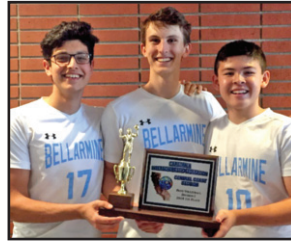


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Chaboya's winning Red Team competed against 32 school teams at the Santa Clara County Regional Tournament. This year Chaboya parents **Rekha Chowlur** (Head Coach), **Harpreet Pannu** (Coach) and **Karthik Krishnaswamy** (Coach) volunteered to lead the program (inset, above right.)

Chaboya Middle School team advances to NorCal Science Olympiad State Finals

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Chaboya Middle School has a reputation for excelling in science.

The Chaboya Red Team is among the finalists advancing to the NorCal 2018

Science Olympiad State Finals. This is the third time in the past seven years Chaboya has been able to achieve this distinction.

The Chaboya Science Olympiad amalgamates students and passionate parents who work towards a common goal. This year,

Chaboya parents Rekha Chowlur (Head Coach), Harpreet Pannu (Coach) and Karthik Krishnaswamy (Coach) volunteered to lead and coordinate the program along with Maria Husain and Kusuma Nalluru as coordinators.

Chaboya students competed against 32 school teams at the Santa Clara County Regional Tournament, which took place on March 17. The top four teams represented the region at the NorCal State Finals held at California State University, Stanislaus, Turlock, CA. Chaboya's secondary teams, Chaboya White and Black ranked sixth and eighth at the Regionals as well.

"Students winning the Regionals and advancing to State Finals did not come as a surprise," said Rekha Chowlur, Head Coach for Chaboya Science Olympiad. "Chaboya teams were well equipped and the end
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Apoorva wins the hearts of millions

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Hundreds of Evergreen Valley viewers joined millions to watch Apoorva Panidapu compete on the brain-bending "Genius Junior" Championship NBC telecast on May 13.

Evergreen's thirteen-year-old super brain Apoorva and her team, The Fast and the Curious competed in four rounds - Human GPS, Number Cruncher, Talking Dictionary, and Memory Master - to secure their team's spot in the finals, and finished runner-up in the final "Genius Junior" Championship episode of the season.

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Host **Neil Patrick Harris** (center) poses with **Apoorva Panidapu** (left) and the rest of the finalists on NBC's "Genius Junior" Championship telecast on May 13. *Photo courtesy of NBC/Genius Junior.*

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Times **Local News**

Villages Veterans Club observes veterans memorial ceremony

Chaplin **Bill Hayden** is shown here saluting Veterans who have passed away at the Villages. The Veterans Club Meeting was at the Foothill Center on Tuesday, May 1.

Chaplin Bill rang a memorial bell three times for each veteran who had recently passed away, starting with the name of Glenn D. Hamilton and followed with the names of other veterans. It was very moving.

Photo and Caption by Thom Harney.



Chaboya grads all smiles with Chaboya Coach **Chris Connolly**.

Chaboya grads take CCS Division 1 Volleyball Title

Former Chaboya Middle School volleyball players continue to succeed on and off the court at Bellarmine College Prep High School.

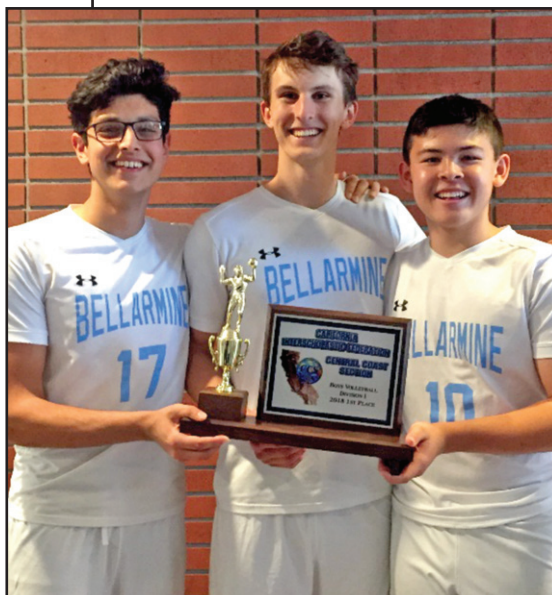
During the regular season, Bellarmine was the West Catholic Athletic League (WCAL) champion, which put them in the Central Coast Section (CCS) tournament.

Cheered on by their former Chaboya Coach Chris Connolly, who recently won his sixth straight championship title at Chaboya, the boys didn't disappoint in the CCS quarter finals on May 8, defeating Cupertino High School in straight sets.

Led by team captain, Brett Allen (Chaboya '14), Bellarmine then advanced past Menlo-Atherton High School in a May 10th semifinal match, three sets to one. At the CCS Final on May 12th, Bellarmine faced their toughest match of the season.

In an epic battle with #1 seed Monta Vista High School, Bellarmine was awarded the Central Coast Section title winning 20-25, 25-20, 22-25, 25-22, 15-13. Brett Allen had an amazing 15 kills and TJ Ng (Chaboya '16) helped keep the Bells alive with his "skim the net" serves. The boys will now advance to the NorCal playoffs.

As if that wasn't enough, the Bellarmine volleyball team also received the Scholastic Championship Team Award for having one of the top 5 team GPA's in CCS. It's no wonder that Brett will continue his volleyball and scholastic career at MIT in the fall leaving Shubhankar Guar (Chaboya '15) and TJ to carry on the Chaboya championship tradition.



Chaboy grads take CCS: (L to r) **Shubhankar Guar** (Junior); **Brett Allen**, Team Captain (Senior); and **TJ Ng** (Sophomore).

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Inventor question challenges students at Silver Creek Academy speech contest

If you could invent anything in the world, what would it be and why would you invent it?

Evergreen students answered this intriguing inventor question at Silver Creek Academy's Fifth Annual Speech Contest held at Silver Oak School on May 10th.

"The students delivered such innovative, creative, and thoughtful speeches," said judge Kendyl Young, following the completion of the event.

Awarded the top prizes are: Sanvi Khandwe, (grades first and second), Amrit Rana (grade three) Shaunik Musukula for grade 4, and Ayetra Sarkar for grades fifth and sixth.

"The speech contest was a great success! We wanted to offer the students an opportunity to challenge themselves, step outside of their comfort zone, and practice their public speaking skills in a positive environment," said Silver Creek Academy founder and teacher Shelley Swircek.

The speech competition is just one of the many free events Silver Creek Academy offers throughout the year, in order to allow students the opportunity to improve their academic and



communication skills.

Founded by teacher Shelley Swircek in 2007, the Academy offers a wide variety of small group academic courses that focus on the individual needs of students in kindergarten through high school. Courses cover a variety of subjects including writing and grammar, reading comprehension, math problem solving, public speaking & debate, and HSPT, ISEE, and SSAT preparation.

