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FREE CONCERT THIS SUNDAY

**'Bon Voyage
Carnegie Hall
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The EVHS String
Orchestra and
Wind Ensemble**

By William Bellou
Publisher

Here's your chance to hear two fabulous Carnegie Hall concerts without having to travel to New York!

The award winning Evergreen Valley High School String Orchestra and Wind Ensemble will perform their entire sets of music that will be performed at Carnegie Hall later this month.

The free Carnegie Hall Concert will be held on Sunday, April 15, starting at 3 p.m. at the Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) concert stage, located at the EVHS auditorium located at 3300 Quimby Rd, San Jose, CA.

"Be prepared to hear some
See EVHS, page 3

LARGEST BIKE & SKATE PARK IN CALIFORNIA

Evergreen community invited to the grand opening of Bike & Skate park at Cunningham Park: April 14

*World class BMX bike
stunt team to perform*

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

The wait is over!

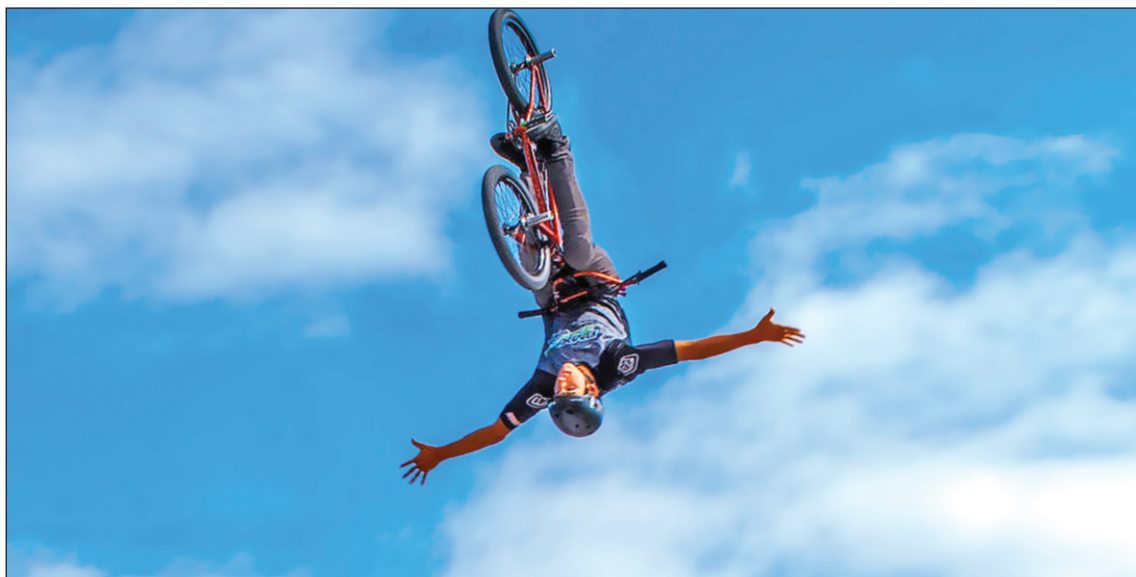
The largest bike and skateboard park is opening at Lake Cunningham Park. It all takes place on Saturday, April 14 at 10 a.m. with free admission and parking.

"Please join Evergreen, East Side, and San Jose families as we cut the ribbon on the Bay Area's premier Action Sports park!" said San Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas.

Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park, the largest skate park in California, features the most riding ramps and skill jumps of any bike park in America.

BMX stunt show

The Saturday morning event will feature the BMX freestyle performance of Robert Castillo's team, which has performed at more than 6,000 shows. The



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Castillo Freestyle Team is considered one of the most trusted and experienced names in the BMX (stunt bike riding) entertainment industry. He has toured with some of the biggest names on the tour and is winner of three AFA

championships. The AFA stands for American Flatland Association which is made up of a premier group of bike riding, trick riding innovators that accumulate points at sanctioned events.

A lot of Castillo's ambition and

love for the sport came from the founders of the BMX stunt bike movement. He has done it all and is visiting San Jose to entertain and kick off the new grand opening of the Action Sports

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High School Seniors from Evergreen Valley participating in the April 21 Presentation High School Fashion Show, pictured (left to right) are: **Kelly Leonard, Lauren Davis, Anna Piskun, Allyson Hineman and Megan Munce.** Photo by Julie Ruppert

Presentation High School Fashion Show set for April 21

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The 52nd annual Presentation High School Fashion Show, Lighting the Way, will be held on April 21, 2018.

Senior girls will be modeling clothes from more than 14 different clothing and accessory stores, including five seniors from Evergreen Valley.

The event will be held in the Mission City Ballroom at the Santa Clara Convention Center.

The lunch fashion show will

begin at noon and the dinner fashion show starts at 7 p.m.

The Presentation High School Fashion Show benefits the Presentation Endowment for Financial Aid which provides scholarships to deserving young women.

An annual school tradition, the Presentation fashion show features seniors, alumnae, faculty and friends who come together to strike a pose in the latest spring clothing lines from local and national stores.

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Times **Local News**

Evergreen Valley Youth Orchestra raises money for Evergreen music education

Evergreen Valley Youth Orchestra raised more than \$1,200 for the Evergreen School District Music Program at a fundraiser held at Grace Church in Evergreen on April 7.

"This was our very first fundraiser concert at Grace Church," said Henry Qin, President of the Evergreen Valley Youth Orchestra. "I am very pleased that our orchestra can make people happy and at the same time benefit society, in particular, music students."

The Evergreen Valley Youth Orchestra

(EVYO) is a non-profit community service organization comprised entirely of students from the Evergreen Valley area. The organization's mission is to "Make Music that Benefits Society" by performing for the community and raising money for local music programs.

For more information and to learn how you can donate or schedule a fund raising event with the Evergreen Valley Youth Orchestra, contact Henry Qin by email: hqin2400@gmail.com; or call 408.693.5271.

