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Eastridge Mall sold for \$200 million

By William Bellou Publisher astridge Mall has been sold in a transaction valued at more than \$200 million. The new ownership is comprised of an investment including

Goodman Sachs, Pacific Retail Partners and Silverpeak Real Estate Partners. The investors plan to invest \$15 million into revitalizing the Mall which will include a new play area.

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Intel names Evergreen Valley High School student a semifinalist in its 'Science Talent Search 2016'

By Sandhya Iyer

Times Staff Writer Swetha Revanur, a senior at Evergreen Valley High School, is a semifinalist in the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search (Intel STS) 2016, a program of Society for Science & the Public.

The program honors exceptional high school seniors for their scientific research and their potential as future leaders in the scientific community, commending 300 students this year from around the world. Each semifinalist receives a \$1,000 award from the Intel Foundation with an additional \$1,000 going to his or her school.

Of the 300 semifinalists, 40 will be named Intel STS finalists. Finalists will receive an allexpenses-paid trip to Washington, DC from March10th-16th, where they will compete for more than \$1 million in awards. Swetha is the only semifinalist from San Jose who attends a public school.

Science has always been one of Swetha's passions. For her first science fair project in elementary school, she set out to grasp how water turbines are used to *See REVANUR, page 3*

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Revanur

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generate electricity. Twelve years and twelve science fairs later, she aspires to learn more about bioinformatics (the use and development of software tools and methods to comprehend biological data).

The project that garnered Ms. Revanur the semifinalist title is one that she's been working on since her sophomore year. A petition advocating for more research for Hidradenitis Suppurativa, a skin disease, inspired Swetha to investigate the genetic mechanisms of different diseases. She developed new frameworks to characterize gene behavior, and tested the model on samples from breast cancer patients, helping unearth new information about DNA regulation.

Working with millions of patient samples was a challenge for Swetha, and so was the knowledge barrier she had to overcome. It's no easy feat for a 15 year old to work with and understand graduate level research. And just knowing the information wasn't enough, because Swetha would have to present it to judges and be able to answer any of the questions they threw at her.

It took an incredible amount of effort for Swetha to accomplish this, but she also credits her research mentors for assisting her with the learning curve, and her teachers for helping develop her speaking skills, providing advice, and being flexible when she had to travel around the country for competitions.

Since 1998, Intel has sponsored this venerated competition. Now in its 75th year, the Intel Science Talent Search continues to inspire innovation in science, technology, engineering and math, and to recognize notable achievements by the next generation of scientific leaders. And as Swetha added, it promotes a "culture of creativity and scientific discovery."

Swetha, who is well on her way to becoming a great scientific mind, encapsulates how she feels about being chosen as a semifinalist. "It's very encouraging to be named a semifinalist, and I'm grateful to the Intel STS program for recognizing students and supporting schools. I hope this motivates others to get involved in STEM as well."

Eastridge

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Eastridge is situated on 113 acres, the two-level Eastridge includes 150 shops and restaurants, including anchors AMC Theaters, JCPenney, Macy's and Sears. The new ownership will acquire more than 840,000 square feet of leasable space.

The newest additions to the mall are 24 Hour Fitness and Round 1 bowling alley.

Popular women's fashion store, H&M, announced earlier this week they are joining the tenant lineup with a 23,000-square-foot store.

The property was built in the early 1972 and was purchased by General Growth in 1999. In 2007, Eastridge completed a \$140 million expansion and renovation of the mall.

Eastridge is slated to be connected to downtown San Jose through the VTA's Bus Rapid Transit project.

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Evergreen Valley Astronomy professors look forward to spring semester

hile many people get "Back to School Blues" in the beginning of the new semester, Astronomy professors at Evergreen Valley College are looking forward to it.

They are excited to have new telescopes to use during their Astronomy classes this spring semester. Professors such as Celso Batalha, Olenka Hubickyj, Nargis Adham and volunteer Rick Francisco are using their semester break to assemble and test new telescopes for the sky viewing and digital cameras for Astrophotography use.

"Having new and improved Astronomy tools is great news for the whole Evergreen community and its surrounding communities," said Nargis Adham, EVC Astronomy Public Outreach Manager. "Not only will Evergreen Valley College's students use these new tools to explore the universe but Elementary school, Middle School and High School students will also be able to use these during their field trips to the observatory and during the free Astronomy workshops offered for the community."