For more information about Silver Creek Academy, call (408) 839-5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.



OP ED

Measure B won't help low income veterans or seniors

By Rose Herrera

Former Vice-Mayor and Air Force Veteran

On June 5 don't fall for the phony campaign claiming to help low income Military Veterans and seniors and Vote no on Measure B. Proponents of Measure B on San Jose's June ballot are cynically using the public's concern for Veterans and Seniors to financially benefit a Billionaire developer to the tune of several hundred million dollars, while not guaranteeing one unit of housing

for low income Veterans and Seniors. The fact that Veterans have joined a very diverse coalition, which includes the entire San Jose City Council, both political parties and hundreds of civic leaders in opposing Measure B speaks volumes.

Measure B does not address lower income levels, leaving out the lower income Veterans that most need help- a violation of the spirit of the City of San Jose's affordable housing requirements. In fact this measure circumvents the very housing requirements that help guarantee that affordable housing actually gets built by removing a timing requirement that requires a developer to build the affordable housing at the same time as the market rate housing if the development includes the promise of affordable housing. Removing the timing requirement raises the question of whether these developers will ever build the promised affordable housing.

Measure B does not guarantee one single housing unit for veterans and is in a poor location to support low income veterans in need of services. The proposed Evergreen project which spawned this city-wide measure claiming to help Veterans is located far away from services that most Veteran housing provides- another clue that they are not serious about building low income veterans housing. Far away from a Transit center, Veterans health services, and other services, these Veterans would be isolated in the suburbs. By comparison, "The Willows" in Palo Alto is an example of best practice, award winning Veterans affordable housing. Close to transit, near Veterans services (including medical care) and offering deeply affordable rent, the Willows offers a life changing experience for Veterans.

Veterans and Seniors are also being used by
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Sincerely,

Teacher: Ms. Alice Adams

Give a dollar or more, save a life.

EDUCATION

One student's perspective on Evergreen's budget

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

After we have seen all the negative remarks about budget woes, then we see a bright spot on the horizon!

There has been much ado about Evergreen School District's \$16M deficit for the upcoming school year. There have been several solutions mentioned, such as, closing of schools, cutting back staff, and cutting vital programs.

Teachers are 'scraping the bottom of the barrel' to be able to afford rent and the necessities of life as they are required to pay more and more for medical benefits and other related costs.

Students are beginning to feel the angst as more and more budgets are the discussion of the day. Should children be exposed to such problems? Or, should they only be required to comply with the daily activities of education.

With all of the anxiety relating to school budget woes, here is one solution as suggested by an ELD student at an elementary school in the Evergreen School District:

"My name is _____ and I am 10. I've heard there was a budget (problem) a few weeks (or months) ago. I am a student at _____ in the (Evergreen School District) and I love it. I don't want our school to be close(d). Children need to get educated and smart. I think if everyone (would) donate 1 or 2 dollars or more, it will be a big help to the school. I am doing this because I love my school and I want to make it a better school than it ever has been. It(s) also because I've heard about a meeting that the school is going to make kinder and art and music class(es) gone, and I don't want that to happen. So here are \$2 from me.

Sincerely, _____
Give a dollar or more, save a life!" (Requested by the student.)

Editor's note: The student letter writer's family struggles to make ends meet on a daily basis as both parents work outside the home, and the student sacrificed to be able to donate money to help of the Evergreen School District.



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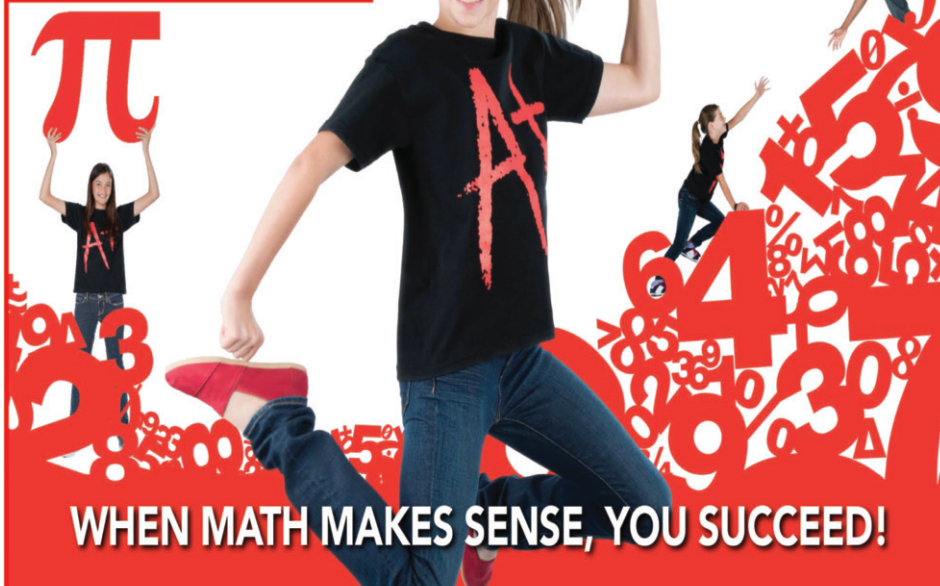
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There will be several resource tables for seniors and a walk around Eastridge Mall to promote health for seniors.

The event is sponsored by San Jose Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and Senator Jim Beall.

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Phillip Ho of Evergreen inducted into RIT/NTID honor society

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National Technical Institute for the Deaf inducted Phillip Ho of Evergreen Valley into the Delta Xi chapter of the Epsilon Pi Tau honor society at a ceremony May 1.