Mayor Liccardo to speak at Villages Golf and Country Club

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo will speak at the Vineyard Center on Wednesday, April 18 from 10 a.m. to noon.

The mayor will discuss his new exciting project of Gen2Gen (generation to generation), matching seniors with kids to provide help, mentoring and friendship.

Sponsors and partners of the project include: First 5, AARP, Healthtrust, Packard Foundation, Encore.org and to all our Gen2Gen, SJ Library, SJ PRNS, First 5, AARP, Immentor, BATA, the Tech Museum, Reading Partners, YMCA, Boys and girls club SV, citizen schools, child advocates, and the SJ Police Department.

For more information about the project, visit: generationtogeneration.org.

Presentation

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Talented student designers also premiere custom creations, plus the national award-winning Presentation dance team performs. All proceeds support Presentation's endowment for financial aid, which provides tuition assistance that helps young women achieve their dreams of a college-prep education.

For more information and tickets, visit www.presentationhs.org/fashion-show



High school seniors begin preparation for walks on the runway for the 52nd Annual Presentation High School Fashion Show to be held on Sat., April 21.

Audits can be reduced

Nearly 1 in 3 taxpayers wait until April to file. While many are worried about meeting the April 17th deadline, others are worried about the potential of being audited.

While it appears the number of audits are going down, in reality due to software now used by the IRS, your chances of receiving a letter from the IRS is actually much higher.

Taxpayers should take some straightforward precautions to avoid an audit if possible or be prepared in case of an audit.

To schedule an interview with a local tax professional on how you can prevent

your chances of being audited you can Ping Xue at 408-644-6776 or email ping@prxcpa.com.

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great music," said Stephen Barnhill, Director of Instrumental Music. "I am very proud of our award winning orchestras and I know the community will be very pleased and impressed with their professional performance."

Editor's note: The concert is free, but of course donations are always appreciated to subsidize the trip to New York.

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Evergreen Valley High School student ignites the passion for STEM in the minds of underprivileged boys and girls

By William Bellou
Publisher

Nikita Salunke (inset), a sophomore at Evergreen Valley High School, has initiated the first-ever after-school STEM program for underserved children.

The new STEM program is designed for challenging socioeconomic backgrounds at a local Boys and Girls Club in Santa Clara County. Nikita's non-profit organization, Love for STEM, blends diverse factors of STEM through interactive, fun, hands-on experiments.



"At Love for STEM, we blend all factors of STEM: Science Technology Engineering and Math through fun and interactive hands on experiments," said Nikita. "Our non-profit organization strives to educate our future leaders by instilling a passion for STEM in students with challenging socioeconomic backgrounds. Through the program, it is evident to see the student's passions stem and grow."

Founded in 2017, Love for STEM strives to educate future leaders by instilling a passion for STEM. Nikita has developed activities that teach students various physics concepts and theories by conducting hands-on activities using silly putty, balloon rockets, spec-



The new STEM program is designed to help kids from a challenging socioeconomic background succeed.

troscopes and more. Kids look forward to her visits, eager to learn new concepts and do hands-on experiments that empower them to believe that they can become future scientists.

The Boys and Girls Club Director, Romania, said, "You are changing the image of an old scientist that they had in their minds to something they can now relate to. Now they can envision a future as a young woman scientist."

The growth of students' passions for

STEM is evident. Dana, in grade 3, added "What I like about the program is we are learning more hands-on science than in school."

Nikita will continue her passion to develop and teach STEM related topics in biology, physics and chemistry as she expands the program to other Boy's and Girl's Club locations.

For more information about "Love for STEM" or volunteer, visit: www.loveforstem.org

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Accountability of officials is important

Editor,

As a former Mayor, I understand the importance of accountability for our elected officials. We can and should hold them responsible for their actions in office.

In the upcoming June election, it's time to hold Judge Aaron Persky accountable for his decisions to coddle convicted sex offenders. His lenient treatment of Brock Turner is really just one example of his favorable treatment of these dangerous offenders.

Don't fall for Persky's claim that he should remain in office in order to maintain judicial independence. Judges have been recalled before when they demonstrate poor judgment like Persky.

Vote Yes to Recall Judge Persky on June 5th. Let's support the victims of sexual crimes in our county. Our mothers, sisters, and daughters deserve no less.

Robert Livengood

Former Mayor, City of Milpitas

Hear from the candidates at the Candidate Forum April 25

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Have you ever opened your voter information and wondered what the real issues were and where the candidates stood on the issues?

Tired of getting your information from slick campaign mailers, media sound bites or smear tactics by the opposition?

On April 25, a Candidate Forum will feature each candidate speaking for 3-4 minutes to summarize who they are and where they stand on the issues. The Candidate Forum event is hosted by the Silicon Valley Association of Republican Women.

As a member of the audience you have an opportunity to write down and submit your questions to be answered by the candidates.

All candidates who will be listed on the local June Primary ballot are invited

to participate in this candidate forum including those running for: non-partisan offices: San Jose City Council and Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors; State offices: California Executive Branch and Legislature.

Candidates who would like to participate must confirm their attendance by April 18 by emailing: Jan Soule; jan-soule@svarw.com

Event Date: April 25, 2018

Time: 6:00-6:30 p.m. (Social hour) Mingle with the candidates.

6:30 p.m.– Candidate forum begins and will conclude by 8:30 p.m.

Location: Campbell Community Center, 1 West Campbell Ave, Campbell, CA 95008. Forum will be held in the Roosevelt Redwood Room.

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Times **Feature**

Kashvi Lalgudi of Evergreen receives honorable mention in this year's Everybody's Beautiful writing contest

By William Bellou
Publisher

The Eating Disorders Resource Center (EDRC) is pleased to announce the student winners of the 2018 Everybody's Beautiful writing contest.