The Evergreen Astronomy program offers night time field trips,



Setting up the new telescopes are (left to right) Evergreen College Professor **Celso Batalha**, Professor **Olenka Hubickyj**, **Rick Francisco**, and student volunteer **Chris**.

day time field trips, and free Astronomy workshops for elementary, middle and high school students. If you are interested in these workshops or field trips for your students, contact Nargis Adham to schedule an event at montgomeryhillobservatory@gmail.com

You are invited to join Evergreen Astronomy Program's

meetup group "Starry Evergreen, at the Montgomery Hill Observatory." To get information on future public events, visit their website: http:// evc-cit.info/astronews

Matsumoto School wins Bay Area Stock Market contest

Atsumoto students won again in the Fall Bay Area Stock Market Contest Competition for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Out of the 804 high school, middle school and elementary school teams playing in the Bay Area our teams finished 13th and 14th respectively. Students will be honored and awarded their winning medals at a luncheon at the Bank of America in San Francisco.

Matsumoto fourth and fifth grade students were big winners in the Stock Market Game, competing against other elementary schools in the San Francisco Bay Area. Members of the first place winning team are: (top row, I to r) **Wesley Wu, Canis Li, Pranit Agrawal,** and **Sashank Balusu.** Second place winners are: (bottom row, I to r) **Ravi Prabhune, Amal Parekh, Samyukth Nellogi,** and **Aditya Ramesh** (not pictured).



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DATE SET FOR CAHH THAI TEMPLE APPEAL

Community group formed to defend Evergreen Greenbelt

By Sean Eastwood Times Staff Writer

community group formed to protect the Evergreen Greenbelt is springing to action by supporting an appeal with the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors over the development site located at 2532 Klein Rd. near Murillo and Ruby.

The group, Save Our Peaceful Hills In Evergreen (SOPHIE), believes the tranquility of the Greenbelt with the development of the Canh Thai Temple is being compromised. The date of the appeal is set for Tuesday, Feb. 9.

"The County Planners are rankly betraying their own General Plan guidelines to push this high-impact development onto this neighborhood," said Mark Cao, appellant for the land use "Our group believes the Temple has an underlying urban intention that is not suited to the proposed rural location.'

The Canh Thai Temple was purchased and started operating in the San Jose East Foothills in 2011. Soon after, the Sohn family, who had lived in the foothills for decades, was effectively forced to sell their home due to unpermitted building construction, noise, traffic congestion and unpermitted public assemblies, according to Cao.

"Ironically, while these new operations and their patrons undoubtedly also love the peaceful quality of the hills, their very presence permanently alters the environment decidedly for the worse," said Marcy Greeley, a chief SOPHIE organizer.

Summary

The Planning Department claims the

usage is low intensity, and therefore acceptable for the Greenbelt of San Jose. However, SOPHIE points out that for a period of over three years, they counted 150 public-assembly violations. "Some of these were sized as festivals and were outdoor music events, and were decidedly not of low intensity," said Cao.

On Nov. 19th, 2015, the County adopted new "local-serving use" guidelines that define: What are the low intensity thresholds ("R-LU 57") for the Rural Residential zones: Thresholds

- 50 attendees daily (maximum) - 220 attendees for special events
- 6,510 sq ft of building size

Cao said that many of us in the community actually supported these guidelines, believing they set reasonable expectations of size. "Yet, in what felt to us like stark betrayal," explained Cao.

The County Planners recently recommended for approval the new projects:

Canh Thai Temple

- 100 attendees daily
- 300 attendees for special events
- 7,000 sq ft of building size VVGC Hindu Center (San Martin)
- 200 attendees daily - 400 attendees for special events - 16,500 sq ft of building size

"If the Greenbelt is so trespassed, and if the definition of "low intensity" is being played like a fiddle, then I think you can see why so many of us are upset with the County Planning Department," said Cao.

Build a backyard birdhouse at Feb 13 workshop

f you are an adult, you can trained in building birdhouses at a Feb. 13 workshop.

Mike Azevedo, county coordinator for Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society's Cavity Nester Recovery Program, will lead the workshop from 10 a.m. to noon at the Guadalupe River Park Conservancy.