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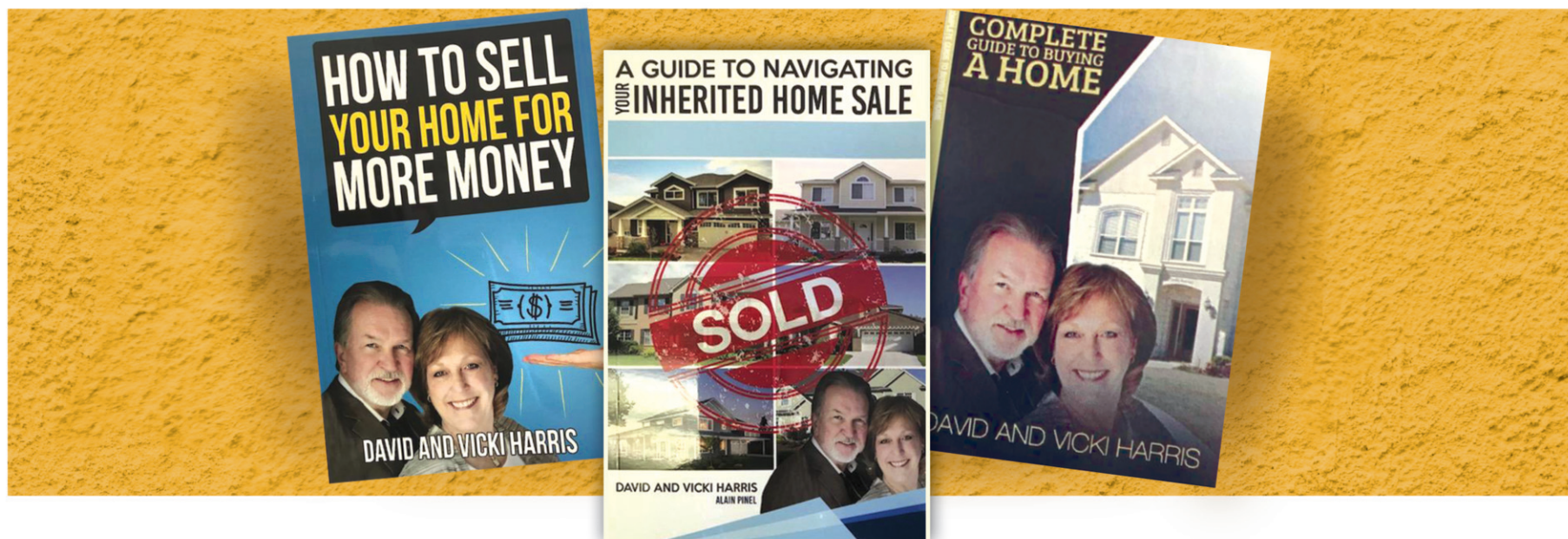
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This year, SJPL is making participation easier than ever by using Beanstack. Reading to children under five counts towards their participation and helps them get ready for school. After logging their first four books, preschoolers will receive a book prize and another one after they are done their eight book reading log!

Older children, teens, and adults, will log their time spent reading, using twenty minute increments, earning a free book after just four hours of reading! No one is limited in their reading options for Summer Learning.

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learning loss in school-aged children and teens. Avoid “Summer slide!” Research finds students may lose three months of academic progress over the summer if they are not purposefully engaging in reading and stimulating learning activities. Reading at least twenty minutes daily prevents that loss.

• Reading is an important part of learning, especially for youth. For younger children, reading fosters learning about the world around them, even before they enter school. For older children and teens, reading helps keep their minds active and engaged, reinforcing and facilitating learning.

• Adults should not feel left out. For adults, reading can be a way for young parents to get the whole family involved, for seniors to prevent Alzheimer's, and for active young singles to rediscover the joy of reading for pleasure that they may have not experienced during years if required textbooks or software documentation dominated their reading.

• During summer learning especially, you have the opportunity to explore the wide array of library books that will help to learn new skills, to plan travel adventures, to delve deeper into hobbies, like cooking, gardening, photography, and more. Is your summer schedule already packed? Opt to do your reading on the go, by listening to audiobooks while traveling, commuting, or exercising. Library checkout of e-books and e-media can be done 24/7. Downloadable library resources are no hassle, since they are portable and expire without becoming overdue!

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Measure B

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 the authors of measure B to set a dangerous precedent that will undermine our general plan and allow developers to exempt themselves from fees, threaten job lands and the future of San Jose. Our general plan was developed with substantial participation from the community, and embodies the values and vision of how we want San Jose to develop over the next 20+ years. The General plan aims to improve our quality of life by reducing sprawl and traffic congestion, promoting housing near transit and jobs, and provid-



Rose Herrera

ing city services more economically. It maintains a jobs-housing balance, recognizing that San Jose must provide jobs and housing to meet residents' needs. We need jobs, in particular, to grow our tax base to pay for services. Historically San Jose converted too much of its industrial land to sprawling single family homes and, as a result, has struggled with an anemic tax base unlike Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, Mountain View and other cities who enjoy more companies, more jobs per employed residents and a healthier tax base. Measure B would exacerbate the jobs-housing imbalance by allowing more conversion of industrial land including converting the

Evergreen land which is currently designated as jobs lands with no plan for recouping the loss of these jobs.

Measure B makes an end run around our general plan and the City Council to benefit one developer, which is why The San Jose City Council placed Measure C on the June ballot to codify and protect our General Plan from an irresponsible ballot measure.

While not everyone agrees on what should happen to the undeveloped lands on the city outskirts in Evergreen or Coyote valley, a large and diverse coalition of folks agree that giving one developer carte blanche to re-write our general plan for his financial benefit, while misleading the public that this measure is helping Veterans and Seniors, is wrong. Voters should say NO to Measure B and YES to Measure C to protect our general plan and our future.

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Chaboya

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result was evident.”

Science Olympiad is a STEM based program run by parent volunteers with support from local schools all around the country. A total of 45 students from Chaboya participated in the interscholastic competitions consisting of a series of 23 team events that encourage learning in biology, earth science, chemistry, physics, problem solving and technology.

Events in the Science Olympiad are designed to recognize the wide variety of skills that students possess. While some events require knowledge of scientific facts and concepts, others rely on science processes, skills or applications. This ensures that everyone can participate, including students from technology and

advanced science interests.

Norcal State Finalist Winners Chaboya Red Team - Anwita Satapathy, Daleep Pannu, Dhruva Chowlur, Dhyuti Gowda, Jay Gupta, Meha Kavoori, Nemerjit Singh, Preethi Nalluru, Pranav Karthik, Sanjit Shirol, Tejus Singh, Tejas Prabhune, Tanvi Deshpande, Viti Gaonkar, and Yasmin Husain.

Chaboya's Red, White & Black teams won a cumulative of 46 medals and 62 top 10 event wins during the season. The Top Event Rank Medal Holders are as follows: Gold Medal Winners - Arnav Ranade, Srikar Eranky. Silver Medal Winners - Daleep Pannu, Tejus Singh, Jay Gupta, Andy Li, Sophia Vo, Dhruva Chowlur, Viti Gaonkar, Yasmin Husain, Preethi Nalluru, Pranava Gupta, Harman Singh, Pranav Karthik, Sanjit Shirol, Tejas Prabhune, Nemerjit Singh, Japleen Kaur, and Saurish Srivatsava. Bronze Medal

Winners - Nathan Palamuttam, Varun Sunkavalli, Anaya Raman, Shreya Rayaprolu, Rishi Dinesh, Shuhul Mujoo, Abinav Palivela, and Jyothiprakash Jonnalagadda. 4th & 5th place Medal Winners - Lauren Vo, Shivani Dudyala, Dhyuthi Gowda, and Tanvi Deshpande.

The event categories that the teams won include Anatomy & Physiology, Battery Buggy, Crime Busters, Disease Detectives, Dynamic Planet, Experimental Design, Hovercraft, Potions and Poison, Meteorology, Microbe Mission, Optics, Solar System, Rocks & Minerals, Roller Coaster, Meteorology, Towers, Thermodynamics and Wright Stuff.