Kashvi Lalgudi, a junior at Evergreen Valley High School, has received an honorable mention award.

This contest gives middle and high school students the opportunity to address self-love, self-acceptance, and the media's effect on body image.

The EDRC had an overwhelming response this year from the local community, receiving more than 250 individual entries.

Esteemed judges made their selection, which included Peter Tavernise and Munira Nasser Webb of the Cisco Foundation, Lauren Olaiz from the El Camino Hospital, and Amia Nash, this year's Miss Silicon Valley.

Sponsors of this year's contest included the Palo Alto Medical Foundation and the Santa Clara County Library District.

First, second, and third place winners for high school and middle school will receive cash prizes

of \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively.

This year, the EDRC has decided to add "Honorable Mention" as a fourth placement. Although Honorable Mention recipients do not win a cash prize, it is a chance for them to receive recognition for their hard work and literary achievement.

Here are the winners of the 2018 "Everybody's Beautiful" Writing Contest.

High School Winners:

First Place: Tammy Phan (Fremont High School, 10th)

Second Place: Kaitlyn Wang (Saratoga High School, 11th)

Third Place: Mira Park (Saratoga High School, 11th)

Honorable Mention: Christian John Ventura (Yerba Buena High School, 12th), and Kashvi Lalgudi (Evergreen Valley High School, 11th)

Middle School Winners:

First Place: Ananya Sirigineedi (Lawson Middle School, 7th)

Second Place: Kelly Nguyen (Sierramont Middl School, 7th)

Third Place: Amelia Yu (Challenger School, 7th)

Honorable Mention:

Sarah Orgassa (Bernal Intermediate School, 7th), and

Srinidhi Nagarajan (Lawson Middle School, 7th).

Give blood with the Red Cross during National Volunteer Month

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

The American Red Cross encourages eligible donors to give blood during National Volunteer Month during the month of April.

Donating blood is a simple way for those who are short on time to make a life-changing difference. Volunteer donors are the only source of blood products for those in need of transfusions. Donors of all blood types are needed to help meet patient needs this spring.

Make an appointment to donate blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Editor's note: Everyone donating blood from April 9 to May 13 will be entered to win one of three \$1,000 gift cards to a national home improvement retailer, courtesy of Suburban Propane.



Wildlife abounds in the Villages Golf and Country Club

A bobcat and a coyote were spotted in the Highland Village community at the Villages Golf and Country Club over the last week. On the morning of Tuesday, April 3, a brightly colored coyote was sitting behind a fence and eventually walked away on top of some junipers. The bobcat, possibly a young female, was spotted walking up the hill behind some homes at about 1:40 p.m. on Sunday, April 8. Photos by Lou Alexander

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Times Local News

Dental problems
in pets explored

By Dr. Raj Singh
Special to the Times

In this article I will discuss the most common disease among dogs and cats known as "periodontal disease".

Periodontal disease is caused by bacteria due to poor oral hygiene. It results in plaque and tartar accumulation leading to redness and swelling both above and below the gum line.

This local infection from mouth can further spread into the body and hence causing oral infection, pain and teeth loss.

Signs of dental disease

• Most common symptom reported by pet owners is bad breath.

• Red, swollen, bleeding gums

• Tartar, plaque buildup on teeth(seen as brown deposit)

• Eating less than usual/decreased appetite(as it hurts when pet eats)

• Weight loss due to less nutrition

gums for bleeding/swelling/redness (gingivitis).

Your vet will also look for any fractured/broken teeth.

How to treat it

Your family vet will recommend professional dental cleaning under anesthesia which includes ultrasonic deep teeth cleaning, hand scaling above and below gum line, polishing the teeth and rinsing mouth with oral solution afterwards. Additional Therapy may include:

• Dental radiographs

• Extraction of loose/infected teeth/oral surgery

• Antibiotics and pain medications.

• More frequent dental cleanings

How to prevent periodontal disease

• Brushing your pet's teeth is one of best ways to prevent dental disease. Your family veterinarian can show you how to brush your pet's teeth and recommend toothbrush/toothpaste, mouth wash made for pets, etc.

• Dental chews/treats can be given on daily basis to reduce plaque and loosen tartar.

• Regular professional teeth cleaning on annual or semiannual basis before symptoms of periodontal disease appear.

• Oral exams for your pet once every six months.

This all will ensure that your pet always have nice, pearly white teeth and no more stinky breath.

Remember a healthy body starts from a healthy mouth.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: forpetvet@yahoo.com or call 408.270.4600. Aborn Pet Clinic is located at 3286 S White Rd, San Jose, CA 95148.

By Dr. Raj Singh
Veterinarian



Your Pet
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By Dr. Raj Singh
Veterinarian



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• Behavior changes(pet may cry or try to bite when touched on face due to tooth pain)

• Difficulty in chewing/chewing on one side of mouth/dropping food when eating

• Swelling on face/under eye(due to an abscessed/infected tooth)

• Nasal discharge

How to determine if your pet has periodontal disease

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Exchange Club present Blue and Gold Service Awards

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Holiday Inn in downtown San Jose.

The Exchange Club of San Jose is a group of men and women working together to make our communities better places to live through Community Service programs, Youth Activities, and its national project, Prevention of Child Abuse.

Learn more about the Exchange Club of San Jose here: www.facebook.com/SanJoseExchangeClub/

'Our dead are never dead to us until we have forgotten them'

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

That quote by author George Eliot is a reminder that we must never forget those who served in our U.S. Military and the families who have loved and supported them. A new monument in San Jose is intended to do just that.

Please join me, Gold Star Families and veterans at an unveiling of the Gold Star Family Memorial Monument from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

Saturday, April 14, at Oak Hill Memorial Park, 300 Curtner Avenue, San Jose.