Azevedo said he will address how the location of a bird house its design and size for a bird's habitat. He'll also share the efforts of the Audubon to restore bird populations through cavity nesting programs that establish special bird boxes throughout the wildlife corridors that run through San Jose.

The workshop will be held at the conservancy's Visitor and Education Center, 438 Coleman Ave. in San Jose. Fees are \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members. Pre-registration is required and space is limited.

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Great upcoming events at the Evergreen Community Center

he Evergreen Community Center has announced upcoming programs and special events to assist, entertain and inform the local community.

"All 2016 Evergreen Community Center members are invited to a FREE, delicious breakfast on Saturday, Jan. 30 at 10 a.m.," says Iieoma Eke. Gerontology

Californians

preparing for

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Management Agency (FEMA) has

released new data on National

Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

Policies, showing an increase of

more than 20,000 new NFIP

Policies written in California dur-

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new policies to be reported to

FEMA and the latest available

data, released today, shows an

increase of 28,084 new flood insur-

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devastating disaster we face as a

nation," said FEMA Region 9

Administrator Robert Fenton.

'The major increase in flood poli-

cies shows Californians are taking

the threat seriously and taking pow-

erful steps to protect their families

and property. Those who may

need and not have a flood policy

should act today, as policies gener-

ally take 30 days to go into effect."

first of its kind in recent history.

The previous reporting period

showed that policies increased 3%

from August 31 to October 31.

The 12 percent increase is the

"Flooding is the most costly and

from Aug. 31 - Nov. 30, 2015.

There is a 30 - 90 day period for

Specialist at the center. This will be a great opportunity to meet new people and have a great conversation over a delicious breakfast. Please RSVP by Wednesday, January 27 at 5 p.m.

What is the Year of the Monkey? What are the characteristics of a person born in the Year of the Monkey? Come find out as

Visit Ready.gov for more preparedness tips and information.

Is your tax preparer prepared for 2016-17? Emergency

If you're thinking of hiring a tax preparer to help you file your returns this year, make sure he or she is competent and on the up and up, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

According to the Government Accountability Office preparers without the proper credentials make mistakes and some of them might even be fraudsters who take advantage of unsuspecting clients. Make sure you find a licensed preparer and check credentials. Also ask for references before providing all your personal information to a stranger claiming to be a professional.

The IRS has announced that the 2016 Tax Season will begin on January 19 and that the filing deadline will be extended this year by three days, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens. Instead of the traditional April 15 cutoff date for sending in your 2015 returns, the deadline this year will be April 18.

There is no such thing as "found money" as far as the IRS is concerned, says the Association of Mature American Citizens

Evergreen Community Center celebrates Chinese New Year. This event will take place on Wed. Feb. 10 at 11:30 a.m.

Come bring your Valentine as the Center celebrates Valentine's Day with a special lunch event. This day will be celebrated on Friday, Feb. 12 at 11:30 a.m. Who knows, you just might meet that

special someone there.

To find out about the special leaders of the Civil Rights movement, the Evergreen Community Center has set aside Wednesday, Feb. 17 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate Black History Month.

All of these events require a reservation to secure your seat for lunch. Please call at least 24 hours

By William Bellou

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Two ex-champion

spellers acted as judges

and Pronouncer. Elkins

had won spelling bees in

his native state of

Oklahoma, and Frank Shortt, staff

writer for the Evergreen Times,

had taken his high school to a Tri-

state match while in the tenth

grade at Garden High School,

Oakwood, Virginia and had been

competing since third grade. The

third judge was Penny Brown who

has been a long time Special Ed.

Teacher at Laurelwood Elemen-

tary School. Her coolness helped

keep the other two judges from a

Grades four through six quali-

fied by taking a written test on Dec.

14. Qualifying students were

required to bring a permission slip

from their parents before being allowed to participate in the oral

part of the competition. During a

blustery, stormy evening, a total of

fifteen students showed up, parent

or guardian in tow, with their game

It proved to be a longer evening

than most had anticipated. These

children spelled each word as if

their life depended on it. It was

only after the words became a little

more difficult that the ranks began

Comedy relief was provided by

Samuel Kass, whether intentional

or unintentional, as he battled his

way to a third runner up position.

