receiving presents. Left to right: Dylan, Logan, and Aaliya. Photo by Aaron Brengard

For the big event, families were escorted into K. Smith School's version of Santa's Workshop - holiday music playing, hot chocolate steaming, and beautifully wrapped presents everywhere. One after another families left with loaded arms bringing just a little extra holiday spirit to everyone in the household. "I can't believe you are including us. I am so grateful," said one parent.

"Our company has a long history of giving back to the community," said Michael VanEvery, President/CEO, Republic Family of Companies. "Having deep roots in San Jose, we want to help our neighbors have a dignified holiday season."

The logistics and details of an event like this can be daunting; however, when we all came together, it was truly inspirational. Thank you to each and every person who shopped, wrapped, decorated, and kept the holidays alive for those who need it most in our community. Thank you to Councilmember Arenas and her staff for arranging this incredible opportunity. And, a special thank you to Michael VanEvery and Republic Family of Companies for remembering those on the eastside with the incredible donation.

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Boy discovers meteor Alum Rock Park in the 1800's and early 1900's

Editor's note: This article/story is a look back in time of Alum Rock Park history and is written for your reading pleasure in the same style as Brett Harte (The Bohemian) western writer of the 1800's.

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

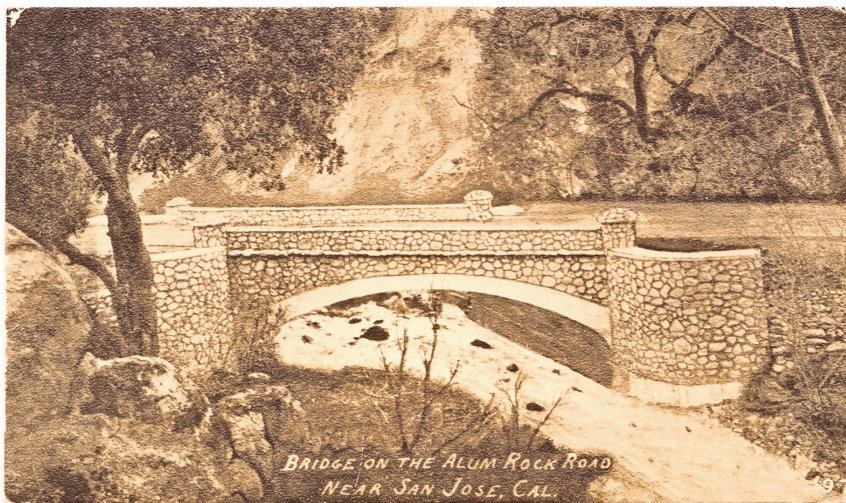
On a strange November midday, a boy walking with family was drawn to an alluring rock which looked like a shiny piece of coal in Alum Rock Park.

Humans have discovered meteor fragments and they spark interest in the belief they have come to rest here after traveling far across our solar system, spinning and twirling in circulatory motion, passing unknown areas, both too far and too many years ago to count or know. Everyone gets pulled in to enter the realm of the imagination.

When asked what triggered the walking toward the object the boy simply shrugged his shoulders and said, "Steam." Something about being led to a vapor but was it instead a reflection of the dust settling through the sunrays late in the day.

He said when he bent over to pick it up, it was cold, very cold, ice-like, heavy and polished. The size of a salt shaker, it was oily in appearance like a big chunk of lead from a pencil. "It does not belong," he whispered. His parents directed him to stand back but he did not listen, instead he put his hand high in the air and gave a wild cry of "Yeeeeaaaaa!"

"Son, stop," his father spouted, but to no avail. The boy grinned and laughed as he tilted his head and held the chunk of stone at an angle ever so carefully so that the sun's rays glinted across it, just right, all the while with one eye squinted he carefully examined the specimen's smooth undulated out of this world surface. With his parents looking at him intently, a



This sepia-toned postcard was postmarked in May 1915 in San Jose, California. The "Bridge on the Alum Rock Road" was in its infancy when this postcard was created, as it was constructed in 1913 at Alum Rock Park. Learn more at <http://www.papergreat.com/2016/08/postcard-early-image-of-bridge-in-alum.html>

few seconds seemed to last an eternity and he softly whispered in a husky voice, "mom, dad, I want to be a scientist so I can know more things." "Let me see it," exclaimed his father snapping it in the palm of his hand,... "hmm, this is heavier than normal, we'll have to get it tested." Snatching it back, the boy jutted the object in his fist towards the blue sky yelping, "Your journey is over meteor, you are now on our planet, we call it Earth." "Hurry," he exclaimed!, running down the trail, "we got to get to the library,...hash tag, web surf, find out more!"

Driving slowly out of the park at 15 miles per hour, they wondered if the sound barrier was broken by the rock as it entered the earth's stratosphere. Were there more pieces? An enkindled curiosity moved the boy to explore in a different way. He decided to research old articles and books to meet the meteor.

Over a hundred years ago, Alum Rock Park was known throughout the world for having the one and only "Giant Meteor." Step right up, for it was a

major tourist attraction draw and visited by thousands of people on a weekly basis. There was a special meeting area and some would holler, "Meet me at the meteor." Legend has it; some exclaimed that a smoldering rock streaked down from the heavens which looked like a giant flaming rail car skidding sideways across while gouging a thick silver track into the dark moon lit sky. Using God hand gestures they were said to have sworn up and down with the sign of the cross to boot, saying with conviction, "you don't believe me, there's proof, you can take the new train to the park and

see it lying on its side and it must have made a big sound when it landed and imbedded itself in the hill." Such accounts built more pent up desire for all to come touch the meteor, maybe stand on top of it, and buy tickets to ride the train, which sometimes with special requests would stop in front of it.

Alum Rock Park in the 1800's and early 1900's

A century ago there was keen speculation of development for the park had a hotel, saloon, tea garden, spa, zoo, swimming pool, hot spring baths, trails and more. It was also exciting as the train found its way through orchards for some to put hands out to grab olives from the overhanging luscious branches and maybe too some other fruit from the abundant orchards which were there for the sampling. The meteor was always the conversation starter.

Postcard pictures told the full honest truth, speaking in great detailed depth, without the use of any words. Just like people's facial expressions, pictures speak much louder than words. It became indisputable that something from out of this world landed for the Peninsula Railway said it was true that indeed an "aerolite" fell down from the sky. Word got around.

It became an important reason for people to visit Garden City (San Jose). Ten cent train tickets sold downtown for pleasant rides into the park where the clickety-clack sound would create anticipation as the train slowed down and approached it. Sometimes it would stop so passengers could get out, walk up, and touch it. Being a novelty, it was a talking piece and we can assume lovers struck with cupid's arrows argued

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Camping at Alum Rock Park in 1894.