Science Olympiad embodies the best of all educational research and innovation and the program owes much of its success to what the students learn in their classroom.

The students learn teamwork, group

planning and cooperation skills throughout the program. The core principles of such a program are advanced learning in science through active, hands-on, group participation. As coaches, “we aspire participating students will find that the team spirit and good sportsmanship they developed during Science Olympiad will be deciding factors in their success.”

The key to the success of this program is attributed to the dedication and single minded focus of the participating students with support from their parents who tutored them, and continued support from former Head Coach Mr Ravi Bhat, former Chaboya parent Mr Vijay Parmar, and former student Meera Bhat.

It can be seen that Chaboya Principal Mr Watkins and the entire Chaboya staff are providing great support in helping students achieve their goals.

Local travel advisor celebrates 20 years; giving back

This year marks the 20th anniversary of Suzette Mack Travel, a luxury travel firm based in Silver Creek Valley.

To celebrate her business anniversary, Mack is donating a portion of the 2018 revenue to Tourism Cares, a non-profit organization that's mission is to unite the travel industry in providing aid to tourism destinations.

“I am very lucky to have found a career I love, and I feel compelled to share my good fortune with others,” explains Mack.

In addition to donating to Tourism Cares, Mack is also doing something special for her clients to commemorate her milestone: for any clients celebrating an anniversary with a trip this year, Mack is including a complimentary bottle of Champagne.

Mack began the business as more of a hobby while working as an engineer in Silicon Valley. After a downturn in the tech industry, Mack decided to turn her part-time travel business into a full-time career. “My little hobby had been growing, and with two young children, a home-based business with flexible hours was looking very attractive. And it was a lot more fun than a tech job!” says Mack.

Mack is co-president of the Evergreen Business Association.

Baroque: Peralta Consort to perform June 2 at Foothill Presbyterian Church

“Blackbeard is dead” was talk on the street in 1718, and 300 years ago and the “Golden Age of Piracy” was in full swing.

The most famous of these pirates was Edward Teach, a.k.a. “Blackbeard”, and in 1718 Blackbeard's career – and life – came to a climactic and sudden end. But, in 1718 Europe was also in the midst of the “High Baroque” period of music.

Let the Peralta Consort transport you back 300 years, performing music heard in churches, chambers and coffee houses of early 18th century Europe, featuring works by Telemann, Bach, Quantz, Vivaldi, and more.

The Peralta Consort is: Kraig Williams & Michele Kelly (recorders), Mike Megas (recorder flute), Breene Yuen (traverso), Marie Park & Kathleen Thompson (violins), Yu-Ting Wang (viola), Romola Georgia (cello), Amy Hunter (harpsichord, flute), & Dylan Librande (harpsichord, organ).

Admission: \$10 Adult, children 12 and under are admitted free. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists. Tickets are



Parents learn about preparing their children before registering for Transitional Kindergarten on May 16.

available at the door, or online at foothillpc.org/fccs.

Saturday, June 2 at 3:00 p.m. Foothill Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road.

Forum: What kids need to know before they start school

Parents got a crash course on what kids need to know before they register for Transitional Kindergarten or Kindergarten at a forum held at the Evergreen Branch Library on May 16.

Evergreen School District personnel answer questions to help parents learn how to best prepare for TK/K before registering at one of several elementary schools in Evergreen.

The forum was the first time the Evergreen School District organized a community-wide forum.

“We had an great turnout and an amazing panel of teachers and administrators who answered a wide cross section of questions about what to expect when starting school,” said Charles Crosby, Director of Communications and Community Engagement.

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Pictured are **Melinda Dobbs**, President of The Villages Tennis Club, **Steven Bui**, **Zubayr Baqar** and **Caitlin Nguyen**.

Silver Creek High School Awards Night

Well-deserved pride filled the students and their families at the Silver Creek High School Awards Night on May 12.

Over 200 graduating seniors were awarded scholarships and honors for their achievements. Four students received scholarships awarded by The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee.

Four students, Steven Bui, Zubayr Baqar, Prachi Bhagavatha and Caitlin Nguyen also earned twelve special recognition awards including Magna Cum Laude; State Seal of Biliteracy; Golden State Seal Merit Diploma; and The President's Award for Educational

Excellence.

Prachi Bhagavatha was not present at the ceremony. Prachi was in Pittsburg competing in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair 2018, which is known as a combination of the Olympics, the World Cup and the World Series of science competition.

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Library

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3. Try any title from the Great American Read favorite fiction list. What better way to spend your summer than relaxing with favorite novels, on the beach, in the park or your yard, or at the library? Evergreen has a display featuring 100 favorites the Public Broadcasting Service compiled from a public opinion polling service “YouGov” to conduct a demographically and statistically representative survey of over 7200 Americans who named their most-loved novel. The American Library Association is partnering with PBS to promote a campaign to have people vote for their favorite novel this summer, so prepare to cast your vote!

Evergreen and Village Square staff invite you to spend your summer learning and enjoying many resources, programs, and opportunities available to you from San José Public Library.

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

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 branches of the San José Public Library System. sjpl.org.

Tchaikovsky: A Celebration at California Theatre

Symphony Silicon Valley concludes the 2017-18 season with Tchaikovsky: A Celebration, on Saturday, June 2 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, June 3 at 2:30 p.m., at the California Theatre in San Jose.

The all-Tchaikovsky program, conducted by Tatsuya Shimono, features pianist Stephen Prutsman as soloist. The three works will reveal three different facets of the Russian master’s fascinating personality: a rousing march, a brilliant concerto and a complex symphony which Tchaikovsky fights, and wins, his own fierce battle with fate.

The all Tchaikovsky program, conducted by, features Stephen Prutsman, piano.

- Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Slavonic March in B-flat minor, Op. 31
- Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, Op. 23
- Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky: Symphony No.4, Op.36

Conductor: Tatsuya Shimono

Born in Kagoshima in 1969, Tatsuya Shimono cemented his international reputation as a conductor by winning First Prize at the 47th Besançon International Competition in 2001. Since then he has guest conducted major orchestras in Japan and abroad.

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Times **Feature**

Keep your life in balance

By **Bob Gill**

Special to the Times

Learn to direct, not act.

When you learn to direct, wisdom comes to you.

In order to be number one you need to use the right tool, wisdom. We all have wisdom and we must choose to use it.

Don't unexpectedly do something that will get you in trouble. Keep your emotions in check. Your mind has limited access. Millions of statements come to the brain. Let your brain work on one thing at a time. If you don't, then health and wealth all go down the drain.

Assign one hour for one thing and another hour for a different thing. It depends on the project, some take an hour another may take a year. It depends on the project. Also, in some cases with grand ideas, it can take sometimes two years to complete tasks.

Research it to get to the bottom of it. Look at one side being the risk and the other side being the benefit and think of liability as being in the center. That will direct you in prioritizing things to do each day and in the long term too.