The new large granite monument is part of a nationwide tribute to Gold Star Families who have lost loved ones serving in the military. Locally, this monument is the result of a partnership between private sponsors, my office, the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Oak Hill Memorial Park. Oak Hill has provided a permanent site, and the County and sponsors provided the funding. There are 33 monuments installed across the U.S., and 44 others under way.

The movement was started by Hershel "Woody" Williams, a U.S. Marine Corps veteran who served in the battle of Iwo Jima in World War II and was awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor in 1945. He wanted the monuments to honor the Gold Star Families for their sacrifice in losing a son, daughter, sister, brother or parent. After the war, he worked for the Department of Veterans Affairs for 33 years, continuing to serve veterans and their families. He still serves on the Governor's Military Advisory Board in West Virginia.

For more information on the monuments, visit hwwmohf.org or call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

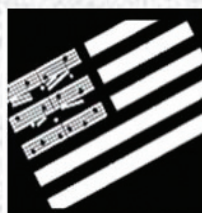


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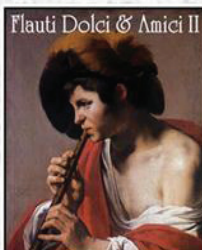


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Chaboya and his family came to Santa Clara Valley in the early 1800's and was granted the large tract of land after the Spanish Missions were eliminated by Mexican independence. Rancho Yerba Buena raised cattle, sheep, horses, and farmed crops on the rolling hills of Santa Clara Valley. The Chaboyas traded cowhides with cargo ships and hosted a famous annual rodeo at the ranch.

On the other side of these hills lies the original 25,000 acres of Rancho Yerba Buena granted from the Mexican government of which some of which remains with Chaboya's descendants. Yerba Buena translates to 'good herb' or spearmint, which can be found in locals gardens throughout Evergreen to this day.



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SV Career Technical Custom and Classic Car show offers free admission: May 4

By William Bellou
Publisher

Classic car clubs, collectors, and enthusiasts are invited to attend the 13th Annual Silicon Valley Career Technical Custom and Classic Car show.

The event is held at the SVCTE campus located at 760 Hillsdale Avenue, San Jose, on Friday, May 4, from 5:00 to 8:30 p.m.

The car show has grown steadily in size with more than 200 entries in 2017, raising more than \$5,000. This year, the number of entries is expected to rise to more than 300 vehicle exhibitors. Spectator admission to the car show is free, with limited parking.

Exhibitor passes are a \$20 tax-deductible donation or fee per car, truck, motorcycle or bicycle. Pre-registration is not available. Exhibitors will pay at the gate on the night of the event. Pets are not allowed at this event.

All proceeds go directly to support students competing in SkillsUSA competitions. This past February, 34 SVCTE stu-

dents won regional medals and 44 qualified to advance to the SkillsUSA state competition at the Ontario Convention Center on April 19-22.

According to SVCTE's Auto Body instructor and event organizer, Robert McTaggart, more than 1,000 spectators attend the annual event each year. Spectators enjoy voting on their favorites in eight categories: best car, best motorcycle, best pedal push, best car under construction, best truck, best club participation, best engine, and the best paint job in the show.

Students and staff from SVCTE programs showcase a variety of display tables. Raffle prizes are provided by vendors and the California Teachers Association (CTA). Live music will be performed by Vital Sign. Food and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Sponsors are still needed to make the event even more successful, this year.

For more information, contact event organizer Robert McTaggart at (408) 723-6563.

Tips on how college students can parlay internships into good paying jobs following their graduation

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The job market appears a bit more promising for soon-to-be college graduates than it has been for most of this decade.

Just four years ago, CNN Money reported that 260,000 college grads held minimum-wage jobs. Barely 25 percent had a job related to their college major. But this year, the National Association of Colleges and Employers projects, U.S. companies will hire four percent more new college graduates than they did from the Class of 2017.

Yet with more optimistic employment prospects, there's still stiff competition for those first "real" jobs. Who stands the best chance of getting them?

Several studies show that college internships make a significant difference. According to Gallup, for example, recent graduates who had an internship in college were more than twice as likely to be hired for a good, career-related job immediately after graduation.

"The solution for college students is to increase job experience while still in school, and that means obtaining a hands-on internship every summer while in college," says Matthew Stewart, co-founder of College Works Painting, which provides business experience for thousands of college students each year.

"Unless you graduate college with a significant amount of real-world job experience, finding a job will be incredibly difficult."

Stewart gives college students four tips on maximizing their



college internship in order to improve their post-grad job prospects:

- Find an internship that challenges you. An internship experience that will be meaningful on a resume should make demands of the student, Stewart says. Ideally, they're getting a preview of their chosen profession and an idea of the skills they'll need to succeed. "College students should be looking for experiences that will challenge them," Stewart says. "When they get out of school they will be competing with thousands of other graduates. They need to ask themselves, 'Will the internship offer real experience that will separate me from my peers?'"

- Treat your internship like a career. "The easiest way to treat your student job like a career is

to ask your boss to mentor you," Stewart says. "Under the mentorship of your supervisor, you can expand your basic job functions."

- Be proactive, take initiative. Going above and beyond in your internship will set the foundation for your career. "You'll gain confidence by taking initiative, which is a core skill in the business world," Stewart says. "It's important to set goals and have a plan of action around those goals."

- Seek promotion opportunities. "Again, the mentor factor comes in," Stewart says. "Build a strong relationship with your mentor, and let him or her know you are eager for more responsibility and that you're up for the challenge. Always check the company job board."

"College is not the time to relax," Stewart says. "You need to treat college and an internship seriously; it's your future. College consists of three summers of internships, and by the fourth summer students should have what it takes to find a career."

About Matt Stewart

Matt Stewart is co-founder of College Works Painting college-works.com, which provides business experience for thousands of college students each year. The award-winning program also offers high-quality house-painting services for homeowners. Stewart received the Excellence in Entrepreneurship Award from the Orange County Business Journal, and College Works, and has been recognized as an entrepreneurial leader by Ernst & Young.