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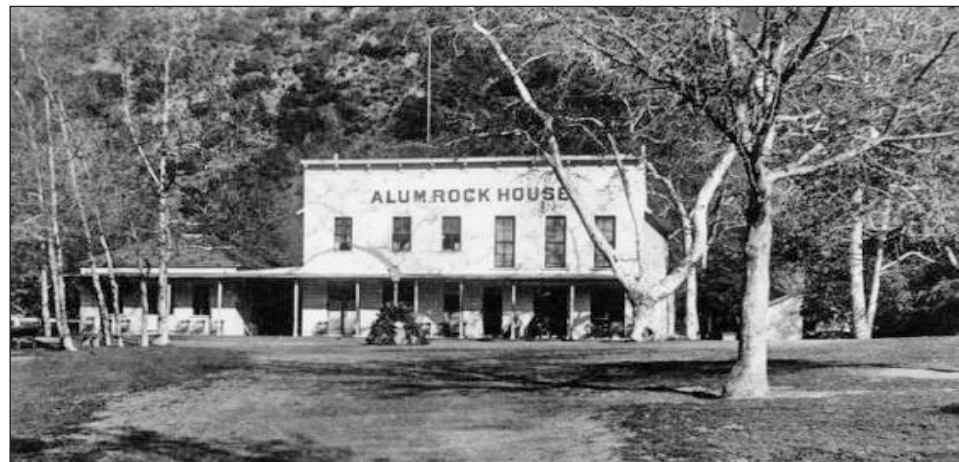
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in heated fun loving discussions while holding hands walking trails and settling their differences that things not of this Earth do indeed arrive from time to time.

If a boy wanted to kiss the girl he had to certainly agree to her declarations and well-argued facts that she did see something flying through the sky and these things were truths not to be doubted for what was seen was saw. It was a titillating subject for all to imbibe in. Others sited their spiritual opinions supported with stories that the canyon was connected to the land spirit creatures and just as one could never own the mystical stars no person could take claim to the canyon for it always would belong to the people and animals alike. Perhaps the streak of light slicing the night sky was claimed to be seen for an important reason. It brought more legitimacy to the meteor. To argue it never happened would be wrong and an insult to others. As with some things today, the intangible thing called greed opened it's always hungry mouth and consumed the mysterious meteor taking it away. Other attractions in the park were also slowly swept aside as decades of time marched forward.

Sulfur water

The park valley floor displayed other mysterious things in addition to the meteor. Wild springs flowed with different kinds of water and some poured out natural bubbles like those found in soda bottles. Long ago people would take a cup and drink from them. Tapped and spigoted the springs provided free cure-all elixirs prescribed by some doctors in the city. Fill-up-your-bottles-take-em-home-remedies were embraced with each written prescription of which spring to visit to heal the ailing malady. The sulfur spring

still flows today and can be easily found with one's nose for everyone knows where it is. Truly there is something very special about this canyon. The interest of the boy's newly found object propelled him as the days rolled by to search more for answers. Was it a meteor, when did it land, who really saw and heard it hit the ground?

For a week he brought the meteor rock with him wherever he went. It had special powers so he thought and it was trying to tell him something. The computer became a friend in research and took him on the journey which helped shape the understanding of the mystery. "I'm gonna unlock this secret," he'd say each day. His inquisitive mind moved forward to find the answers in the antiquity articles which spoke to him on screen like old friends. Something wonderful happened when he oversaw the battle. Right in front of him, before his eyes, the facts and myths fought against each other and this thrilling thing called truth began to take hold in shape and form. His journey took him to an article written by the old rock hound professors of Stanford in the early 1900's who in their wisdom took samples of the same meteor and unleashed to all who would listen the powerful concept of the scientific hypothesis which removed the hazy burden of the words "maybe" and "perhaps."

Historical records began to rise up and paint a different opinion of the park's most perplexing, unaccountable seductive attraction. The geology department of the renowned university wrote in their esteemed analysis that for a hundred years they'd known about the rock but it took them awhile to come over and visit it. They said it was a unique form of manganese and decided to name a professor after it. The "meteor" as it was referred to was indeed millions of years old and it didn't fly from the sky but

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Pictured left: the Alum Rock Park meteor.
Pictured above: "Yeeeeaaa!"

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Please don't destroy the meteor!

Many asked it not to be destroyed for it was a part of history as the precious canyon icon forged by nature and any thoughts to sell it should never be entertained. To no avail, the deal was struck, the meteor blown up, hauled away and processed, but smaller than promised amounts of manganese were recovered. The company quietly entered bankruptcy. The war ended before the meteor could be used for combat. Make believe promises caused the company and the meteor to be ground up together and disappear and the City of San Jose didn't get

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instead rolled down a hill. As a million or two years went by, dirt gathered around it and buried a bit of it. With information published, no one took notice or paid it any mind to it. Post cards continued to sell briskly off the racks, word continued to get out well and the meteor continued to enchant.

Once the professors from Stanford blasted the notion that the rock was from outer space and proved it out with microscopes and published findings, they pushed harder and somehow discovered that when the meteor was mixed with steel it melded into



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Times Local News



A vintage photograph of the Alum Rock Park meteor.

Meteor

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the monies promised. The council heard only what it wanted to believe and somehow nature seemed to take a backseat to commerce.

If we take the time to listen, nature does speak to us.

At last the boy's research was done and he deducted he had indeed found one of the pieces of the meteor. Memories on post cards and photos were thought to be all that was left of the landmark but he knew this just wasn't true for he held part of the object in his hand. He says it was a meteor and facts are facts for, "it flew up when it blew up, so that makes it a meteor!" For some reason, he decided to throw it back into the place it was found, where it rests today, because he said it belonged there and it will always lie there.

To get to Alum Rock Park (740 acres) it takes about 15-20 minutes from Evergreen Valley. Take White Road and go north past Alum Rock Road (this road into the park is closed due to ground movement) and travel another mile on White Road and then turn right on Penitencia Creek Road. The entrance is about a quarter mile up the road and there is some free parking spaces at the base of the park. Also, just recently, Mayor Liccardo along with the park leaders have now decided to allow all cars to drive in and park for free in the lower two parking lots. This offers families a chance to commune with nature at no charge what-so-ever! It's like a little get away to a little Yosemite. All parks are also free when one bikes in or walks in. You can also drive miles into the park (if you choose to walk to the top of the park it can take about an hour). You could have someone drop you and your bike off at the top of the park and leisurely coast back down to the entrance. There are lots of wildlife, areas to BBQ, bathrooms, extensive trails, picnic tables and benches. It is wild country so the animals are there to be seen too. The giant children's playground at the top of the park is popular and there is a large grass area and sand volleyball court.