Before you get into the water you got to know how deep the water is. That is what is called planning.

Getting up in the morning

Before you even get up make sure the place where you sleep is peaceful. No visual electronics and keep your phone charging in another room such as the kitchen. Your bedroom is sacred and a place for you to charge your mind with a good night's sleep. Sleep at least six to eight hours a night. Make sure your life is in balance.

When you get up get that first glass of water inside of you and plan to never pass up a water faucet. Eight glasses of water a day helps keep your body functioning well.

As you awaken, think of what you are going to do and plan that day. Leave room for God in it. Don't think you can do everything alone. Take a shower and take a prayer and give thanks for things. Give thanks for things God gives to you as a gift of life.

Unconditionally get the grittiness out and pray without being selfish to others. Ask for help above to set goals and help in following through with them.

Setting goals

Don't set goals way high and not too low either. Set them somewhere in the middle so you so they are achievable. As you begin to start your day make adjustments to your goals so that if things go well you can increase them and if things do not go as well as planned you can decrease them and change your plan. Always ask yourself to figure out why things are going up or down (good or not so good) so you can learn.

Most people set goals every year and fail them because they are set too high and they never achieve the accomplishment because they are not able to successfully focus on them.

Why is your money always running away

Do the right things and money will come

to you. You do not follow the money the money follows you. People who follow money and dollars lose because their mind is on greediness.

Women are good planners

No honey no money. You see this is how some men are perceived by the opposite sex. Men need to learn from women how to manage the day and the life. Women set goals based on their needs. For example they plan on having children, and marriage. The baby comes and the man follows behind.

Successful men and women take steps to go in the right directions and walk away from traveling down roads to nowhere. They take a step in the right direction and then they move the ladder to go up. If you go all the way up the ladder to the last rung you have to be careful too because you might fall off. So watch what you are doing and that includes how you spend your money.

With the right attitude you can beat everyone up at the money game. You can beat the bank too. You can be your own bank! Use the formula that the banks use by studying what they do. To do this you

must encourage yourself to learn as much as you can by reading and watching and listening to valuable ideas. Remember not to do all the talking and instead to listen to others!

Healthy mind body and soul

Fill your water tub up and sit down in the water and think or go swimming. Your brain has to be in the right place at the right time. It has to be in a good place and a place you choose it to be. Sometimes your insurance company or your business write offs will offer you the avenue of free coverage to join a gym. The YMCA offers great discounts for anyone who struggles with financial woes. Make your own club too with friends and family and be a join-er. If you embrace the mindset that the whole world is against you how can you do anything prosperous? Instead you have to work hard at being positive and your brain will thank you.

The power of good decision making has to be on your side for you to make a difference in your growth. You must strive to surround yourself and work with those who have the power to make a difference in the world about you.

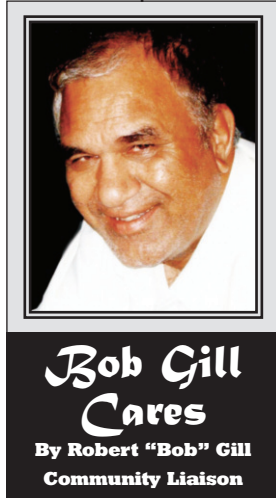
Keep your eyes open for what goes on in your house, your neighborhood, your city, your county and state. Reflect on the conditions going on today not about what might be things in ten years. Work on today. Successful people must develop a desire to do it today and gain tangible outcomes each day. The time to do things is now! By doing things now and not putting them off you reap the benefits of gaining positive returns right away.

Family

Happiness and peacefulness need to emanate in where you live and in how your family interacts with each other. The tough thing is how all of us can achieve this. Remember, it does not matter what your situation is, you must grapple with it and it will change over time. Find the proper people or resources to help you along that path.

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Connect yourself to politics because vast amounts of monies are spent on programs and services. Leaders want you to be
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'Fave place' to eat in Evergreen: Village Grill Restaurant

A fun family restaurant with friendly service and tasty food

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

It's a place you will love to visit: Village Grill.

Located at the Village Square in Evergreen just across from the fountain square you'll find Village Grill, an increasingly popular restaurant, with 25 indoor tables and seven outdoor patio tables open every day for breakfast lunch and dinner.

Restaurant chefs share secrets of success

As you walk into Village Grill you will begin to learn that workers are actually part of the family and those who are not, become family in the way they are treated, including the guests. It's just the way the restaurant works in generating its friendly atmosphere. Chefs Andres and Jorge share their culinary secrets.

"A strong caring heart is the secret," said Chef Andres as he explained the success they obtain in making great plates of food for each customer. "I just think it and it is made. We keep getting better and better and refining our presentations over time. Also, we like everything that has to do with the kitchen and have been at it for over 20 years." Chef Jorge said, "We make our pancakes from scratch and all ingredients are fresh too!"

Dreams come true

"Our dream came true," said both chefs, because the entire family (of many relatives) all came together to work long hours over many years to create Village Square restaurant. Our big dream was for someday to look out the kitchen where we work and see the entire restaurant full on a regular basis. It had nothing to do with the money; instead it is a fulfillment of the dream called success." They stated, "We climbed hard to achieve this wonderful dream. In the beginning we worked extra hours and dedicated ourselves to it." This kind of drive and determination has made Village Grill the go to place for all in Evergreen due to its consistency with serving quality food during breakfast, lunch and dinner, seven days a week. "It's a dream come true for we never thought when we were starting out making a name for ourselves that someday the Village Grill would on a daily basis consistently get such a grand following of people," they said.

Both chefs are always smiling and positive in their work because they love what they do. When

asked for more secrets about how the food is created they say that experience plays an important part in what they do and the pride they feel inside when they see people happy and coming back, because they had a nice experience at Village Grill, is their motivation.

Dedicated, kind managers

The Village Grill's two managers, Ashley and Alex, are both kind and welcoming to patrons. When they say hello and greet you with grace, you can honestly feel they truly care about every patron coming through the door, because it's something they enjoy!

One of the things that make Ashley and Alex happy is when people come in and notice other friends who they recognize. This often results in people feeling comfortable enough to get up to move close to sit at a different table near their friends.

Clean and cozy atmosphere

They take cleanliness very seriously both where you dine and also with the food preparation. The entire environment is very clean, well-lit and inviting.

The servings are so large that when orders arrive at the tables often the response is that of "Oh my, what a fabulous portion of food you serve here." This restaurant really aims to please and make your visit something special, a good place to make business deals and have conversations to match the high quality food experience you'll have.

The staff is good with faces and names too for often when people come through the door and are regulars; the staff greets them by name and even will take a nod instead of a menu to create an order without any words. The plate arrives graciously in front of the person and no menu was even used.

