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Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland

Breland appointed new Chancellor for San Jose-Evergreen Community District

The San Jose – Evergreen Community College District (SJEC-CD) board of trustees has appointed a new chancellor unanimously selecting Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland for the position.

Dr. Clift Breland previously served as San Jose City College (SJCC) president from 2013 until his appointment as interim chancellor in July 2018. He has held numerous instructional and administrative roles.

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Evergreen-East Valley Family YMCA manager joyfully inspires all

*Lupe Ruvalcaba celebrates
23 years of helping others*

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

The Evergreen - East Valley Family YMCA on White Road is a deeply caring organization.

The YMCA is much more than a place for one to get a workout, as the atmosphere inside the facility exudes wellness because of the way everyone is treated. When you walk through the door you are family.

Lupe Ruvalcaba oversees the Evergreen-East Valley Family YMCA facility, with a management style that is strong and also maternal.

Stepping through the door 23 years ago, she gradually worked her way up the ladder while refining her skill set to become Executive Director. To create balance, she finds ways to make each person comfortable as she speaks with them.

The people who greet you are upbeat, kind, and part of your community family. It's a bustling place.

A member relates an experience in
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Lupe Ruvalcaba oversees the East Valley Family YMCA facility and she is strong and maternal in her management style, which she has developed over her 23 year career with the YMCA.

OPINION: Community can rally for victims of the Camp Fire

By Kari Trautman
Special to the Times

The deadliest and most destructive fire in California history erupted at dawn on Nov. 8 in Paradise, and within minutes, stiff winds whipped it into a monster.

At first what has come to be known as the Camp Fire devoured 10 football-fields of terrain every minute, and then moved onto the neighborhoods. The fire hit so fast and so hard that many people had no time to react and if they did escape it literally was with just the shirt on their back.

Flames virtually destroyed the entire 27,000-population town of Paradise and surrounding communities. What makes this especially devastating is that typically with these types of events there is a community rally to pull

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An El Dorado NF engine holds a firing operation on Division LL of the Camp Fire.
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Times Feature

Charity concert to help fire victims December 8

California wildfires touched the hearts of Evergreen youth, so they decided to do something to help.

Using their musical talent the Grace Music Institute Teachers committed to a fundraising performance on Saturday, December 8 in the Evergreen Valley High School Theater from 7 p.m. - 8.30 p.m.

Expect to hear a variety of music to include voice, violin, flute, piano and

guitar among others.

All donations will be used for California Wildfire Relief and the Evergreen Valley High School Band Program.

Refreshments will be served.

Tickets are \$4 each or \$10 for 4 and are available from Music Institute Teachers and Grace Church at 2650 Aborn Rd San Jose. 408 274 1200, or email: EVHSCharityFundraiser@gmail.com. See ad, page 15.

Austin: Cuddlebug and Master Fetcher

Austin is a handsome and well-behaved two-year old pit bull pup available for adoption at Humane Society Silicon Valley (HSSV).

"I'm Austin! I'm a big cuddlebug with a particular love of playing fetch. I'm an amazing leash walker (I don't bark or pull!), enjoy being around other dogs, and love people more than anything. If I sound like the perfect dog, come meet me!"

In partnership with the WeCare Alliance — which includes HSSV and a group of five other Santa Clara County shelters — HSSV's Home for the Holidays program encourages adopters to connect with adult homeless pets like Austin who are in need of a loving home.

In 2017, HSSV's Home for the Holidays adoption event connected 765 pets with their forever homes. Adopters can visit any of the following adoption locations to participate:

- Humane Society Silicon Valley Animal Community Center (meet Austin here!) 901 Ames Ave., Milpitas, CA 95035.



Camp Fire

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together for comfort; support; and to help with the building and healing process. With this event, there is nothing left at all of this community. Therefore it is up to us to all do our part and rally for this community.

We all feel it in our heart and wonder, "What can I do?" One couple took that approach with the concept of "just help/adopt one family". They started a Facebook group that networks those in need, and those wanting to help. They ask that you just join, and be led to adopt a family (or individual) or do what you can. Maybe adopt someone as a group with some friends?