His gestures and facial expressions

will not soon be forgotten by those

in attendance. Samuel is a bright,

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Annual Spelling Bee.

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patience paid off

Wednesday eve-

Laurelwood School awards

new spelling Champion

in advance at (408) 270-1244. While attending these events is a great opportunity to become a member of the Community Center and to support this really worthwhile effort.

The Evergreen Community Center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

K. Smith school to host students from China

K. Smith Elementary School will host 65 students and 22 adults from China for Global Connection Day on Jan. 27.

Students will attend classes to "live a day as a K. Smith Student," while parents and teachers will participate in the weekly Parent Pride meeting and enjoy a student-led tour of the campus. Following lunch, the Chinese visitors will host a performance.

There will a number of great photo ops and opportunities to chat with the Chinese visitors.

Agenda: ■ 8:00 a.m. Arrival

■ Students assigned to classrooms to "live a day as a K. Smith Student."

Adults head to our parent meeting ■ 9:00 a.m. School student-led tours for visiting parents and teachers (90 to 120 minutes)

■ 11:00 a.m. Q and A discussion for adults including some K. Smith Staff

■ 11:20 a.m. Lunch (first to third) n 12:00 a.m. Lunch (fourth to sixth)

■ 12:45 p.m. Performance - 12 different presentations (60 minutes) ■ 2:00 p.m. Dismissal

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Laurelwood Spelling Bee winners Samuel Kass, Sina Hoshyar and Felicia Chiu.

outgoing young man whose father is an attorney. The microphone used by the children will not be the same since being adjusted each time Sam approached it.

The competition was won by Felicia Chiu, who under great stress, worked her way to the final crown. Felicia is a bright fourth grade student at Laurelwood. After being tops in the written portion, she met with difficulty as she hewed her way, word by word, to the first position. Her straightforwardness and sincerity went a long ways in helping her to win the coveted "best speller at Laurelwood"!

Second runner-up was Sina Hoshyar who boldly approached the microphone each time and spelled each word with clarity and distinction. His shirt and tie set an example on how students should dress when entering any area of serious academic procedure. More than one person commented on the appropriateness of his dress for the occasion. It must be added that Samuel Kass's tie was quite outstanding.

A special thanks goes out to Dr. Hong Nguyen, principal of Laurelwood, who made the spelling bee event possible. Under Nguven's direction. Laurelwood will have many more events in the future which benefit both students and parents alike.

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The community attends the lighting ceremony for peace at Village Square.

'Light Up The New Year for Peace' Building strong interfaith community relationships

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

Special to the Times In late 2015, terrorist attacks across the globe in Paris, France to those very close to home in San Bernardino, California, spread fear around the world.

As a result of the innocent lives lost, this fear expanded far past the immediate events. Neighbors, once again, began distrusting one another and the world did not know how to cope with the aftermath of such violence.

It is because of events like this that I felt the interfaith community needed to come together in solidarity to realize that, despite our varying cultures, backgrounds, and beliefs, we can all agree on peace. This is why I, along with Councilmember Johnny Khamis, my colleague and brother in community, gathered with residents and faith leaders at Evergreen Village Square to "Light Up the New Year for Peace" on Jan. 15

I was inspired to see over 100 community members of diverse backgrounds – Hindu, Muslim, Catholic, Jewish, Sikh, and Christian – join as one in support of building strong community ties and spreading peace.

Thank you to our speakers and attendees, including Faisal Yazadi from the Evergreen Islamic Center, Pastor Sonny Lara from Star of David Church, Pastor Jordan Wong of Almaden Neighborhood Church, Abolanle (AB) Felock from WestGate South Hills Church, Bob Dhillon from the Sikh Gurdwara Sahib, Raj Bhanot of the Sunnyvale Hindu Temple, Pastor Dennis Hadley from Evergreen Valley Church, Brice Hamack from the Council on American-Islamic Relations, Rebecca Cardenaz from the Santa Clara County Faith Collaborative, Marina Gafni from the Jewish Community Relations Council, and many more.

Thank you to the talented students of Silver Creek High School's Acapella Choir for beginning the evening with their beautiful renditions of "White Winter Hymnal", "I Believe I Can Fly", and "Stand by You."