The entire park is slowing moving back to its natural state for all to explore and play in. The Native American belief is honored here

because the land belongs to you and the memories are yours to keep forever. Rangers are nice to speak with and they welcome you to sign up as a volunteer if you wish to help out on future programs that upkeep your park trails and such. The natural setting has been kissed and gently traveled upon by long ago Native American tribes who sustained their lives and their children's by living in harmony and gathering the bounties that nature continues to bestow today. When you see the darker colored wild turkeys (they travel neatly behind one another and blend into the hillside) just imagine the meals they provided to those who made the park their home. What did they taste like to cook over fire? To visit mother nature allows us to rest and nudges us ever so kindly to remember how our ancestors throughout the world lived once upon a time.

How marvelous the way this canyon named Alum Rock Park once referred to as "The Reservation" continues to hold the special power to draw generations of visitors and reward all with smiles and laughter. Exploring the enchanting trails and taking a look back over time lets us know that if we don't choose to learn from history the same things will occur again. A plaque just near the ranger station says "... We Find The Gods of Rest and Peace Dwell Inside In This Matchless Canyon."

The boy who made the rediscovery of the meteor reminds us all that decisions by people have profound impacts on the lives of others. What happened to the meteor is a metaphor as to what happened to the Native Americans when settlers arrived from different lands with imposed new traditions and decision making powers. The human experience in all generations of the family of mankind includes story telling. The creek called "Shistuk" by the Native Americans continues to run through the park and for centuries has been witness to stories told by the Ohlone. Surely they had a name and story for the "meteor."

Editor's Note: More information on Alum Rock Park can be found by contacting the California Room in the San Jose Library system. Also, a piece of the meteor can be seen on display at the Alum Rock Ranger office. To learn more you can web search Alum Rock Park.

Times **Local News**

Chaboya School Lady Colts win 8th Grade Girls' Basketball League Championship

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The Chaboya Middle School girls' 8th grade basketball team went on to finish their undefeated 2017-18 season with a recent final win at the League Championship.

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Christmas in the Park provides festive holiday entertainment from local youth



The Evergreen Youth Orchestra performed at Christmas in the Park in downtown San Jose on Christmas Eve night. On Saturday, December 23, the orchestra also performed at Sunrise Villa Assisted living facility on San Felipe Rd. in Evergreen. The orchestra played excerpts from The Nut-cracker Suite and several other classical compositions. The audiences at both performances were appreciative and were impressed with the musicianship of the 9-12 grade Evergreen students. The Evergreen Youth Orchestra is a non-profit organization.

LUCKY 7 (bottom left) – The newly formed band, The Lucky 7, performed at Christmas at the Park on Christmas Eve to an enthusiastic crowd. Members of the band are enrolled in the music program at Evergreen High School.



The gala concert will feature 14 pianists and the repertoire will include movements from piano concertos composed by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Grieg, Mozart, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff and Saint-Saens.

14 pianists to play with Mission College Symphony Jan. 14

By William Bellou
Publisher

California Concerto Weekend Gala Concert will showcase 14 talented amateur pianists from the US and Canada performing piano concerto movements with the Mission College Symphony at West Valley College Theatre on Sunday, January 14 from 2 – 5 p.m.

The gala concert repertoire will include movements from piano concertos composed by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, Grieg, Mozart, Prokofiev, Rachmaninoff and Saint-Saens.

This Gala, now in its sixth year, gives an opportunity for amateur pianists over age 25 to receive three days of intense preparation, lessons, coaching, and rehearsing. It ends in a polished concerto featuring each pianist. The pianist have worked this year's with distinguished faculty - Jon Nakamatsu, Igor Resnianski, Michael Giel and Joseph Ordaz.

Free open-to-the-public rehearsal

There is a free, open-to-the-public rehearsal on Saturday, January 13 from 9am-5pm, with coaching by Igor Resnianski (9am-12:30pm) and Jon Nakamatsu (1:30pm-5pm).

For the Sunday event, tickets are \$20 for general admission, \$15 for students/seniors and free to West Valley and Mission College students. Tickets can be purchased online via Eventbrite.

Tickets (\$15 to \$20) can be ordered online through Eventbrite. Parking is available in lot 7 for \$3. More information can be found at www.californiaconcerto.org. Email: joseph.ordaz@missioncollege.edu or call 408-855-5276.

Google Expeditions in Evergreen classrooms

During the past two months, eight Evergreen schools have hosted the Google Expeditions AR Pioneer Program. Google is beta testing the new app that allows teachers to bring objects into the classroom.

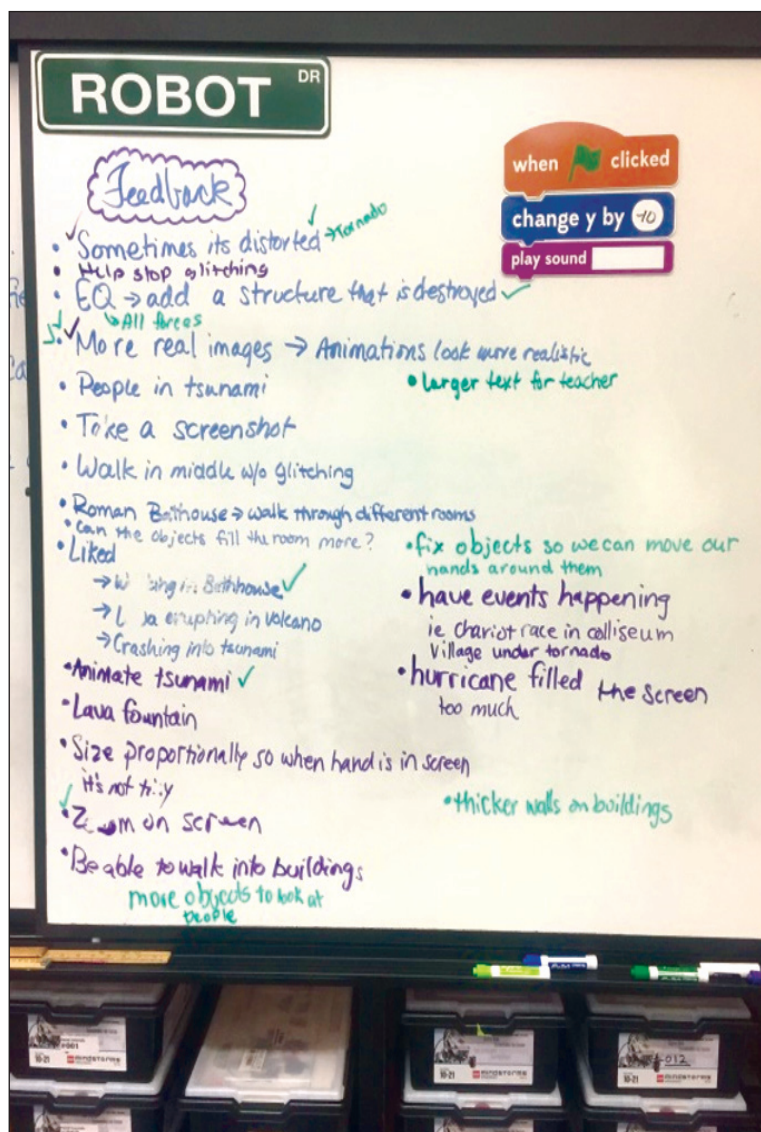
This program is an opportunity for students to explore objects in their classroom that relate to curriculum in Math, Science, and Social Studies. Augmented Reality (AR) allows a student to see imaginary objects through a digital device.