CAREER COLUMN

Using transparency to build a diverse workforce

By Angela Copeland
Special to the Times

Diversity is one of the most important issues companies are focused on today.

LinkedIn recently found that over half of companies say they are very or extremely focused on diversity. This is good news, especially when you consider this. The World Economic Forum recently estimated that it will take 217 years for women to reach complete equality in pay and employment opportunities.

It should be noted that one of the key tools we have available today that was not available years ago is the internet.

The transparency now available, especially as it relates to employment, is a gold mine for job seekers. Sites such as Glassdoor, LinkedIn, and Indeed.com provide important data points, including how much workers are paid and how employees rate their workplaces.

To further the mission of diversity, Indeed.com recently announced a partnership with three other websites that focus on inclusiveness in the workplace. This partnership with Fairygodboss.com, InHerSight.com, and Comparably.com will help to provide additional information to job seekers.

The information will show up on the Indeed "Company Pages." It will allow

job seekers to better evaluate the diversity and inclusiveness of an organization. Today's Company Pages include ratings for work/life balance, compensation/benefits, job security/advancement, management, and culture. In the future, there will also be scores from InHerSight, Comparably, and Fairygodboss that will rank the companies from one to five stars and as a number from one to 100.

The internet still remains an unlikely place to land your next job. But, the data available will help you to decide whether or not you want to accept a job offer from a particular company.

Salary data will also help you to know what is considered fair pay in your industry. In corporate roles, employers setup pay bands. It can be surprising to know that for one job, the pay band can sometimes vary as much as \$40,000 or more. That means that one person doing the job may make \$65,000, and another person doing the same job may make over \$100,000. In theory, this range allows companies to compensate

employees based upon experience. In reality, how much you make is often tied to how skilled you are at negotiation.

Using the data available online will help you to ensure you're getting a fair deal. It will allow you to verify that your future employer is a healthy place to work. And, it will give you a view into your employer's values and priorities.

This sort of valuable feedback is often not something you can typically find out during a job interview.

Long story short, we still have a long way to go on issues related to diversity and pay equality for all people, including women and men from all backgrounds. But, this level of increased transparency will help you to be your own advocate. Perhaps together, we can shorten the time it will take to reach complete equality in the workplace.

Angela Copeland, a career coach and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

Times Local News



Josie Bianchi, pictured here with Jeopardy! host Alex Trebek, is competing in "Jeopardy! College Championships." The show is being aired through April 20. Photo courtesy of Jeopardy Productions, Inc.

Bianchi competing for \$100,000 grand prize on Jeopardy! College Championships

By William Bellou
Publisher

Josie Bianchi of San Jose is competing with 15 of America's brightest students in the Jeopardy! College Championships.

Over the course of the two-week event, 15 of America's sharpest students will vie for the \$100,000 grand prize and a berth in the next edition of the "Tournament of Champions."

Bianchi, a sophomore at Stanford University, said, "You'll see me deal with crazy categories, a buzzer that was a real pain, and Alex Trebek not asking any pre-scripted questions," states Bianchi on her Facebook page. "Stick around for the whole thing — 'Final Jeopardy' is exciting and you don't want to miss it!"

"Jeopardy! College Championships" is

broadcast on channel 7, KGO-TV.

Among the 15 college contestants, Bianchi and two other contestants will be representing the Bay Area. Joining Bianchi from the Bay Area are Patricia Jia, a Fremont resident and senior at the University of Pennsylvania; and William Scott, a Los Altos resident and freshman at Tufts University in Massachusetts.

JEOPARDY! and its host, Alex Trebek, are in their 34th season in syndication with more than 20 million viewers each week. JEOPARDY! is the top-rated quiz show on television, and has won several awards and distinctions, including the 2017 Emmy for outstanding Game Show. The show holds a record for the most Emmy Awards won by a TV game show (34 Emmys); it is also the recipient of a 2011 Peabody Award.

Arin Parsa wins History Bee and Bowl

By William Bellou
Publisher

Arin Parsa has won two Northern California History tournaments.

Arin, an elementary fifth grade student from Challenger School in San Jose, won the Northern California History Bee in the Elementary division, and the History Bowl in the Middle School division.

The tournaments are buzzer-based tournaments held nationwide to encourage the study of American and World history and reward students for their depth and fast recall.

Arin's family credits Mrs. Mathur, Arin's third grade teacher at Challenger for sparking his love for the history. In addition to history, Arin says he loves civics, literature, and space science as subjects. In his spare time, he likes to read current affairs, research U.S Supreme Court cases that have shaped America, build robots and write his blog.

About History Bee and Bowl

The National History Bee and Bowl



Arin Parsa

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Times News Briefs

Tabard Events presents: 7th Street Big Band in Concert

By Sean Eastwood
 Times staff writer

Tabard Events presents 7th Street Big Band in Concert on Friday, June 1 and Saturday, June 2 at Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose, CA 95110

Fresh off the release of their debut album, “Off Cinderella Lane”, the 7th Street Big Band brings their eclectic style - ranging from swing and hip-hop to reggae - to Theatre on San Pedro Square.

Don't miss this diverse group of up-and-coming Bay Area musicians featuring bandleader, drummer, and San José native Gabby Horlick. With a crash of brass and sass, the band brings some of the hippest beats, rhythms and jazz standards - with a little touch of funk - to Tabard.

For every production, Tabard designates a local non-profit to receive a portion of its concession proceeds. The designated non-profit for Adrift in Macao is Tabard's Arts Angels, a program of its Youth Arts Education. The Tabard Theatre Company



is a 501(c)(3) California Corporation.

Performance Schedule: Friday, June 1, 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 2, 8:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$30 - \$42; Cabaret Seating: \$42; Tiered Seating: \$30 (Discounts available for seniors and full-time students.)