A special thank you to the student volunteers from San Jose Job Corps' "Y2Y: Partners for Peace" program for their support and to my staff for putting this event together.

Thank you to Evergreen Coffee Company for providing delicious cookies, brownies, and hot cocoa to keep everyone warm.

Thank you to Summerhill Homes for putting up the beautiful and colorful new lights and to Shapell Properties for allowing us to use their facilities.

And of course, thank you to all who attended to celebrate our unity and the new lights in the square!

For questions, please contact our office at district8@sanjoseca.gov or 408.535.4908.



A look at the new lighting at Evergreen Village Square.

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Police seek public's help in identifying burglary suspects

The San Jose Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying and locating the residential burglary that occurred on Nov. 27, 2015 at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the 2800 block of Smithers Dr. in Evergreen.

The two suspects entered the residence through an unlocked sliding glass door. The suspects ransacked two bedrooms. A suspect used a pry tool to open an interior door to the garage.

Suspect #1 is described as a white or Hispanic male juvenile, 16-18 years-old, 5' 7" tall, 140 lbs, wearing light color pants, dark hoodie and a ball cap.

Suspect #2 is described as a white or Hispanic male juvenile, 16-18 years-old, 5' 8" tall, 140 lbs, wearing a light colored hoodie jacket and carrying a pry tool.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Detective Sergeant Mike Montonye #3071 of the San Jose Police Department's Burglary Unit at (408) 277-4401.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below.

Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspects may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

Presentation hosts crab feed

Presentation High School's annual Crab and Pasta Feed fundraiser is set for Jan. 30 at the campus' Miller Athletic Complex, 2281 Plummer Ave.

The evening includes cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 p.m., dinner service with wine at 7:30 p.m., followed by dancing to music by DJ Curtis.

Tickets are \$75 for preferred seating and \$65 for general seating.

Download reservation forms and buy tickets at presentationhs.org/giving/crab-feed.

Register your security camera to help fight crime

The San Jose Police Department wants your help in fighting crime by taking part in the Camera Registry Program (CRP). The CRP allows residents and business owners to register the locations of their video surveillance systems with SJPD. When a crime occurs, police will be able to identify the locations of nearby video cameras and enlist the assistance of the community to help officers collect video evidence and follow up on leads. If you have questions, contact the Crime Prevention Unit at 408-277-4133.

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Evergreen Little League baseball, softball tryouts begin Jan 23

Hear the crack of the bat. Evergreen Little League's 2016 season is getting near with tryouts scheduled for Jan. 23.

The league will host tryouts at Leyva Middle School for the higher level players. Children will be running, hitting, fielding, and throwing in front of coaches, parents and friends, hoping to perform their best. For those who register later or can't make the Jan 23 tryouts, there will be makeup tryouts on Jan 30.

When you register you'll get all the details. With the tryout scores tallied, in the days to follow, the higher level coaches will draft players for their teams and practices will get under way as Opening Day approaches. The younger levels will also have their teams formed (teams can be formed with their buddies) and start their practices.

It has been reported this year that several travel baseball players are returning to the League who previously left the league to exclusively play travel ball. Why? "According to what we hear, the boys missed playing with their friends," said Evergreen Little League spokesperson Chris Taylor. "They missed being on a field close to home, and the fun of playing on local teams with their friends."

Taylor explained that the fun of playing with friends is only one of the benefits. "Little League help develop our youth," said Taylor. "They'll also make new friends. There's plenty of exercise. Are you frustrated as your child turns into a zombie behind their video games? Get them in the sun and fresh air, working up a sweat and getting in shape. They'll learn discipline and responsibility, such as practicing, listening to their coaches, focusing during games, and doing their best for their teammates."

"There are few experiences as wonderful as



watching your son or daughter get a big hit or make a great catch and the smile that erupts as people cheer," said Taylor. "There is a great connection when putting your arm around your child's shoulder as you walk away from a game, either to feel the joy of a win or great performance, or sometimes to console them. It's a great way to connect with your child as you might practice together, talk about skills and strategy and help them improve.