Kindergarten students had the opportunity to view dinosaurs up close. Third graders were able to explore features of landforms. Our middle school students were able to explore the Roman Coliseum in all of its glory.

"It was amazing to see students of all ages engaged in learning. Whether participants were in Kindergarten, eighth grade, or adults, the reaction was always the same," observes Kristi Frankina, the District's Tech TOSA (Teacher on Special Assignment).

"The room would erupt in 'Oohs and Aahs', when a new object magically appeared in the room. It was empowering to listen to the feedback offered by students. They were creative and insightful, and will definitely help Google engineers as they develop this exciting technology."

After each lesson, student ideas were collected and submitted to Google engineers. Students were excited to participate in the development of an app that will be offered to the world.



Concerto Weekend Gala Program:

Ari Ide (CA) - Bach d minor, 1st mov.
Frank Seigel (CA) - Mozart #20, 1st mov.
Reiko Tominaga (CA) - Mozart #23, 1st mov.
Eugene Lee (CA) - Saint-Saens #2, 1st mov.
Georgian Lavery (NM) - Grieg 3rd mov
Intermission
Minnie Ho (CA) - Mozart #20, 1st mov.
Gerrit Pronke (TX) - Mozart #23, 1st mov.
Millie Luk (ON) - Chopin #1, 2nd mov.
Si-Jung Oh (CA) - Rachmaninoff #2, 2nd mov.
Vincent Phillips (OH) - Beethoven #5, 3rd mov
Intermission
Serene Han (CA) - Prokofiev #2, 1st mov.
Kevin Der (CA) - Chopin #1, 2nd mov.
Miriam Berro (QC) - Mozart #20, 1st mov.
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Times Feature



Two teachers share same birthday on December 25

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

It all happened at the Gurdwara on the hill on December 25.

Another teacher was joyfully honored for his birthday just as Jesus is throughout the world; the 10th Guru (teacher) of the Sikh religion.

December 25 is a day of fond remembrance for the life of the spiritual teacher (Guru). Thus, the two spiritual leaders share a birthday (some say on the same date, some state a day or two apart).

There are similarities between the two religious figures. We know well of Jesus, but do we know of Guru Gobind Singh Ji who lived from 1666-1708. He sacrificed his life, also, his mother, father and four children sacrificed theirs, for the freedom of humanity and his life choices changed India forever.

In his 42 years of life he changed the religious and political landscape of greater India. The poster on the wall in the Langar of the Gurdwara states, "He possessed a rare combination of valor, supreme self-denial, great instinct and intellect, spiritual power and limitless energy."

In his autobiography he writes, "The only reason God sent me to see, that righteousness may flourish, that good may live and the tyrants be torn out by their roots." He participated in 20 battles against injustice and tyranny.

His vision laid the foundation of a new society based on justice and freedom of conscience and the principals of liberty, equality and fraternity. This was his life's mission which he accomplished in a unique way by the creation of the Khalsa; the pure in the image of almighty God and elevating HIS WORDS in the ever-living

SRI GURU GRANTH SAHIB (SGGS).

The Khalsa is very deep in meaning. To touch upon the surface, it consists of five signs (called the five Ks): kangha (comb), karha (steel bangle), kesh (uncut hair, covered by a turban, and beard), kirpan (short sword), and kachha (short trousers, originally for riding).

Winged creature visits the Langar

On Tuesday evening at a quiet time, a bird followed a man into the Langar (community kitchen) and sat near on the ground, as he ate. The man spoke to the bird and said he would let him out but that the bird should wait for just a moment. When the man finished his meal with prayer he walked slowly to the entrance door and held it open. The bird fluttered in gentle circles and finding trust kindly flew out the door into the surrounding forest of the Evergreen foothills.

Could it be that the bird wanted to visit the beautiful 23 easels set along the interior to commemorate and educate all about the martyrdom of the family of the honorable Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

Each easel depicted actual events which occurred. Sacred information was pinned below the art. The first drawing stated, "In the dust and din of battle members of the family of Guru Gobind Singh was separated due to a flood".

Two elder sons of Guru Gobind Singh, Sahibzada Ajit Singh (17years), Sahibzada Jujhar Singh (15years) along with 34 sikhs were martyred fighting the very huge enemy force. The two youngest sons, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Sahibzada Fateh Singh with their grandmother the revered Mata Gujri Ji passed through thick

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forests for they were brave and recited holy psalms from the Gurus. The Grandmother also told stories related to Sikh history and of bravery & martyrs. They recited sacred prayers on their journey. Next day they were captured by the rulers who offered them a comfortable life if they would renounce their religion & no harm would come to them. They refused.

It was stated that those in power who were made up of multiple religions and believed that “killing the serpent (their father and older brothers) and feeding the young (the two young boys) would not be wise for when they grew up they would rebel against them.”

Great care and reverence is shown during the days leading up to December 25th to give deep honor to two boys age six and nine who refused to give up their religion for the human rights. They chose as with all of the Guru's family to firmly grasp Sikhism over all other religions. They lived with the deepest of meaning thought to be humanly possible and for children to make such a sacrifice is considered sublime. Many state, that past present and future generations will always be indebted to them. Also, this was a choice made by their father and others in past generations. They chose to fight cruel and oppressive rulers instead of turning their backs to them. They foresaw prophecy and chose to take the honor of helping after being asked to help by others including different religions.

First event at Gurdwara on the hill

Thousands visited the Gurdwara on Monday, December 25 for the first ever held event which brought many learned speakers for all faiths to listen and learn from. The education about the tenth Guru and his family sparked new interest and thirst for the quest to learn more and deeply understand elements in our universe for people of all religions.

Waheguru Waheguru Waheguru

It is defined on website “Real Sikhism” that, “Sikhs refer to God as Waheguru, Akal Purakh and Onkar. God has many Names. Hindus call Him Ram, Christians call Him God and Muslims call Him Allah. It does not matter by which name you address Him. He is omnipresent; we can feel His presence thru love for humanity.

Sikhs signify him with the name Waheguru and meditate on this name of God. The purpose of reciting the Name Waheguru is to remember the One who created us. While awake, eating, studying, or doing anything, remember God. Like we remember someone we

love and care for, we must also not forget our greatest love of all: God, the True Beloved. Remember God in your heart and surely He will guide you and help you and you will be able to attain salvation and become one with Him. There are many devotees in Sikh religion that have recited the Name and attained salvation.”