Box Office: 408.679.2330; or www.tabardtheatre.org/tickets

Editor's note: Parking is validated for most performances at the San Pedro Garage directly across the street.

Free annual Healthy Living Health Fair to be held on April 22

The 13th Annual Healthy Living Health Fair organized by Congregation Shir Hadash and Sacred Heart Community Service will take place on Sunday, April 22, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Services that will be provided include dental exams and treatments, vision services, and medical screenings for cholesterol, blood pressure and diabetes. All services during the Health Fair are free.

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People interested in these services can sign up in person at Sacred Heart's Welcome Center from now until April 20 to book an appointment. Walk-ins are wel-

come on April 22, but are not guaranteed a timely spot for services.

If you are interested in booking an appointment for both vision and dental services, please allow for at least a 2 hour space between these appointments. This is to ensure that there is enough time to receive both services.

If you are interested in opportunities to volunteer at the Health Fair and would like to sign-up, please visit the following site: signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4dadae2ca3f58-healthy

Sacred Heart, in partnership with Shir Hadash, is proud to partner with the following providers for the Health Fair: Tzu Chi Foundation, On-Site Dental Care Foundation, and VSP. We thank the following agencies for their generous contributions to make this year's event possible: El Camino Medical Foundation, Health Trust, and UFCW Local 5.

Sacred Heart Community Service, 1381 S. First Street (at Alma), San Jose, CA. Families can sign up for appointments at Sacred Heart's Welcome Center from now until April 20th. The Welcome center is open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9am - 4pm, Tuesdays 9am - 6pm, and Fridays 9am - 12pm.

Our City Forest celebrating Earth Month

Our City Forest is not just celebrating Earth Day on April 22nd - but rather celebrating the entire month of April.

Throughout April, the team will be sharing their love for planet earth with as many members of the community as possible.

Activities include planting trees, busting lawns, and attending lots of community events.



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12 p.m. Tree Care Workshop - English and Spanish!

Editor's note: To learn more go to this website: www.ourcityforest.org

Times **Local News****EVERGREEN HISTORY:****Montgomery Hill 4-H Club**

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Sometimes our heroes and heroines go unsung as they do not like to toot their own horns.

One unsung hero is the founder of the Montgomery Hill 4-H Club in Evergreen, Phyllis Karsten.

The now defunct, Montgomery Hill 4-H Club was founded in 1976. There was already an established 4-H Club in Evergreen, but there was quite an age difference between the 'old timers' and the youngsters from the elementary grades.

Phyllis Karsten, who was resident of many years at 6274 San Felipe Road in Evergreen suggested, "Why not start our own 4-H out here in the country!" South San Felipe Road was considered country at that time. So for lack of a proper place to have 4-H meetings, Karsten decided to organize her own group and, of all places, have it in her own home, her own patio.

Karsten, who is now in her 90's, living in Los Gatos, recalls, "There were several children from the Evergreen School District who rode Mr. McMillon's bus. Since classes were dismissed early one day a week, I suggested that those who were old enough could be dropped off at my house and start a new 4-H Club." Of course, Mr. McMillon insisted on parent approval to drop off the children at a different address.

Richard and Linda Parola, also residents of the San Felipe Road area, were strong supporters of the club, often taking their vacation time to coincide with the Santa Clara County Fair. This assured that there would always be adult supervision of the children who brought their projects and animals to be judged."

The membership fluctuated at around 10 members. Some of the project groups were: Electricity, Horticulture, Leather Craft, Photography, Sheep, Goats, Pigs and Chickens. Different parents volunteered to lead these project areas, and actively assisted greatly by furnishing transportation to the club and also to the regional events.

Mrs. Karsten remembered, "When we tried to decide upon a name, we wanted a name that would reflect our area's history. After much discussion it was decided to honor John J. Montgomery, who did so much aeronautical experimentation on the near-by hill, so we named our group Montgomery Hill 4-H Club." (The hill is now a city landmark with a monument and pocket park at the intersection of San Felipe Rd and Yerba Buena Rd.)

When a sign was needed for the club, instead of sending out for a sign, Phyllis took it upon herself to make one. "My husband had a router so I just went ahead and worked out all the letters in the sign." The sign, reading 'Montgomery Hill 4-H Club', still exists until this day along with the official metal sign. These



The Montgomery Hill 4-H Club sign still exists until this day along with the official metal sign. The sign is hung by the chimney in the patio of her home on San Felipe Road.

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This feisty nonagenarian further recollected, "My son, Carl, had a Dairy Goat project in the Club. When his goat kids reached weaning age, we would make arrangements to take the kids, along with the doe, to the Kindergarten classes at Evergreen Elementary School for the children to experience at least one farm animal. While there, along with petting and feeding the kids, we allowed each child to experience milking the doe. This was a very lively day at the kindergarten class!" She cheerfully recalled.

After the Karstens left the area, the Parola family stepped in and became the club leaders. Richard and Linda Parola served until the members were of high school age, and scattered to pursue other interests. Having served its purpose, the club was dissolved.

Karsten still participates in walkathons and other sporting events not allowing her age to prevent her in any way. Hopefully this remembrance will bring joy to some of the past members of the 'Montgomery Hill 4-H Club'! Mrs. Karsten stated, "This is just a very nice recollection of a great activity for the children of Evergreen."

Who knows, Karsten may pass along some other fascinating stories in the future about the earlier days in Evergreen.

Editor's note: 4-H clubs in Santa Clara County are alive and well. If you are considering volunteering or getting the young ones involved in a club near you, the University of California has a cooperative extension which works with many current 4-H clubs in Santa Clara County. Their website states the following, "4-H is one of the largest youth development programs in the United States with more than 6.5 million young people ages 5-19, and 540,000 youth and adult volunteers. 4-H serves youth throughout California and in Santa Clara County in urban, suburban and rural communities. Youth learn leadership, civic engagement and life skills by participating in a variety of activities and more than 50 projects as varied as computer science, leadership, public speaking, photography, animal science, cooking and service learning." Their website shows a list of clubs that are nearby; also many clubs have their own website you can visit too.

