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There's going to be a lot of fun -- at least the cheesy, disco, roller-skating variety -- going on at the Retro Dome for the next few weeks.

The first West Coast production of "Xanadu," the Broadway musical based on the insufferably bad 1980 Olivia Newton-John movie, will start previews Friday, with opening night set for March 4.

It's the most ambitious production yet for the Retro Dome, which shows a mix of live shows and modern-classic movies, and it sounds like they're having a lot of fun with it, too.

Owners Scott and Shannon Guggenheim have been leading weekly "work parties" to help build the sets at the converted Century 25 theater on Saratoga Avenue. They even organized a roller-skating flash mob on Feb. 12 that brought out members of the Silicon Valley Roller Girls.

Tickets for the show are \$44, with discounts for seniors and kids. Get more information at www.theretrodome.com.

WORTHY HONORS: Cancer Support Community Silicon Valley will be honoring 15 people with its Star Caregiver Awards at its third annual fundraising gala March 3 at Villa Ragusa in Campbell.

In addition to those honorees, Karen Storey -- who worked for 22 years at the Mercury News -- will receive the Rusty and Pamela Hammer Legacy Award. Storey served as executive director for the Wellness Community-Silicon Valley, which evolved

into Cancer Support Community.

Tickets are \$175 and can be purchased at <http://starcaregiverawardsgala.eventbrite.com> or by calling Sue Newman at 510-812-8337. More information on this year's honorees is available at www.cancersupportcommunity.net.

ART COMINGS AND GOINGS: The San Jose Museum of Art will be featuring modern and contemporary Indian art in its new exhibition, "Roots in the Air, Branches Below." The pieces in the exhibit, which opens Friday and runs through Sept. 4, are drawn entirely from private collections in the Bay Area.

This is the last week, though, to catch Tony May's "Old Technology" exhibit at the San Jose Institute for Contemporary Art. May taught art at San Jose State for more than 30 years, and his 40-year retrospective at the institute has had a great response since it opened in November. The show closes Saturday. Go to www.sjica.org for more information.

ANOTHER SERVING: More than 80 people went restaurant hopping last month as part of the inaugural "Dishcrawl" in downtown San Jose. So there should be a good crowd at the second Dishcrawl on Wednesday, which will focus on more "exotic" dishes at downtown restaurants, including the fried grasshoppers at Mezcal.

Tickets for the 7 p.m. event are \$24. Buy them at <http://dishcrawl.com/exoticsj>.

COMING UP: Next Door Solutions for Domestic Violence is having a benefit Saturday at the Campbell United Methodist Church on Winchester Boulevard.

Several community choruses will perform at the 7:30 p.m. event, which is sponsored by the San Jose Peace Chorale. Admission is \$20, and you can get more details at www.nextdoor.org.

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1: On Wednesday, CreaTV San Jose is hosting "First Course," a party for winners from

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