When one visits Gurdwaras throughout the world it is said that those kneeling down and scrubbing the steps are of all socio economic levels. Bending down and cleaning next to each other may be the hands of a multimillionaire and someone unsure of where the next meal may come from for all work together to reach the same level of spiritualism as taught by those who came before. This is the action of a Seva. Seva” means “selfless service or work performed without thought of reward or repayment. Seva helps

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one's spiritual growth and at the same time contributes to improving the community.

Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh Sikh-History

The spiritualism of the Sikh religion runs deep and a Gurdwara was built on the site where sons of Guru Gobind Singh were martyred. To this day, as one visits this place, the whispered joyful words of “Waheguru, Waheguru, Waheguru” are believed to be heard from time to time in the wind by young voices.

Page 489, Line 13 from the Holy book Granth:

ਸੁਰੀ ਨਰ ਨਾਥ ਬੇਅੰਤ ਅਜੋਨੀ ਸਾਚੈ ਮਹਲੀ ਅਪਾਰਾ ॥

ਸੁਰੀ ਨਰ ਨਾਥ ਬੇਅੰਤ ਅਜੋਨੀ ਸਾਚੈ ਮਹਲੀ ਅਪਾਰਾ ॥

Sur nar nāth be'ant ajonī sāchī mahal apārā.

O Lord of angels and men, infinite and unborn, Your True Mansion is incomparable.

To see the actual art displayed at the Gurdwara with descriptions, go to Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh Sikh-History. Also shown is the place of the sacred Gurdwara at the place where the boys were martyred: <http://www.sikh-history.com/sikhhist/martyrs/sahibzade.html>



A CORNUCOPIA OF TASTY SELECTIONS 'Tasty Indian Pizza' wins new customers with ease

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

A new pizza restaurant has just opened in Evergreen Valley.

Like no other, this is a proud, unabashed Indian pizza place but wait, for traditionalists, half the menu offers Italian specialties too!

Endless culinary experiences await you and your family each time you arrive and order at the new restaurant called Tasty Indian Pizza located on the West side of the Quimby Shopping Center located at White and Quimby (near 7-11).

Both the cities of Sunnyvale and Fairfield have established successful locations of the unique and delicious flavor of Tasty's Indian fusion cuisine pizza and now Evergreen resi-

dents can have their piece of the pie locally.

As you walk in you will see six flat screen TV's and Bollywood posters on the walls that exclaim the same titles as many of the pizza selections. This is America at its best with diverse thinking and honor for one's heritage joyfully intact. They know what they are doing for the place is very busy indeed with lots of smiling guests.

Yelp reviews hit 5/5 stars

Everyone is Yelping about the restaurant and the reviews are tops, such as, “As you see from the menu they do subs and pizzas of a wide variety, apart from regular meats for subs and toppings for pizzas, they also have toppings influenced by Indian cuisine and this elevates it from other pizzerias to a five star

level.”

“The best thin crust pizza in the Northern cities. Smooth flavor, plenty of tang, plenty of cheese, you can actually taste the cheese cooked perfectly every time. I've been eating Tasty Pizza since 1988. No bad experiences; amazing pie, every time.”

“Loved their friendly service; couldn't be happier.”

“There are so many options for both vegetarians and non-vegetarians! If you want something spicy you can turn up the heat and get your food ‘gabbar style.’ My favorite is the ‘Betaab’ pizza since I love paneer, and when I feel like meat I get the ‘Agneepath.’ You won't be disappointed!”

“Ordered a 2x lrg pizzas on the phone half Italian/veggie butter/chicken for the kids, then half spicy tandoori bethab for us. It was magnificent. Both pizzas were dripping with toppings and exploding with flavor. The guys working there were great on the phone and during pick up. They double checked that they got my order right before charging me at the store. Venue was clean, bright and had some fun Indian music videos on the TV's. Definitely a double edged sword since I will be eating a LOT more pizza now.”

Their secret is years of crafted experience

The four young men, Inder, Sukh “CJ”, Raman, and Prince all lend an expert hand and can be seen at this location at different times, pitching in and making sure all goes smoothly for the customers.

They say, “The quality of our food is promised in our name. We serve simply delicious and absolutely affordable pizza, salads, and subs. Try our unique Indian pizzas, encompassing the deep, rich spices and sauces of Indian dishes. Our customers

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SAN JOSE GURDWARA

3636 Gurdwara Ave. San Jose, CA 95148 The word Sikh (see-kh) means "disciple" or "student." A Sikh is a practitioner of the faith founded in the 15th century by Guru Nanak in Punjab of old British India. A Guru who is a "teacher" or "enlightener" completes the relationship of teaching and learning. Sikhism is monotheistic and stresses the equality of all men and women. Sikhs believe in three basic principles; meditating on the name of God (praying), earning a living by honest means and sharing the fruits of one's labor with others. Currently there are close to one million Sikhs living in the USA and Canada and 25 million Sikhs living around the world. Sikhism is the 5th largest religion in the world. At the Gurdwara (House of God) in San Jose we welcome all. We pray daily for peace and prosperity for everybody in the world. Come to visit and enjoy Langer (food) in our kitchen which is open 365 days of the year and serves complementary vegetarian meals. We also encourage you to enter our history room on site and walk the beautiful grounds. Learn more about us and community events we sponsor by visiting our website; http://www.SanJoseGurdwara.org

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Subs and calzones are out of this world

The restaurant offers eight choices of Sub sandwiches. The employees have vast experience in making them in extra special ways as this is the third location which they have opened. They also make calzones! This is a type of pizza that is folded in half before cooking to contain a filling which is cooked just right for you and your family to enjoy.

Traditional Italian Pizza raved about too!

With offerings such as Pepperoni Extreme, The Carnivore, Chicken Garlic Supreme, The Italian, Pesto Artichoke Deluxe, Garden Fresh Veggie, Gourmet Veggie and more, you are in good hands in tasting gourmet Italian pizza that may be the best in the bay!

A welcome addition to Evergreen

This is a must go to place to eat. All items are reasonably priced and expertly made. There are secrets in the creation of each food item on the menu that could only have been developed with years of learning and dedication by the four owners. This only happens with vast restaurant experience and the strength of high volume and economies of scale which results in a huge following of customers.

Kids welcome

They also cater to kids and will make



the items in just the right way to please them. You will love visiting Tasty Indian Pizza for it offers a wonderful introduction to the new ways of making pizzas along with the tried and true old fashion traditional Italian choices on half of the menu.

History making name in San Jose

It is truly a first to see the word "Indian" in front of a pizza parlor establishment in Evergreen. They honor their heritage by successfully offering you pizza your old fashion Italian way in addition to dynamically offering half the menu with new Indian pizza flavors. The owners encourage all pizza lovers to try the new items on the menu.