There are many layers to this tragedy. But healing of the heart is an important one. Sharing a play-by-play description of their personal ordeal and expressing their family needs is therapeutic for many of the victims. It is true that many of the donation sites are packed with an abundance of clothes. But you might see a family with children your same size and just reach out to them directly! There are many posts, so utilize the search function for areas on your heart or items you have (such as "autistic; tools; landscaping; books; furniture").

Yes money is needed, but not just money. I found one autistic young

woman who is 19 years old and was heartbroken because she lost her homemade crocheted doll that was her comfort source. Then there was someone who posted that her arts and crafts group wanted to help. Of course the girl had pictures of her precious doll, which I forwarded to the arts and crafts group, and less than a week later a replacement doll was on it's way from Washington!

Or maybe if you are a therapist you can post offering a set amount of free counseling sessions remotely for a family/families dealing with the trauma for a defined number of sessions. Or prayers are at the top of the list, so adopt a family and add them to your prayers. The facebook page is called "Paradise Fire Adopt a Family."

An immediate need for many is housing, because many are trying to stay in the Chico area for work/family, so that is a tough need to fill. But we do have one family that actually has chosen to relocate to San Jose - a young couple, Ashley and Kevin Burns and their 11 year old daughter. They had a distant relative in the area that they reached out to for help. Their daughter is now enrolled in school and they are looking to get jobs and even find a place on their own eventually. To support Victims of the Camp Fire organized by Ashley Burns, visit: <https://www.gofundme.com/qqrtyg-victims-of-camp-fire>



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Caroling children visit Sunrise Retirement Community

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Christmas Carols wafted through the halls of Sunrise Retirement Community in Evergreen as children from St. Francis of Assisi Church visited there on Sunday, December 2, 2018.

Members of the Cecilia Family Choir, led Sunday by Nga Doan, Choir director, came to Sunrise to treat residents to some wonderful Christmas Carols, as well as, beautiful instrumentals played by four members of the Cecilia F.C. group.

Nga Doan, who came to the U.S. in 1989, first went, with 57 other Vietnamese along with her parents and siblings, to Kuala Lumpur camp in Malaysia on a small boat from Vietnam. They were the last boatload to arrive there before the camp doors were closed to refugees in early April, 1989.

Since coming to the U.S., Nga has acquired a degree in Business Administration and works with the children as one

of several choir directors. Nga began working with the group of Cecilia F.C. children sometime in 2014. She, along with a collaborative group of different conductors direct the children each month. She began that effort 2.5 years ago. The children of the group range in age from 5 to about 17. Most of the children are taught to sing at home by parents, and attend choir practice twice a month before worship day. All the musicians have private lessons outside the church or choir. There are roughly 25 to 30 members of the group, but on special occasions, there can be upwards of 40 children.

Doan reiterates, "This is our second public event, and we thought it would be nice to go sing for those living in Nursing Homes. In the a.m. we visited Carlton on Branham Lane and in the afternoon came to Sunrise on San Felipe Road." One would never know that these were not seasoned troupers! As one of the young singers stated as each child introduced themselves, "Hey, Y'all, we sure enjoyed singing for you and sure look forward to coming back next year."

As the old familiar carols were being sung, or played by the Cecilia group, the older residents sang along with gusto. The musicians did not miss a beat and the carolers sang the very difficult "Twelve



The singers and Instrumentalists combine for a festive pose.

Days of Christmas" seemingly without taking a second breath! This is an amazing group of singers and musicians!

Nga continued, "Some of the older children sing or play in other groups, but most of the group are part of the Vietnamese services at Saint Francis. The amazing thing is that most of the children do not speak Vietnamese, but learn the songs by repetition. Some speak Vietnamese fairly well, but to retain our Vietnamese language and culture, we service our Vietnamese community in our lan-

guage at the 4 p.m. mass on Sundays at St. Francis of Assisi Church.

Needless to say, this wonderful ensemble can be seen and heard at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Sundays at 4 p.m. The address is: 5111 San Felipe Rd.



Cecilia Instrumental Ensemble plays for the residents.

Evergreen author announces final book tour for first novel

Evergreen Valley Sikh author Gurpreet Kaur Sidhu has announced the final book tour for her debut novel, Storm: It's a Curse to Remember which was released earlier this year.

The first in a series, Storm is a twists-and-turns thriller driven by compelling characters challenged by dangerous forces, external, internal, and eternal.

Sidhu has received a multitude of reviews for her new book.