It all began in 1962

A huge grin as a player slides across home plate; the diving catch in center field, and high fiving his teammates. Cheers from the stands. And don't forget the smell of hot dogs and Cracker Jack! That's what Evergreen Little League is all about since it began in 1962. Evergreen Little League is the second largest in San Jose with more than 500 boys and girls participating. The League levels are for boys and girls from four-years-old to eighteen-years-old, whether playing for the first or an experienced veteran.

For additional information, visit the Evergreen Little League website: www.ell-baseball.com. But hurry, as tryouts are scheduled for Jan. 23, with makeup tryouts on Jan.30.



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Community Calendar

Upcoming New Seasons Market **Evergreen Events**

Fridays, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings. Jan 22: Cannonball Winery. Jan 29: Tiamo Wines, Feb 5: Anthony & Dominick Pinot, N.A.P.A. Red blend, Limited Lot Sauvignon Blanc, Regio Rose & Regio Zinfandel. Complimentary.

Mon, Jan 25 - Fri, Jan 29, 4-7pm: Around the World Seafood Tasting. Taste a different sustainable seafood recipe from a different country each day this week prepared by New Seasons staff. Mon: Great Britain/Fish and Chips, Tues: South America/Ceviche. Wed: Japan/Ahi Tuna, Thurs: United States/Swordfish, and Fri: Australia/Shrimp. Also, learn how the award-winning FishWise labeling program works, what "sustainable seafood" means and how it benefits you and the envi-

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The Canine Film Festival will be held Feb. 28 at Cinelux Almaden Café and Lounge 2306 Almaden Road. The free event will feature eight short films about the relationship between dogs and their human companions.

ronment. Free.

Bow-WOW!

Sat, Jan 30, 12-3pm: Chowder Cook Off and Beer Tasting. Sample and vote for your favorite chowder recipe and enjoy some complimentary beer tasting at the New Seasons Market Solutions Counter, Free.

Feb 3, 3-4pm: Community Tea Party.Enjoy a relaxing cup of your favorite tea and some tasty treats

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in the café area the 1st and 3rd Wed of the month. Meet up with a friend or make new friends! Free.

Fri, Feb 5, 3-7pm & Sat, Feb 6, 2-6pm: Super Bowl Pre-Game Seafood Tasting. Our Solutions Counter is hosting a pre-game tasting party! Pick-up some recipes and inspiration for chips, dips, drinks and meats for your Super Bowl party.Free

New Seasons Market is located at: 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200. www.newseasonsmarket.com/ou r-stores/everareen



URERT; January 23-24, 2016

Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono Soloist: Ju-Young Baek, violin

Schubert Symphony No. 5 Bruch Violin Concerto Hindemith 🔶 Symphonic Metamorphosis on a theme by Carl Maria von Weber

ike Dvorák, Schubert and Bruch are both masters of emot ional expression nd melody. Schubert's enchanting symphony opens our March con followed by violinist Ju-Young Baek performing Bruch's 'seductive' concerto widely popular from its first hearing onward. We end with German compose Paul Hindemith, who transformed von Weber's little known, Romantic-era piano duets into an outgoing, exuberantly large-scale orchestral s

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Times Feature



'Gifts for Teens' meets goal of providing gift bags to deserving teens in the South Bay

Gifts for Teens, a local non-profit, has good cause to celebrate as they met their goal of providing 1,384 gift bags to low income and homeless teens this past holiday season.

The gift bags were delivered to Sacred Heart Community Services, The Bill Wilson Center, Unity Cares, Advent, and Home First for distribution to their teen clients. The gift bags, filled with practical and fun items, continue to be seen as an incentive to bring teens into the Agencies where they can access help and services. From local high school clothing drives, knitting clubs, local businesses, and corporate donations, *Gifts for Teens* mobilized all the available resources and generous community volunteers to help fill gift bags for deserving teens.

Pictured above: Loading gift bags for distribution to deserving teens are Gifts for Teens volunteers (I to r) top row - Lea Kammerer, Jan Giroux, Kathy Bechly; bottom row are: Gary King, Jeanne Carbone, Bob Benoit, Elaine Benoit, Kathy Heihn and Bob Heihn.

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Times Feature

Chrysler to revive minivan with new look, high tech Pacifica

By Sean Eastwood *Times Staff Writer* W Pacifica make minivans popular again? Chrysler invented the minivan 33 years ago, and now it's reinventing it with styling reminiscent of an SUV, high-tech features and a first-ever hybrid model.