Their flavors have earned them a huge following and thus, they are expanding. What a wonderful addition to Evergreen.

Location: 2850 Quimby Rd., San Jose, CA 95148. Hours: Open 7 days a week, open all holidays. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Call (408) 622-8880 or visit www.tastyindian-pizza.com for more information.



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JANUARY 19TH AT 7:00 PM - \$20

After touring with Americana darlings Red Molly for the past eleven years, Abbie Gardner, the fiery Dobro player with an infectious smile, is striking out on her own! No stranger to solo performing, she has three CDs to draw from, each with award-winning songs. Tales of love and loss, both gritty and sweet, ride the back of her by-now familiar, formidable slide guitar licks. She channels Lucinda and Bonnie, but remains pure Abbie.

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JANUARY 27TH AT 7:30 PM - \$15

Rita's style of country-folk has been lauded for story and sense of place, and her performances praised with capturing the audience. A descendant of Cornish miners who sang in the mines, Rita grew up with deep regard for folk music and the power of the voice.



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Times Feature



Heavy foliage of vast overgrown bushes and trees guard the entrance of this subterranean abode.

Our subterranean world

By Kevin Larsen

Times Media writer

[suhb-tuh-rey-nee-uh n]: existing or operating below the surface of the earth; underground; out of sight; secretly hidden.

Heavy foliage of vast overgrown bushes and trees guard the entrance.

This secret location in the Evergreen Valley is next to shopping centers and million dollar homes. A preschool is located nearby. Welcome to the Silicon Valley.

Long ago, about an hour, the dawn arrived and the daylight swept the darkness away like the movement on the face of a sundial. The nostrils of the inhabitants stung as their lungs drew in the brisk morning air into their pulmonary system.

Why am I living here?

This is perhaps the giant question that comes forth for those who chose to find refuge under a road. Over time this piercing question is perhaps dulled due to a new primary focus on survival as mammals move to the base physiological survival level of Maslow's 1943 hierarchy of needs theory.

Facing the need for using the human mind to retreat from direct exposure from the elements of nature, the overpass becomes a refuge, a home. Sleep deprivation takes over.

This trip to the underworld is a place no man or woman would ever want their mom to visit. It is a place where if another human sees a creature from their same species no words are used and direct eye contact is forbidden. This is truly a visit to the underworld.

Sewage water drank by dog pals

The pitter patter of small dog paw prints stretch up in straight lines to the dirt edge of the water puddle created by a storm drain. The water surface shines with the oil surfactants and shimmers in the reflection of light. The arrogant stout steel rippled metal storm drain seems to own the place and stands ready to spit out water at some future storm. This of course will be influenced by the saturation of the earth's surface soil and the playful pull by gravity upon each drop of water running gently down the hillsides into stream tributaries funneling into the storm drain to gurgle out of the spout.

Little Mesa Verde

This site is not a preserve of ancestral sites build by Puebloans but there are similarities. The peak of the slanted triangle of dirt that inclines down from the edge of each side of the overpass is dug out into layers of living spaces and instead of storage grain areas, cans are stacked on shelves. Ladders and steps are used to help climb up the hill which protects from any raise of the creek levels.

The human species has dug in to live alongside of nature in the dirt and under an overhang that keeps the inclement weather at bay. The only difference is this is a long term stay where people live indefinitely. This becomes home.

High above on the ledge a sign silently yells, "Private Property Keep Out!"

All of this dwelling might be completely unseen if not for the "Keep Out" signs because to find such a dwelling one must look high up into the crevice of the overpass itself some 30 to 40 feet up.

Holidays

When individuals wake up on a holiday with a freeway roof over their head with thousands of cars rolling over them separated by three feet of concrete and rebar, do they reminisce of the past when holidays were spent with family?

The use of fire or stoves at night must create a flicker of light that can be seen to those who might move into the relic trench that is full of debris and old goods from long ago on the other side of the overpass. One wonders if a new tenant moved in would they be welcome or would it be like the Hatfields and McCoys where one group lives on one side and the other group lives across the creek on the other side.

Fueled by alcohol

Perhaps drinking and drugs take the pain out of such situations and become coping mechanisms. Maybe for overpass dwellers it all started with them getting kicked out of where they were living. Perhaps a day went by then a week then a year. In time the word "temporary" must have taken on a new definition and meaning that was better left outside of thoughts and unstated to all.

Never before in the history of San Jose have such homeless situations been experienced and found to be growing. It is

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estimated that each night there are thousands of homeless individuals in our city. Great sums of monies and talent in thinking and planning are harnessed to fight homelessness by all factors of city government including the county, faith based groups and more.

Our city and county dispatches specialized workers to talk with them and offer positive options to their current plight but some of the houseless people choose to ignore help and continue to live this manner.

Living in the open lowers the life expectancy of such individuals.

Even the police are now trained to communicate with the homeless in new ways and to work with those who have mental challenges. A key thing to keep in mind is all people have equal rights under our U.S. Constitution.

Can I lend you a hand

To make a change, the subterranean living individual(s) would need to begin the process of making new choices. A spark of choice to build a new direction requires effort by the down-trodden individual(s). The City, County, Faith Groups, and all others are reaching out a hand to better help the houseless in gloriously changing their living and working situations.

This is perhaps how we can better understand the truthful meaning when it is quoted by some that God can move mountains, for to move a person to a new direction and path requires the same effort as moving Mt. Everest. What is so amazing too is the faith based leaders do it all with a smile and this brings reflection to some of quotes by Mother Teresa.

Mother Teresa stated, “The most terrible poverty is loneliness and the feeling of being unloved...our life of poverty is as necessary as the work itself. Only in heaven will we see how much we owe to the poor for helping us to love God better because of them...One of the greatest diseases is to be nobody to anybody...If you judge people you have no time to love them...I think I am more difficult than critical...do not wait for leaders to do it alone, person to person.”

Mayor Liccardo is innovative in creating a new path in the city of San Jose where many faith based groups are working together to help the poor with City leaders working hand and hand.

Since San Jose has become more affluent and less affordable to many, some will need to make changes in how or where they live.



Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

Mondays, 10am–6m: Meatless Mondays. Stop by the solutions counter to pick up quick and easy meatless recipes. Free.

Tuesdays, 10am–6pm: Gluten-free Tuesdays. Sample a new tasty, gluten-free recipe or item carried in the store. Free.

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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. Enjoy a relaxing cup of your favorite tea and some tasty treats in the café area. Meet up with a friend or make new friends. Free.

Fridays, 5–7pm: Wine Tasting and Cheese Pairing. Explore outstanding wines and delicious cheese pairings. Different wineries are featured each week. Complimentary.

New Seasons Market is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200.

OFF THE SHELF

What's new in the New Year at the library?