- 4 stars average from NetGalley, GoodReads, and Amazon
- "A well written addictive novel that will probably stick into your head long after putting it down." -- Swathi Shrinath
- "At times the details can really hit home and can be hard to witness...But



Gurpreet Kaur Sidhu

well worth every minute of reading." -- Antoinette Kuhnert

• "This book grabs you and pulls you in from the start." -- Machiavellian Books

• "On more than one occasion, I wound up staying up later than I should have in order to read a little further." -- Shaeli Gollaher

• "I can't think of another book I've read of its kind. It's a mystery, thriller, and romance novel all wrapped up in to one." -- Gina's Library

• Storm is nominated for Best Thriller in the Book Talk Radio Club awards

What is Storm about?

Storm explores important tenants in Sikhism: reincarnation and karma.

"We believe our karma is carried over

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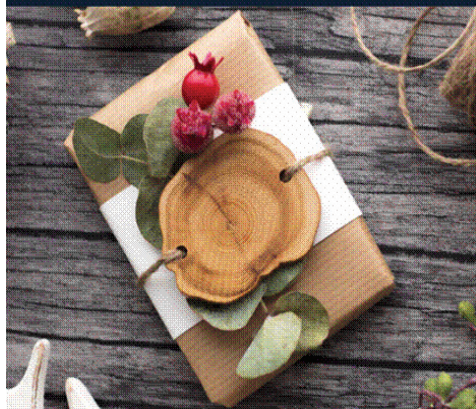
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Times Features



Under the leadership of Girl Scout **Caitlin Nguyen**, a group of volunteers were gathered to enhance Cadwallader Elementary School.

Girl Scouts and Cadwallader Elementary School create student interaction spaces

During the past year, Cadwallader Elementary School and Lien Doan Hoa Binh, a local Vietnamese Girl Scout troop, collaborated together to enhance the atmosphere of this academic institution for the well-being of the students.

Beginning with the construction of three new benches to the remodel of the garden, Cadwallader Elementary School and Lien Doan Hoa Binh strove to provide numerous safe, friendly locations for students to interact with one another during their break time.

Under the leadership of a Girl Scout member, Caitlin Nguyen, a group of volunteers were gathered - mainly consisting of other scout participants and peers - and were guided as a team to obtain several crucial life skills, such as problem solving and communicating. In her younger years, Caitlin attended Cadwallader Elementary School, graduating in 2014. Six years later, as she aimed to receive the highest Girl Scout award, the Gold Award, Caitlin decided to devote over eighty hours to give back to her old elementary school for all the fond childhood memories Cadwallader Elementary supplied her with.

Understanding the very limited spacing for safe interactions between students and the rundown garden that

began to collect weeds, Caitlin fundraised for her project to improve Cadwallader's appearance by communicating with local hardware stores for donations and asking her family and friends for any kind contributions. After obtaining a total of five hundred dollars, this young Girl Scout purchased all materials necessary for her project, and with her new team, she began to execute the project that she had been planning for over two years to accomplish her goal of creating treasured memories for the younger generations.

With a time period of roughly two years to complete the paperwork and project, starting in 2017, the benches were finally installed, and the garden received its last touchups in September of 2018. Students and faculty are now provided with an abundance of areas to interact and create long-lasting friendships.

All of this couldn't have been possible without the aid of Cadwallader's principal, Mrs. McClintock, and the supporting team of Lien Doan Hoa Binh. Both exemplifying the passion to help others and improve the atmosphere of a school environment led to the success of the Treasured Memories project, which will now continue to be a permanent addition to Cadwallader Elementary School for future generations to enjoy.



HOLIDAY FUN

Fun-filled holiday events take-over Eastridge Center through the end of the year

Storytime with Mrs. Claus - Bring your little ones and join us for a magical, story-telling hour as Mrs. Claus reads all your favorite classic stories. Cookies from Mrs. Fields will be delivered as a fun, post-storytime snack! Storytime with Mrs. Claus: Mondays 10-10:30am, November 26-December 17. Meet in the Eastridge Eatery at the Honeycomb - stories will be read in the nearest family lounge!

Pet Nights with Santa - Santa is a big fan of all your furry friends, so he's dedicated a time on Thursday nights just for them! Bring your four-legged companions to Center Court to take pictures with Santa - dog treats included! Pet Nights with Santa: Thursdays 6-8pm, November 29 - December 20. Center Court.