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OFF THE SHELF

Library introduces community to cultures from around the world

By Edith Sutterlin
Special to the Times

Around the World in 2 Hours monthly festivals at Village Square Branch have been introducing the Evergreen community to cultures from around the world all year.

On Friday, April 20, 3:30-5:30 p.m., travel to the Land Down Under, where Australia and New Zealand are the next stop. Since World War I, Anzac Day has been a national day of remembrance commemorating Australians and New Zealanders "who served and died in all wars, conflicts, and peacekeeping operations.

Fiesta Dance parties

Storytimes have a few changes in the next couple of weeks. To celebrate and to promote 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten, Fiesta Dance parties are planned for preschoolers and their families at the Evergreen Branch on Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., and at Village Square Branch on Tuesday, April 24, 11 a.m. At Evergreen's Family Storytime, Wednesday, April 25, 6 p.m., we will hear some world folktales in English, but on May 31, Ms. Jenny will resume her Vietnamese/English bilingual storytime usually held on the 4th Wednesday of each month.

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One such Friends' sponsored program is Village Square's Jump for Joy Music program, Saturday, April 28, 4 p.m. Jump for Joy's engaging and energetic music is a cooperative learning experience that teaches teamwork skills as it introduces several musical instruments.

Additional Events

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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 Jose Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.

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MOVIE REVIEW

I Can Only Imagine

By **Steven Leonard**
Special to the Times

Most faith-based movies have had limited appeal at the box office.

Since 2014, God's Not Dead, Heaven is for Real and War Room have made some progress at the box office for faith-based movies.

We've had six or seven of these movies that have made \$50- or \$60 million. For an \$8- or \$10 million movie, that's a great return on investment (ROI).

Over the last few years, the quality of faith-based movies has continued to improve. And here's another good one; I Can Only Imagine... the best faith-based movie I've ever seen.

The Movie is based on the 2001 song, "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe. The song has nearly 29 million views on YouTube. Every song tells a story, but sometimes the story behind a given song is more dramatic than the song itself. That's the case with "I Can Only Imagine." The song surged seemingly out of nowhere to become the biggest-selling Christian single of all time.

But "I Can Only Imagine" didn't come from nowhere. And even though that band's lead singer, Bart Millard, scribbled out the tear-jerking tune about being with Jesus in heaven in just a few minutes on one emotion-filled night, its inspiration was a lifetime in the making. A painful lifetime.

The song was dedicated to his father, Arthur. His father would always yell at Bart. "I'm gonna teach you something, Bart. Dreams don't pay the bills. Nothing good comes from it. All it does is keep you from all this," he says, waving his hands around at their rural home in Greenville, Texas, "from knowing what's real." And with that, he picks up Bart's helmet, takes it out to the garbage barrel that's already burning with the trash, and tosses it into the flames as tears stream quietly down Bart's cheeks.

Bart's father reminded me of my father, because he didn't tell me until I was eighteen that he loved me. My father told me when I was 21 that if I ever talked about Christ or the Bible, he would never speak to me again.

One day the doctors told my father that he was going to die. It changed his life. On his death bed, our entire family prayed and sang our favorite songs with him until he took his last breath. His Bible was completely worn out and scribbled with yellow markers and notes from the Words he had memorized. He told me that before he died that he wanted to memorize the Scriptures better than me. I wrote and sang a song called "There is Love". I dedicated the song to my father and our family.

Everyone has broken dreams. Over time they become distorted.

In the movie, his father's disappointments shattered his soul, and he has no time for the dreams of others. Now he spends his days as a mechanic, his nights verbally and physi-

cally working out his bitterness on his wife, Adele, and poor little Bart. Adele ships Bart off to church camp, where he meets a young girl named Shannon who's quite taken with him. When Bart returns home after a spiritually transformative week, however, his mother has gone. Abandoned him to a father who growls more than he speaks, one who's more prone to hit than hug. "Mom left," his dad says simply. "Just you and me now."

It's a sad fate for a boy, a tender dreamer being raised by a man whose dreams are dead.

But Bart strives mightily to earn his crusty father's approval anyway, notably by playing football in high school. But when a terrible tackle breaks both of Bart's legs, the teen's sole path to pleasing his father smacks into a dead end. This film brought a lot home to

me emotionally by trying to please my earthly father and spiritually by trying to please my heavenly Father.

The doctors tell Bart's father that he is dying. Arthur becomes a changed man, and is forced to decide whether he could forgive his dad for the lifetime of pain that he's inflicted upon him. Near the end of his life, Arthur offers Bart a remarkable blessing, saying, "I told you not to follow your dreams, but that's only because mine never came true." Then he tells his son that he's been saving money and

has a life insurance policy that should sustain Bart while he pursues his musical career. "And I want you to have that so you can pay attention to your singing; you'll get a check every month. So you can chase your dream. And I want you to catch it. Don't you ever look back. You promise?"

Amy Grant (played by actress Nicole DuPort) plays a surprisingly poignant role in the film's conclusion. She's been given the chance to sing and record "I Can Only Imagine." During a performance where she's supposed to debut the song as her "come-back single," she can't bring herself to sing it, inviting Bart onstage (he's in the audience) instead. She says it's his song, and that it wouldn't be right for her to take it from Bart.

In the end, Bart's painful-but-redeemed relationship with his father becomes the primary inspiration for writing "I Can Only Imagine," a song about what it will be like to be with Jesus in heaven.

Faced with death, faced with his loneliness, faced with his failure, Arthur finds that he's not beyond the reach of God's grace and forgiveness, grace that remakes him. Bart says of his dad, "I saw God transform him from a man that I hated into the man I wanted to become."