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

Virtual reality (VR) drop-in sessions for adults, including seniors, will be held Tuesday mornings for twelve weeks, starting January 9, 10:30 a.m., in the Evergreen Branch Community Room. Librarians and volunteers will guide you through your first experiences with the Oculus Rift Headset and touch controllers as you are suddenly immersed in a virtual magical or realistic world so believable it is amazing! There is a two minute Dreamdeck program that is tailor-made for those with no previous virtual reality experience—you witness a variety of quick demonstrations that introduce you to VR excitement. Come once or come weekly; once everyone present has had a chance to try Dreamdeck, you may move on to other VR travel or gaming experiences.

Business & Market Research: Did you know that our Martin Luther King Library downtown provides specialized library services for people to improve their job seeking and career skills and for anyone interested in starting or growing their small business? Explore their many services at <https://www.sjpl.org/sjplworks>. SJPL Works is open at King Mondays through Thursdays until 9 p.m., weekend hours, even Sunday afternoons! However, this January, Evergreen Branch has invited a business librarian from King's SJPL Works to come here to you for a special free Market Research seminar, Thursday, January 11, at 5 p.m. Experts recommend that in order to start a successful business, you need to do market research. Learn about SJPL's free online tools: Reference USA, PrivCo, Rich's Online Directory, and Business Insights Global.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Conversation Club Evergreen will resume our weekly Tuesday afternoon group on Tuesday, January 9, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. and add a new weekly conversation group on Thursdays, 5:30 -6:30 p.m. Newcomers are always welcome. At Village Square, new English learners are invited to join a Beginner's ESL one hour class on Wednesdays, starting January 10 at 10:20 a.m.

Saturday Specials coming up

Mental Health Conversations: On Saturday, January 6, 2 p.m. Evergreen Branch library invites you to participate in this next discussion in our Mental Health Conversation series, organized to raise awareness of mental health issues and resources. Please join community educator, San Jose State professor Roshni Shah, and others in discussing how bullying can impact your children, neighbors, and community. Learn some techniques for stress reduction to help improve your mental health.

Our Friends of the Library groups will sponsor three great programs this month! Support their booksales which fund these programs so we can offer them free to the Evergreen community.

Owl's Lunch: Science Smart Kids and

Camp Captivate are coming to Evergreen to present a workshop for which you need to sign up ASAP! This hands-on science workshop only for children age 5 to 10 will happen Saturday, January 13, 1 p.m. Children will dissect an owl pellet & analyze the bones of the prey of the barn owl. Each child will go home with a bag of bones after 45 minutes of fun activities. Space is limited for this workshop, so please call 1-408-808-3060 to register your child.



Talk to the Animals with Tony Borders (pictured above): Take a walk on the wild side with ventriloquist and magician, Tony Borders. Come to Evergreen Branch Library to meet a kooky kangaroo, zany zebra, magical monkey, and baby elephant who thinks he is a butterfly! Enjoy these crazy characters for some comedy! Saturday, January 20, 3 p.m.

Pete G. Magic Show: Enjoy the magic of Pete G., then learn a trick and become a magician's assistant! Bring the whole family to Village Square branch, Saturday, January 20, 4 p.m.

Storytime Schedules

Plan your week to visit storytimes at either or both branches. Village Square branch will be the place to go for Preschool storytime & Stay and Play, for children three to five years old, Tuesdays, 11 a.m.. Family storytimes, targeted to children from birth to 7seven years old will be on Tuesday evenings, 5:30 p.m., at Village Square. All ages are welcome. Evergreen Branch (Aborn Road) offers our family storytimes both on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. and on Saturday mornings at 10:30 a.m.

The first Wednesday of the month, this will be an inclusive storytime; on the fourth Wednesday, librarian Jenny Mai leads a Vietnamese and English bilingual storytime. Babies and toddlers from birth through two years old will find storytime just for them and their families and caregivers at Evergreen, on Thursday mornings, 11 a.m. In order to make this time developmentally appropriate for these little ones, we ask older children to attend the other storytimes that are geared to them.

Additional Events

View all library event listings online at events.sjpl.org. You can view all that is going on across the city, or limit to a particular branch location, such as “Evergreen” or “Village Square.”

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

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

5 rules for a more organized home in the New Year

After the hectic holidays, it's no surprise that many people commit to getting better organized in the New Year.

There are plenty of reasons why people obsess over organization and resolve to master it year after year. Household items become easier to find. Rooms all of a sudden seem bigger and more welcoming. Each walk past a tidy linen closet -- where there was once an avalanche waiting to spill forward -- comes with a small sense of accomplishment.

Whether you're after smarter storage or looking to cut clutter, successful resolutions begin with a thoughtful approach.

Think Small

While it's fun to dream about a large-scale routine reset, smaller sustainable actions are key to lasting change. Take it one room or even one drawer at a time to keep momentum positive and to avoid feeling overwhelmed. Doing so also allows you to focus, leading to more creative solutions for taking advantage of under-utilized areas. For example, you may find using over-the door organizers a great way to free up space in home offices and craft rooms.

Often, less can literally be more. Consignment shops and eBay make it easy to turn four or five pieces of furniture you 'kind of like' into one piece you absolutely love.

Say "No" to Clutter

Everyone has items they keep around for no real reason that aren't particularly meaningful and don't serve a purpose. Being able to objectively identify these items makes everything easier.

Paring down possessions doesn't have to be painful. That cardinal shaped cookie jar that you've always been on the fence about? It would make an incredibly thoughtful "just because" gift for an ornithology-obsessed aunt. Often, less can literally be more: Consignment shops and eBay make it easy to turn four or five pieces of furniture you "kind of like" into one piece you absolutely love.

Store Décor Wisely

Everyone loves holiday decorating. Taking down decorations afterward... not so much. It's difficult to preserve items in a haphazard collection of cardboard boxes, plastic bags and mismatched bins, all crammed into the corner of a garage or basement. Stepping up storage containers can make a big difference. For a wide selection of storage solutions specifically designed for holiday décor, check out Improvements, which offers everything from ornament and gift wrap organizers to wreath and garland storage bags.

Keep a Place for Everything

Nobody likes wasting time gathering or searching. Make storage more convenient and efficient by streamlining. Items frequently used together should be kept together, from coffee supplies to vehicle maintenance tools.

Make a Plan

Create a schedule so nothing is overlooked. Knowing which project is next gives you time to prepare and purchase any storage items you might need. When scheduling, designate specific rooms and spaces for certain seasons. For example, the first warm days of spring are made for cleaning out the shed or garage.

Successful resolutions are essentially new habits that become part of a lifestyle. Deliberately choosing to incorporate small acts of organization on a daily basis will pay off tremendously throughout the year.