This says a lot. The students feel comfortable enough to come in after school on their own and order a piece of cake and surprise the birthday girl with a song and a snack. It was all about family. The children felt at home enough to chip in and



Sandwiches for lunch are popular at Village Grill.



Steak and eggs breakfast at Village Grill Restaurant

surprise their friend with glee.

Looking on was manager who had a smile. Then as quickly as the song was sung, the girls all laughed and exited the restaurant to come back another time with family. The restaurant was so friendly that the girls felt right at home.

Incredible menu

This is their second anniversary and that means they have achieved a high level of success. They make the running of an establishment look effortless. Doors open at 8 a.m. Breakfast and lunch are served all day long. Dinner entries are served after 4 p.m.

The Village Grill is one big, fantastic, restaurant that Evergreen can be very proud to have. It doesn't get better. Also, it is a bit hidden so once you see the fountain know you're just a few feet away.

It is very clear upon looking at the selections that great care has been taken to build a very popular menu. It is a masterful menu of delicious items that bring smiles to those who share a table; everything is delicious.

Breakfast

Nine specialties are shown and a build your own option too. The quality is four-star just as you might find in a famous hotel. They have fitness omelets and also they do not discriminate with your taste buds and they offer a chicken and waffle breakfast too. The most popular items on the breakfast menu are the benedicts. The soufflé omelets, crab cakes, Swedish crepes, French toast, Belgian waffles, are also popular.

Lunch

Oh my goodness, you can order lunch for breakfast too! The family has created the items to meet the wants and desires of the Evergreen residents of all ages. For example, they offer hot sandwiches such as "The Ruben," which has sauerkraut, Swiss cheese and corned beef grilled on rye bread. Notice the traditional way they present each entree true to what you would expect only from the very best eateries in the world. Moving through the menu reveals: bacon turkey melts, triple decker grilled cheese, Pesto chicken sandwiches, and more. Cold sandwiches include: Tuna Veggie," corned beef, BLT, veggie sandwich, chicken salad sandwich, and more.

Soup and Salad

Village Grill offers a new soup each day and you can also select from ten different salad choices and seven different dressings. For example, the spinach grilled shrimp salad has grilled shrimp over spinach, orange slices, raisins and almonds tossed in orange honey vinaigrette. Other choices are, chef salad, cobb salad, chicken avocado salad, crab and Shrimp Louie salad, flank steak salad, Caesar salad, Greek salad. The Wedge salad is served with grilled romaine, bacon bits, Bleu cheese, grilled balsamic onions, chives and Italian dressing.

Teens love the burgers and fries

Teens love Village Grill burgers. There are 12 burgers to choose from, and the expertly made fries are equally popular.

Appetizers

There are 12 appetizers to select from and here are just three: Calamari served with tartar sauce, Crab Artichoke Dip and Baha Sea Bass Ceviche.

Dinner

The dinner selections include pasta, sizzling fajitas, specialty chicken choices, choice beef entrees and fresh fish dinners. Just to state again, often diners choose one dinner entrees and ask for a second plate at no charge, and then choose one dessert and ask for a second plate; the servings are grand.

Special:

Dinner for two

The best seller on the Village Grill menu is the new Dinner for Two Special. For \$38 you and your partner can choose an appetizer, two dinners and a dessert. You know it will be wonderful and it makes it easy for you and your date to decide the course of the evening.

Dessert

You can order Fruit salad, Churros with ice cream, or Banana Foster (Caramelized banana served with vanilla ice cream) and too, as with all restaurants in San Jose from the beginning of time, you can have a plain scoop of vanilla ice cream. Here is a secret. Many of the locals select a dessert choice from the menu under bakery and order a cup

of coffee with carrot walnut bread, or the raspberry coffee cake; there are lots of options here.

Cocktails are special

The cocktail menu is quite extensive. They offer Mojitos, Margaritas, Mai Tai, Old Fashioned, Contarito, Shrimp Michelada, Strawberry Boom, bottled beer, draft beer and top shelf spirits. Something in that list will make you happy.

Parking

Located behind The Village Grill near the fountain, you'll find hundreds of parking spaces. Even better, you can park your car, walk your dog, have a meal and walk to the fountain.

What better way to get fresh air after a special meal. Something about a fountain is relaxing and the open space of a park is very rare just outside such a nice restaurant. If you want to walk down the hill a bit more there is a circular public walking area that has a duck pond.

Food at your door!

If you are at home and want to get the best dinner ordered in for your family, just call Uber-Eats and Village Grill can prepare a beautiful dinner for you and others. It will pull up to your door in about an hour and you can enjoy healthy wonderful food that will enhance your quality of life and others too thanks to Uber-Eats and Door Dash. Or, just call ahead to pick-up your takeout dinner. Why
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Village Grill is located at the Village Square in Evergreen just across from the fountain square.

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Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-0794.



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Times Feature

County's proposed budget reflects investment in services and saving for the future

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

It's that time of the year again, when I invite you to be a part of the annual Budget process and let you know how the County plans to invest your tax dollars in the next fiscal year, 2018-2019. And to remind you that now is the time to speak up.

The Budget document – 3,182 pages -- was made public on Friday, May 4. It's posted on the Santa Clara County website. (Visit www.sccgov.org and scroll to Hot Topics. Click on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget Information.)

The Budget is a planning document, but also an educational tool. You can learn a lot about the services the County provides through the Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, the County Jails and Courts, the Sheriff's Office and Fire Departments, our County Parks and the Social Services Agency. More specifically, the County provides services related to early childhood development, behavioral health, climate and sustainability, immigration, affordable housing and homelessness, roads and airports and agricultural preservation.

For the fifth year in a row, we won't have to trim our \$6.98 billion budget, of which about \$3.5 billion is the General Fund, thanks to a strong local economy and action we took five years ago to cut our costs and increase our cash flow. Over a decade ago, we had to make \$1.8 billion in cuts. So, the County has been working to rebuild its workforce, which is now approximately 20,000.

However, we need to be prepared for the unexpected and the economic downturn that we know will happen. Also, like last year, we face uncertain funding from state proposals and threatened cuts from the federal government. County Executive Jeff

Smith has given the 2018-19 Budget this theme: "Prudent spending for an uncertain world with ongoing and expanding client needs."

In short, the County will spend more on some areas, including community outreach, employee support, inmate support, healthcare and social work services and the park system. The County also needs to make a bigger investment in new technology and facilities and will continue to build our reserves for unknown expenses or cuts in revenue.

When you locate the Budget document on line, an index to the left will take you to the section you might be most interested in. The first item under Contents is the County Executive's Budget Message, which is a good place to start. County Executive Jeff Smith gives an assessment of the County's priorities and the challenges we are likely to face in the year ahead. There also is a Budget Users Guide toward the end of the Contents list, which explains how the budget is put together, timelines used in the process, a glossary of terms and much more.