Chrysler unveiled its new 2017 Chrysler Pacifica at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit this week.

The automaker surprised the industry by dropping Town & Country after 25 years as a mainstay in the Chrysler lineup, and is reviving the Pacifica name.

The Pacifica ushers in a completely new look that hides its sliding doors and doesn't even appear to be a minivan at first glance. Inside, the materials, buttons, and switches are very high quality. Also available is a stateof-the-art rear-seat entertainment system.

The Pacifica is equipped with a redesigned 3.6-liter, V-6 Pentastar engine that produces 287 horse-power and 262 pound-feet of torque. The new engine is lighter with much greater fuel economy when combined with a nine-speed transmission.

The hybrid version will get up to 80 miles per gallon equivalent (MPGe) in city driving. The minivan will go up to 30 miles on electric power when fully charged. When the battery's energy is depleted, the Pacifica Hybrid becomes a part-time electric vehicle, like a conventional hybrid. This is possible due to the extra room available to store batteries on the vehicle.

The Pacifica Hybrid's battery is located under the second-row floor, keeping the rear cargo area as roomy as ever and preserving the third-row Stow 'n Go seating and storage. When the battery is depleted the van becomes a parttime electric vehicle, like a conventional hybrid. The battery can be fully recharged in two hours using a 240-volt plug-in system.

A Chrysler spokesperson said that "We are not trying to say it's not a minivan, all we are trying to say is it's so new, so different and so much of a game changer in that segment."

The 2017 Chrysler Pacifica will be available in six models when it goes on sale this spring while the Pacifica Hybrid will come in two models when it arrives during the second half of 2016.





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Times Features

Making Evergreen's roads safer

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera Snecial to the Times

Special to the Times tatistics are numbers, which help us make decisions. But behind some of those statistics are the names of real people who have lost their lives while driving on our roads.

We can calculate total numbers of deaths on our roads, but the reality and sad truth is that those deaths represent tragedy to a family and a loss to our community. Even though among large cities San Jose has one of the lowest traffic fatality rates nationwide, one death is too many. Increasingly residents are demanding that we do more to make our streets safer. Speeding is the number one culprit in traffic deaths.

Slowing down drivers and making our streets safer for people requires an approach that includes Speed enforcement, Education and changing the way we build roads in our city.

Almost one year ago, on January 26, 2015 on Yerba Buena just after noon, two teenagers speeding at



sequences of their thrill ride.

Immediately after this accident, I insisted the police department put a temporary radar feedback sign on the street. With my urging, the Department of Transportation worked quickly to expedite the installation of a permanent radar feedback sign where it is still operating on the downhill side of Yerba Buena heading Westbound. There is an additional, existing radar feedback sign just past the fire station.

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District 8 Report ^{By Rose Herrera} San Jose PD has also marked Yerba Buena as a priority for "overtime" traffic enforcement when resources allow. This has resulted in more police presence in the area. But writing more tickets is only part of the solution.

In an effort to slow down drivers along Yerba Buena, Department of Transportation is considering installing rum-

ble strips on the downhill side of Yerba Buena. Rumble strips are little buttons usually used to divide lanes laid out across lanes to remind drivers to slow down. Rumble strips feel uncomfortable to drive over at higher speeds so hopefully this will work to change speeding behavior. They also produce higher noise levels from cars who travel over themso there are trade- offs

In response to this and other fatal traffic accidents in particular

the rising number of pedestrian fatalities, I pushed to include community outreach across the city as a part of the Vision Zero campaign. Vision Zero is a campaign which strives to achieve zero traffic fatalities for all transportation modes. We've held four community meetings across the city centered on the areas with the most accidents – the 20% of the roads that account for 80% of the accidents. Residents who attended the meetings were *See TRAFFIC, next page*

Opera San Jose to present Carmen Feb. 13 - 28

pera San Jose kicks off it 2016 season with Bizet's Carmen.

Carmen will be sung in French with English supertitles. Six performances are scheduled from Feb. 13 - 28 at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street in downtown San Jose. Tickets are on sale at the Opera San José Box Office, online at operasj.org, and by phone at (408) 437-4450. Performances are supported, in part, by a grant from the San Jose Office of Cultural Affairs.