More organizational inspiration can be found by visiting improvementscatalog.com. (StatePoint)

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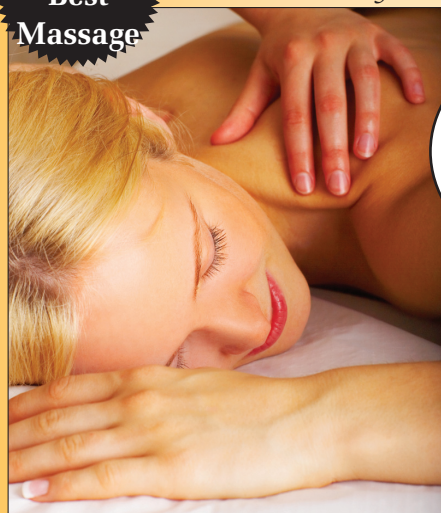
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Gardner

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this month, including 12 original songs with co-writer Chris Stapleton.

Abbie toured with Red Molly for eleven years, gracing stages from Denver to Denmark, from Australia to Austin. The band took an indefinite hiatus in 2015, so Abbie is having a blast doing gigs with different bands, backing up her friends and stepping out into the spotlight on her own.

We can thank the inventor of the Dobro for the distinctive whiny sound that soothes audiences. The name originated in 1928 when the Dopyera brothers, John and Emil (Ed), formed the Dobro Manufacturing Company. "Dobro" is both a contraction of "Dopyera brothers" and a word meaning "goodness" or goodwill in their native Slovak (and also in most slavic languages). Their early company motto was "Dobro means good in any language."

The local Foothill Community Concert Series features a variety of music from bluegrass to classical, jazz to baroque. The 17th season provides family friendly concerts conveniently located for Evergreen Valley residents.

The concert series was created in 2000 as an expression of Foothill Presbyterian Church's belief in the role of music in creating community, and the importance of musical education.

Each season's concert line-up includes a variety of musical genres – jazz, classical, world, folk, bluegrass and even rock 'n roll. Foothill Community Concert Series is currently the largest venue for Bluegrass artists in Silicon Valley.

Foothill Community Concert Series is also the home of the South Bay Philharmonic, which schedules three concerts each year. Past concerts have included award winning artists such as Rob Ickes and Trey Hensley (2017 Grammy nominated for Bluegrass album of the year) and The Tutttles with Molly Tuttle (2017 IBMA - International Bluegrass Music Association - Guitarist of the year).

Watch for Foothill Community Concert Series' recurring ads in the Evergreen Times for more upcoming exciting concerts.

Editor's note: Admission price for the Abbie Gardner concert is \$20, which includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artist.

Foothill Community Concert Series: Abbie Gardner w/Jon Paul
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Abbey Gardner concert tickets can be ordered online at: www.foothillpc.org/abbie-gardner.

Empowering teens through smart spending

Helping teens learn to handle money can be a tricky proposition. Mistakes can quite literally be costly, but there's really no substitute for hands-on practice when it comes to managing finances.

Children are the ultimate investment, so teach your teen to be a smart spender with these savvy tips:

Start with saving. As a first step, open a savings account for your teen and involve them in the process. Use this opportunity to teach good habits, such as putting away a percentage of every paycheck, creating an emergency fund and setting savings goals for big purchases. Visit the bank together and explore the account options.

Many banks offer incentives for high-balance accounts, and while your teen likely won't qualify, it's a valuable lesson to see the incentives available to big savers.

Move on to basic checking. Although most banks still refer to their most accessible accounts as "checking" accounts, chances are that your teen is more likely to shop with a debit card or cash rather than checks. Still, knowing how to write a proper check is an important life skill – as are conducting debit transactions and understanding any fees associated with using the account.

Create safe zones. Even after teaching them the fundamentals, letting teens make their own purchasing decisions can be a frightening prospect. Fortunately, if you know where to look, there are options available that offer teens a customizable level of autonomy while still under the oversight of a parent. For example, Amazon

introduced a way for teens ages 13-17 to shop using their own, independent login linked to a parent's account. Teens can exercise smart shopping decisions with access to customer reviews and comparison shopping tools.

Parents have the option to review and approve every purchase, or set spending limits that offer teens the freedom to place orders up to a certain dollar amount on their own. In either case, parents receive notifications for every order and shipment. Find more details at Amazon.com/forteens.

Set a budget. Part of smart spending is learning to shop within your means. Whether your teen's income is from a part-time job, allowance or a combination of the two, building a budget that defines expenses and expectations is essential. Like any budget, it should include all income sources and all expenses he or she is responsible for, including auto

maintenance, gasoline, insurance and beyond. Reinforce the importance of saving by including a regular savings allocation. Putting all of these numbers to paper lets your teen see clearly where the money is going and how much is left over for extracurricular spending.

Put safety nets in place. No matter how much planning is done in advance, surprise expenses will inevitably pop up. Teens can prepare for these expenses while also guarding against mistakes and the temptation to over-spend by taking advantage of special services available through banking institutions, such as setting a per-transaction or daily spending limit and investing in overdraft coverage.

Ultimately, money management skills come with time and practice. By creating a safe environment for your teen to practice these life lessons, sooner rather than later, can pay dividends down the road.

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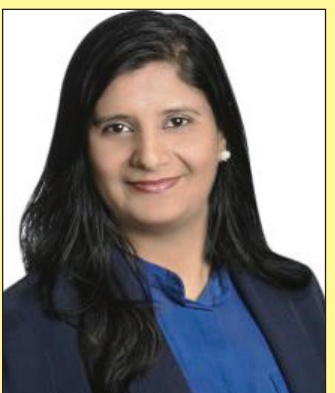
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District 8 Community Roundtable
1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square" library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization. Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@sbcglobal.net.

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhds.org

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

The Evergreen Business Association is a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting
Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at New Seasons 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd San Jose Ca 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees
Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee
The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club
Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7-8 PM. EVGC membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. During this time of transition, any membership fees paid now will be extended to cover all of 2018 as well. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or 408-532-6602

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

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council
Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization
For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association
Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.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 group, 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

Levy 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 baramcchesney@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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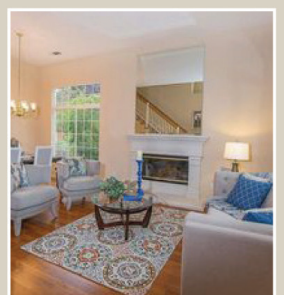
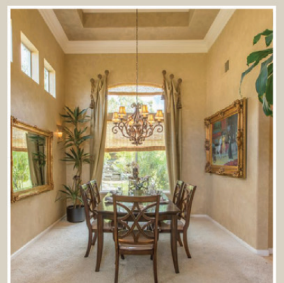
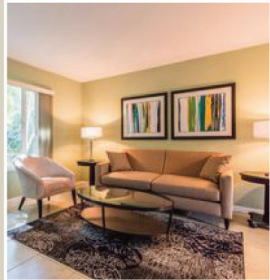
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