The Board of Supervisors conducted Budget workshops on May 21, May 23, and May 24. These are public sessions that allow them to delve deeper into an area, ask questions and hear from residents. You can watch workshop recordings on a computer at sccgov.org. In June, the Board will begin the Budget Hearings, scheduled for June 11, June 12, June 13 and June 15. Those also will be viewable on the Internet, or, of course in person. The hearings will begin at 1:30 p.m. on June 11, 12 and 13, and at 9:30 a.m. on June 15, when the Board will vote on the budget.

If you have questions during or after the budget process, please feel free to call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.



County Report

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

Village Grill

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not try the dinner special for two, it's quite a bargain!

Conclusion

Decades ago, the family decided to refine many successful dining operations. Relatives worked side by side with deep conviction and successful business acumen, which produced new establishments and success. The Village Grill is part of that American Dream which evolved from all their experience in running other restaurants too.

Manager Ashley said it best when she said, "We're going to care more because we're family." She wanted to make sure that all of those who pulled together to originally start Village Grill and over many years gained experience from other restaurant ventures, would be proud of the way the family all pulls together and pitches in. They deeply care about all that goes on in the family restaurant to provide the best dining experience around. It is about building a family legacy.

This is one great restaurant that Evergreen

residents can be proud of. Great food and a family friendly experience consistently found here every day of the week.

Editor's Note: Village Square is located at 4075 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, California 95138. The phone number for call ahead pick up orders is: (408) 270-1000. Hours of operation are: Monday 8 a.m.-8 p.m., Tuesday-Friday 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Visit Village Grill's website for more information: villagegrillevergreen.com



Chicken Fettuccine Alfredo is just one of the popular entrees from Village Grill.

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Times Feature

Bob Gill

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involved. They welcome this. Become a volunteer and make a positive difference. Use your voting right to make a change. You are the lawmaker. Use your rights and speak out what you want to be done for your children, your family, your community and yourself.

Health

Walk each day. Don't be a couch potato. Walking or other kinds of exercise such as working out or swimming helps your mind to mend and recharge. It's good for your heart and your heart pumps the blood to revitalize and heal your body. This is a proven fact from the Mayo clinic which I have studied and visited. Search their website and you can learn more. Each day make a time so that you will have nothing on your mind. Fresh air outside is good for your body. Walking will make a difference for you and you will feel better. Plus it is low impact so you will never get hurt.

Don't overdo things

Don't be afraid to smile. Happiness makes your day and others brighter! Keep your balance in life and your control over how you live. Sometimes in passages of your life you will have to move on with things when nothing seems to work in situations. You have to take a nap and take a shower and become fresh. When this situation arises just know it takes strength and courage to move on and you can chose to learn from the mistake and not repeat it in the future.

Choice of career and work

Do the work that you like doing. If you don't like the work you are doing then don't do it, even if it pays you more money. If you are doing work you don't like it can kill you.

Communication with other people

That's right, the word is "with" others, not "to" others. You must find ways to be comfortable and make the other individual(s) at ease with the ways or manner you communicate with them. It is a process. There is an art to talking. Go slow and steady so that people can understand your message. Otherwise you and they will go nowhere.

Never command others. Avoid pushy words such as "need." Example, "you need to straighten up this or that," etc. You are

not in command of others unless you are a police officer or emergency response person. Be open to change when another person suggest alternative ideas to win.

You got to work with people in an informal way to encourage them to help you do things. You make your ideas belong to them so they can take ownership of them with enhancement and as a team you get them done. If you have the right technology and product don't give your ideas away. Protect them with the signing of releases of confidentiality of information.

You cannot change the world all alone. You got to get buy-in from those you work with. You need people with you to be with and embrace the achievement of the goals. This is called making a positive change.

Convince those you speak with to win and be on your team. Everyone wins. Sometimes you have to bring people over to your team. They might have on the same color jersey but they might be sitting on the bench. Get them in the game!

I suggest you consider keeping my articles and reading them from time to time for I humbly hope they will have the power to kick start you in making inroads to change your life in positive ways to achieve the success you envision. I know these practices have helped me as well as others and they took me years to learn with gathering them from my life experiences.

Keep your balance in life. Always know that others will be there to catch you if you fall. Everyone loves a person who gets back up. You never know if there will be a tomorrow or not. One day at a time.

Today, I show a photo of my visit to the United States Capital building a few years back. It's the home of United States Congress and was constructed in 1783. Love the flag and make it yours. Make America into what you wish it to become. After all, America belongs to you.

About Bob Gill

Robert 'Bob' Gill is a Santa Clara County Behavior Health Board Member and former Housing Commissioner, Art Commissioner, former Disability Commissioner, former Senior Board Commissioner and a humble servant of the Sikh Gurdwara in Evergreen. He states: "you are welcome to email me if you have any suggestions or comments at bobgillcares@gmail.com." His motto is "One call does it all."



Bob Gill stands in front of the United States Capitol, often called the Capitol Building, which is the home of the United States Congress, and the seat of the legislative branch of the U.S. federal government.

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Apoorva

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In the Human GPS round, the teams were quizzed on the Titanic. In the number cruncher, the numbers were called out first, then followed by the operation and Apoorva scored the highest of all the semifinalists. In Talking Dictionary, all the vowels were removed and the teams had to identify the word first then spell backwards. The Fast and the Curious team did a tremendous job, getting a score of 11.

The competition finally came down to Memory Master in which the teams had to recall 104 cards in the reverse order. Their opponents, Team 27 yards did a fantastic job, correctly recalling 56 cards, and Apoorva's team, the Fast and the curious finished the game with 61 cards. The team received a total score of 87, the highest score of all the semi-finalists and securing a final spot in the Championship round.

Apoorva commended 27 Yards saying, "Every single one of them did really well, showing how capable and brilliant they each are. It was a great game and definitely a challenging one." The championship round took place right after the semifinals, in which The Dork Side, Geeks on Fleek, and the Fast and the Curious went head to head.

In the finale, the teams were quizzed on several constellations for Human GPS. Based on this round, one team would be eliminated. The Dork Side secured third place, and the Fast and the Curious and Geeks on Fleek moved on to Number Cruncher and Talking Dictionary before they took on the cortex. Apoorva, once again, was the Super Brain for Number Cruncher, quickly solving equations with squares, cubes, and cube roots. She correctly answered all questions in split seconds, leaving the audience in awe.

During the show, Neil Patrick Harris joked, "It's like you know them faster than I'm actually speaking the words." Apoorva was also featured with her family during the home shoots doing kung fu and sketching her teammates Treasure and Sebastian.

Neil Patrick Harris said, "I was completely awestruck and inspired by these amazing kids. I knew we would be dealing with bright, ambitious youngsters when we began casting, but they exceeded all my expectations. Not only are they off-the-charts smart, but they are incredibly well-rounded and sweet. Meeting these kids filled me with hope for the future."