Aloha Roller Rink - Open for the holidays! Whether it's Tiny Rollers & Strollers, 2-for-1 Tuesdays, Adult Skate, introductory lessons, public skate, or a themed skate party, the Aloha Roller Rink has something for everyone. Located between Round 1 and Chili's (formerly Sports Chalet)

Aloha Winter Rollerland: Grand Opening Day, November 23, 11am-2pm. More info on pricing, dates, skate parties and schedule at https://www.facebook.com/aloha_rollerink

25th annual San Jose Saxophone Christmas - A holiday tradition for saxophonists from all around the SF Bay Area (and beyond!), join us as a group of some 200 musicians take over Center Court at Eastridge Center with a FREE holiday performance!

25th annual San Jose Saxophone Christmas: Saturday, December 15 at 5pm

Where: Holiday events at Eastridge Center, 2200 Eastridge Loop, San Jose, CA 95122. San Jose Saxophone Christmas located in Center Court.

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Fund the Future dinner a great success, raises \$1.1 million for STEM programs

Some 400 guests joined the celebration of the Silicon Valley Educational Foundation's annual Fund the Future Dinner, which raised more than \$1.1 million for SVEF's STEM and college and career readiness education programs. The Nov. 15 event at the Fairmont San Jose honored tech trailblazer Marissa Mayer as Distinguished Honoree, as well as Kathryn Hanson, founder and former CEO of ALearn, who was recognized for her passion and commitment to underserved students. Top leaders in attendance included California State Assembly member Ash Kalra and San Jose Vice Mayor Magdalena Carrasco.

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Times Cover Story

Ruvalcaba

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seeing Ruvalcaba in action. “The community knows to go to her. Once there was a young youth who lost their mother. Ruvalcaba was informed of the tragedy and she ensured that the child was enrolled in summer camp to get the joy of being nurtured with new friends. For eight weeks the youth bridged the void felt by their loss.”

She doesn’t settle for waiting for time to slowly pass by. Instead, she is a whirlwind in the way she masterfully accomplishes myriads of projects all day, week, month, year and decade. But equally as important in completion of the tasks is in the process of striving to make things happen, she ensures everyone is happy too. When work is joyful, people are happy in what they do. This creates a warm atmosphere for all.

There is a special secret that she reveals. She succeeds by listening to others. Not only does she hear what people say but she uses skills of empathy to truly unlock new solutions to what might be perceived as unfixable problems.

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Multitude of services offered

The Evergreen – East Valley Family YMCA is a positive force in the community, with more than 100 exercise classes for members each week as well as additional programs which positively impact people to create a healthy community.

“Strengthening the community is our cause,” is stated in their mission statement. The staff works side by side to make sure, regardless of age, income or background, everyone has the opportunity to enrich their lives by learning to grow and thrive.

There is a focus on Youth Development, Healthy Living and Social Responsibility which helps improve the community. The “Y” nurtures the potential of everyone and improves the health of the community while also offering opportunities for giving back to the community.

After school programs, Day and Holiday Camp, Parent engagement, swimming, youth sports, Early Learning Readiness and a vast number of other programs run like clockwork.

The YMCA also has expanded to offer a Diabetes Prevention Program, Senior Enhance-Fitness classes, Cancer survivor - Living Strong Living Well Program, Tae Kwon Do, Weight Loss Challenge support program, over 100 Group Exercise Classes for all fitness levels and ages including Zumba, Cycling, Yoga, Body Pump, Aqua

Aerobics, and much more.

Cause Driven

“The “Y” team leaders are cause driven in striving to help others and we’re determined to do this by finding genuine ways,” explained Ruvalcaba. “Being positive really matters here; every day matters. I think it is important for people to love what they do. If not, best to do something else that interests you so that you find your passion in doing something that motivates you and is inspiring to you.” One elderly man backs up this statement and earlier in the day, while having coffee in the entrance, stated, “There is zero negativity here!”

Ruvalcaba continued, “I like to lead by example and for me, I just love connecting with people for that makes me happy. Sometimes people have a concern and I try to meet everyone with a smile. I listen to their story and gain more information on the situation. Often through clarification issues are mended and solved. I always allow for listening for it builds trust and I can guide people to solutions.”

How will I present myself today?