Tickets: Available by phone, online, and at the Opera San José Box Office, 2149 Paragon Dr., San José, CA 95131; \$51-\$151. Students 25 and younger (with current student ID) \$10;



Lisa Chavez sings the role of Carmen.

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RESOLUTE CYCLING A trek up the mountain

Cyclists, including San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo**, made a New Year's Day trek up Mt. Hamilton. Above: the snowy view from Mt. Hamilton. Below: the intrepid crew. *Photo: Shiloh Ballard, Silicon Valley Bike Coalition.*



Times **Features**

Traffic

Continued from previous page able to give valuable feedback about their neighborhoods to city staff from the Department of Transportation, the Traffic Enforcement Unit of the Police Department, and groups such as California Walks and Silicon Valley Bike Coalition were available to educate residents along with hearing their concerns about where the biggest traffic hazards occur. No one knows a neighborhood as well as the residents who live there so this was very helpful to hear first hand accounts of problems areas.

Making our streets safer will also involve changing our car-centric culture and looking at designing our streets in a way that ensures safety for all modes of transportation. Examples of this include making wider pedestrian walkways, segregating bike lanes from car traffic, and in some cases reducing the number of lanes or by making them narrower forcing cars to slow down. By strategically placing trees in between roadways and sidewalks thus protecting the pedestrian instead of the outdated practice of placing the tree along the sidewalk/private property border, you can better protect pedestrians walking near the road. Some of these improvements will come along as streets are repaved but the biggest changes in street design will happen over time with new developments.

Our current street designs are based on State Highway standards that focused on moving cars quickly with little regard for pedestrians. The City of San Jose Department of Transportation (DOT) has been leading the effort to convince cities to adopt new street guidelines for cities that will transform urban city streets into slower and safer roads for pedestrians.

Slowing down speeding drivers will save lives. It makes a difference how fast someone is driving as to their survivability in a crash. At 20 MPH a pedestrian versus car accident is survivable but at 40 MPH the chance of it being fatal to the pedestrian goes to 80%.

Our police department needs additional tools to enforce speeding laws. Technology can help. This is why I advocated for and the city council agreed to prioritize pushing for State Legislation that will allow the use of speed enforcement cameras (currently illegal) to help slow down drivers. In the meantime, please drive the speed limit and encourage your neighbors, friends, co-workers and family to do the same. Let's surprise ourselves and reach that zero fatality rate sooner rather than later.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

Matsumoto Spelling Bee **School 2016 Championship** winners announced

he New Year was welcomed at Tom Matsumoto Elementary with the school's Second Annual spelling Bee School Contest.

Silver Creek Academy graciously sponsored the Spelling Bee Contest. Darren MacDonald of Silver Creek Academy did an amazing job as Pronounce. Henna Parekh and Roshni Shah were great as Judges; both of them are community educators and associated with local academic bodies.

Champion of school Spelling Bee was a 5th grade student, Adharvana Subramanian. She won the Championship by pronouncing the words "Spontaneous" and "Embryonic"

Adharvana will be School representative for next rounds of Scripps National Spelling Bee. She was very is excited, determined and ready for upcoming rounds of the Bee.



Abhinav Balla was awarded the title of runner

Leila Welch, Principle of Tom Matsumoto was guest of honor for the contest. She did the honors of congratulating the champion and runner up student with their trophies and also awarded medals and certificates to the

semi Finalists. The 19 semifinalists who competed in the championship were, Tanvi, Siddhi, Claire, Abhinav, Adharvana, Apoorva, Anish, Kriti, Amlan, Sanjith, Pratinav, Rishitha, Nishant, Jason, Darren, Sreya, Rohan, Simran and Ashley.



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Community Roundtable

Thursday of 1st every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen 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.

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

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and World. Sunday Schedule: Breezeway

students meet at 11am. Nuevo Comienzo: Servicio en Spanish at 1:00 PM. espanol, Domingo 4pm.

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

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

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Villages' Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting agenda includes a noon luncheon for all SIR Branch 114 members and a 12:30 p.m. speake open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Lou Figone, SIR 114 BIG SIR at (408) 966-4175.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood

Association 1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 n m Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe

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,



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