Apoorva mentioned she had an amazing experience meeting the host, Neil Patrick Harris, and the other kids. "All of us are friends now and we are connected on Instagram," she said.

"One of the priceless moments of Genius Junior happened after we finished the finale, said Apoorva. "As we were walking out, the Genius Junior staff were out there cheering and congratulating me and my team, and I received an invitation from Neil Patrick Harris. I was honored to meet him and get a final hug and autograph from him. I gave him a painting I made for him and we had our photo taken together."

After learning I would be on the show, Apoorva, a talented artist, decided to draw



Neil Patrick Harris proudly displays the portrait Apoorva made for him in remembrance of Genius Junior.

Neil Patrick Harris. "I wanted to thank him for the opportunity and give him something to remember the show by," said Apoorva. "He really was the best host ever!"

Mathcamp

What's next for our Genius Junior: Apoorva will be travelling for her competitions and attending Canada/USA Mathcamp. Also she will be giving a couple more talks after the success of her inspirational speech at Tie Inflect 2018.

Apoorva has also received quite a few art requests for her fundraiser to support the Children in Africa and plans to paint as often as she can. If you would like to support her fundraiser, please visit apoorvaartgallery.com.

If you missed watching the episodes, you can watch on NBC.com and you can find Apoorva's Genius Junior clips on YouTube looking up her name. [youtube.com/channel/UCQ9hQkgo9j1McwDoo6BrtLg/playlists](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ9hQkgo9j1McwDoo6BrtLg/playlists)

Here are some of the comments Apoorva received from the viewers around the world.

"My father, who is widely regarded as one of the world's fastest math minds and won Superhuman (contest) with his mental math skills was watching Apoorva and her team closely and just kept praising how incredible she was on-stage. He was extremely impressed with her mental math skills. She and her team were just amazing. Congratulations to your family." – J. Byster

"Win or lose in the finals, you are the superbrain of the entire competition. That is unbelievable!" – S. Castro.

"I saw the *Evergreen Times* article about Genius Junior and you, so I started to watch. I am so impressed by your skills, particularly your abilities with numbers. I remember you being very good in math in first grade, but I had no idea that you had such an amazing gift. I watched you with my mouth hanging open. You represented your family and your community with grace and poise and I'm proud to say you were "mine" for a little bit when you were 7. Best of luck in your future." -- Mrs. Earl

"Honestly Apoorva you may be the smartest person I have ever witnessed for someone your age. I don't know how you can answer so many difficult math questions amazingly fast and how you are skilled at so many levels." – Shaima Parveen.

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By **Charlie Wasser**
Special to the Times

The Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen is over 50 years old and part of the worldwide network of more than 36,000 Rotary clubs.

Our reason for being is to give community leaders a strong service club to help solve problems that are in our communities. In June, 2016 the membership of the San Jose East/Evergreen club was 18. As we get close to ending the Rotary year on June 30, 2018 we have 36 members which doubled in less than two years. Why have we started to grow again at that pace?

One of the obvious reasons is the growth feeds on itself. The caliber of our members is always high in regards to community leadership roles and social interactions. Visitors to our club are so taken by the positive atmosphere they will apply to join after visiting the club a few times.

Through contacts in another Rotary club in the Bay Area Rotary district, one of our newer members was told about a project at Franklin McKinley School District to assist in building a garden box. The member is looking for boy scouts to assist through his role with the boy scouts. This is at no cost to the club but getting him together with the school district

was a result of belonging to Rotary.

Another new member is looking into building an arts education project around San Jose East and Evergreen.

Two more new members who are engaged to be married have a physical training business. Part of the business is a nonprofit component to help underserved communities. They are looking into expanding their nonprofit's reach in the East Side and Evergreen. They met one of our speakers who runs a high school level basketball tournament group and started a dialog about the basketball program looking for synergies. They are expanding the reach of the San Jose East/Evergreen Rotary without any cost to the club and through connections made at the

club.

We will again be cooking at Vice Mayor Carrasco's National Night Out celebration on August. At talks the Vice Mayor gives around the city, she says that San Jose East/Evergreen Rotary cooked for more than 3,000 people. We had 10 members from the Rotary club cooking, 14 high schoolers from one of our high school Interact clubs making sandwiches, and four young professionals from our Rotaract club handing out condiments and offering general assistance. All the other booths at



Rotary Report

Charlie Wasser, SJ East/Evergreen

National Night Out at the park closed at 7:30 pm. Our Interactors were still distributing sandwiches at 8:00 pm.

There are more projects being done by other members. What is being stressed here is that new members hit the ground running. Basically, the club is growing again and becoming an integral part of the East Side.

We are always looking for more community minded leaders to join us. We have great program speakers every Thursday at lunch. Recently, Mayor Sam Liccardo spoke to us.

We have had other elected officials visit and speak such as Vice Mayor Carrasco, San Jose Council Members Sylvia Arenas, Johnny Khamis, and Raul Peralez, Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese, who is a member of the Rotary club, Cindy Chavez, and Mike Wasserman and Assembly Member Kansen Chu who is also a member of the club. We have speakers from various boards like the Santa Clara Valley Water District, Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, The Health Trust, and many more.

Come visit us for lunch on Thursdays starting around 12:15. We meet at the San Jose Country Club, 15571 Alum Rock Ave, San Jose, CA 95127. Get in touch and let us know you are coming - charliewater@gmail.com

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New Seasons Market Events

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Monday, June 4, 12pm-6pm: Blood Drive. Join us and the American Red Cross in our Community Classroom to give blood and help save lives. To schedule an appointment or for more information, visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: NewSeasons or call 1-800-RED-CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Free.

Saturday, June 2, 12pm-1pm: What is Mindfulness? Join Life Wellness and Mindfulness Coach Dianne Maldonado Hill for a fun, interactive, and informative discussion to learn about mindfulness, and learn and practice several tools to begin or continue your practice. \$10 suggested donation at the door.

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

Evergreen Area Meetings

Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club
A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at 1(408) 717-5552 weekdays or 1(408) 238-4580 weekends.

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

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

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

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

The Evergreen Business Association is a 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.sanjoseca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June,

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

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

LeyVa Community Action Team Association
This group is bounded by Barberrry 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
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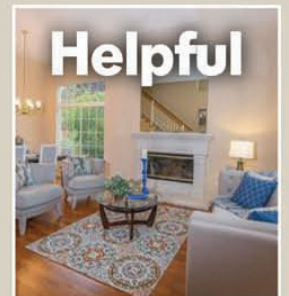
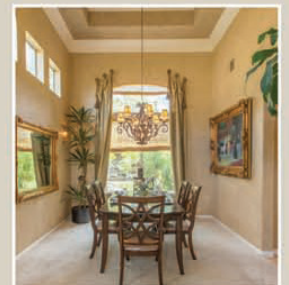
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