I'm not gonna cry, I told myself. I'm not gonna cry. I'm not gonna ... and, I cried throughout the entire film.

All of us have broken places inside. All of us stand in need of redemption. All of us have hurt others and have been hurt by them. And I Can Only Imagine paints one picture of what working through that hurt—admittedly, a very dramatic variety of it—might look like. It challenges and inspires us to forgive others and to ask for forgiveness in the ways we've failed others.

And I imagine I'm not the only one who's going to have that kind of response.





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Bike Park

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Park because the Team strives to educate and inspire the youth of America. Get ready to experience the stunt bike performance of your life; everyone will be sure to ooooooh and aaahhh!

Key features of the park

The Lake Cunningham Bike Park offers the most riding features of any Bike Park in America. The Bike Park has 45 diverse riding features to challenge all riders from kicker ramps and teeter totters to skinny "A frames and triple rollers" scattered throughout the six riding zones.

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Bike Park Zones include, Beginner & Advanced Pump Tracks, Dual Slalom Track, Dirt Jump Zone, Slopestyle Zone, Skills Trail, and the Drop Zone. Other Action Sports Park amenities include: A total of five bicycles and skateboard repair stations, shaded patio with heaters and fans, free Wi-Fi, park-wide sound system, shaded picnic areas, and a water misting system.

Come say hello to your city leaders

Join Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas, Mayor Sam Liccardo, San Jose Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Director Angel Rios, Jr., Assembly member Ash Kalra, Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez, local San Jose families, and BMX bike enthusiasts for the Grand Opening and ribbon

cutting for Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park.

"I am proud to open another world-class destination park for our City's residents and visitors to enjoy," said, Angel Rios, Jr., Director of Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services. "The addition of the 8.5-acre bike park to what is already California's largest skate park provides a safe place to recreate. The 10-acre

Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park provides quality family time and improves the health and wellness for people of all ages and abilities."

Councilwoman Arenas said, "Evergreen is already San Jose's most family friendly destination for active sports and leisure – from Eastridge Center to The Ranch Golf Club, to Fowler Creek Park, and most of all Lake Cunningham. Please join us on April 14th as we add this awesome family friendly sports park to Destination Evergreen. See you there!"

Editor's note: Saturday parking will be free for the event as well as admission to the park. Lake Cunningham Action Sports Park is located at: 2305 S. White Road, San Jose, CA.



Robert Castillo's BMX team will perform at the Saturday morning event.



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Times **Local News**

Pusaka Sunda in concert at Foothill on Saturday, April 14

By **Judi Sherwood**
Special to the Times

Foothill Community Concert Series presents Pusaka Sunda in concert on Saturday, April 14 at Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

Pusaka Sunda is a gamelan degung ensemble dedicated to performing traditional and contemporary gamelan degung music from West Java, Indonesia.

In Indonesia, the word "pusaka" means "heirloom"; a pusaka object serves its owner as a concrete symbol of authority, legitimacy, lineage, and succession. "Sunda" is the historical placename for the highlands of the western part of the island of Java in Indonesia, the homeland of the Sundanese people. The Sundanese are patriotic Indonesians, but also look back to the medieval kingdom of Sunda and the Pajajaran Empire to define their identity.

When Sundanese musician and composer Burhan Sukarma formed a gamelan degung group, he named it "Pusaka Sunda" (heirloom of Sunda). Burhan wanted to stress the connection of the group and the music it plays to his

Sundanese homeland and to emphasize his belief that the group represents the inevitable flowering of Sundanese art which, despite the American heritage of many of its members, is nevertheless "khas Sunda" (truly Sundanese).

Pusaka Sunda is based in San Jose, California and draws gamelan musicians from throughout the San Francisco Bay Area. The group was formed in 1988 and has toured extensively in California as well as in other states. Pusaka Sunda performs on a ten-instrument West Javanese gamelan degung built by Tentrem Sarwanto in 1993.

Members of Pusaka Sunda will present a free pre-concert lecture demonstration on Indonesian Gamelan Music and Dance from 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. They will present an introduction to the music, dance, instruments and culture of this vibrant performing art. Audience members will have an opportunity to view all of the gamelan instruments up close.

The concert will follow at 6 pm. Concert admission: \$15 for adults, children 12 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available at the door, or online at www.foothillpc.org/fccs



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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 ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhdsd.org

The Evergreen AI-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 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 every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at www.ebagroup.org.

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.

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 friendsofevergreenlibrary.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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board
Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.
San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association
Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830.

Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership
The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent

Teacher Organization). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association
1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association
This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley

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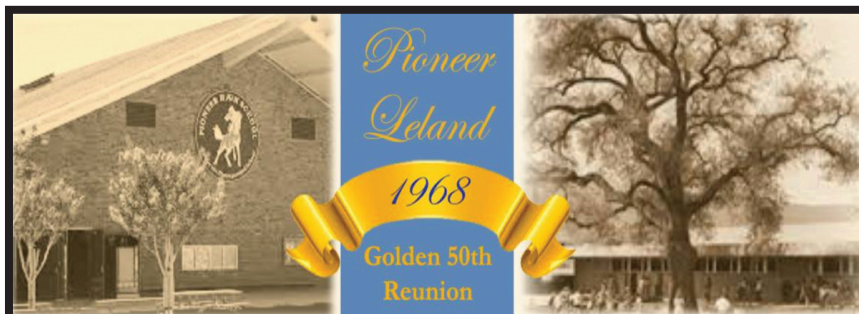
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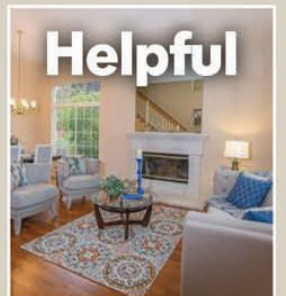
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