“When I start each day, I ask myself, ‘how do I wish to present myself today,’” said Ruvalcaba. “This gets me started down the right path. Everything revolves around the people who work at the YMCA exuding a positive attitude! I get to know my members in this YMCA. The coffee at the entrance and the many tables allows groups of

people to meet each day and talk. When I speak to a member it is always individualized. When I understand my members I can find out in more depth their needs and this allows me to assist.”

Ruvalcaba continued, “At the end of each day I reflect on how it all went. I think about ways we created positive impact in the lives of our members. Sometimes things happen that are unexpected and I get strength and joy out of quickly managing the unexpected.”

Weight training offered

Weight training is one of many programs offered at the “Y”. Recently, a community member was not sure about using weight training equipment due to having lost a limb. Just as the person was ready to give up, Ruvalcaba stepped in and created with staff a new way of addressing the unique challenge. A wellness coach was called in to help develop a sophisticated workout that not only engaged the person into coming back but also developed strength in her body so that she could find that winning feeling to become a regular there. Ruvalcaba states, “I spoke with our wellness coach and exercises were carefully created so that a comfort level was developed which turned into trust. We wanted to let this person know that we were there for them and it was perhaps a scary moment in their life too.”

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Times Cover Story

Chancellor

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istrative positions in K-12 and higher education.

During his time as SJCC president and his tenure as interim chancellor, Dr. Clift Breland worked to develop partnerships in Silicon Valley that provide meaningful educational and job training experiences for the diverse student body of SJCC and Evergreen Valley College. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in consumer economics and a Master of Science degree in family studies from the University of Maryland, College Park; a Master of Science in education and a Ph.D. in counseling psychology, both from the University of Southern California.

His innovative leadership has positioned SJCC among the top institutions in the nation in career education and workforce preparation. He now brings that innovative leadership to the entire District. "We are very fortunate to have such a visionary and transformative leader in Dr. Clift Breland to serve as District chancellor," SJECCD Board President Mayra Cruz said. "Having such a great candidate already in the District ensures a smooth transition as we move into the next phase for SJECCD and continue the upward trajectory of the District."

"I am thankful to the board of

trustees for placing their confidence in me to be the next chancellor of San Jose – Evergreen Community College District. The District's values of opportunity, equity, and social justice align with my personal values as an educator," said Dr. Clift Breland. "I am honored to have the opportunity to continue working alongside my colleagues, including San Jose City College Acting President Jorge Escobar and Evergreen Valley College President Keith Aytch in service to our students and the entire community. Our District is well-positioned for this next chapter."

In November 2016, voters of the District passed Measure X, a \$748 million general obligation bond. "With Measure X, we have an opportunity to reshape our campuses and create truly cutting edge 21st Century teaching and learning environments," said Dr. Clift Breland.

During a period when many community colleges around the state are experiencing declining enrollment, SJECCD has seen its enrollment increase in recent years. In 2017 the District launched the San Jose Promise, which provides up to two years of cost-free education for qualifying students. Currently, nearly 1,000 students are attending San Jose City College or Evergreen Valley College as part of this program.

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Ruvalcaba

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That's what we do." All this was only accomplished through Ruvalcaba's talent of listening and caring and her harnessing the power of carefully trained workers, which was created by with the entire team's help!

Social Responsibility

The YMCA is a very safe place for kids. Also, there are ways everyone can get financial assistance to make it possible to become a member. This allows for more children and families to participate.

Ms. Ruvalcaba has strengthened the Evergreen community as well as many other nearby communities. She has harnessed the carefully created ideas and programs from "Y" corporate, tailored them, added new twists and made them lovingly come alive for all. She works behind the scenes so to speak to craft new ideas to mesh well with the needs of the people in our local area.

The "Y" Annual Giving Campaign is a way the center raises funds for programs and services too! No other organization does it like the "Y" because Ruvalcaba ensures the center is relationship-based and involves members as she strives each day to make a positive community impact for all.

Editor's note; Lupe Ruvalcaba, is a wife, mother and heart-centered community leader with more than two decades experience in organizational leadership and social services. Within

"I like to lead by example and for me, I just love connecting with people for that makes me happy. Sometimes people have a concern and I try to meet everyone with a smile. I listen to their story and gain more information on the situation. Often through clarification issues are mended and solved. I always allow for listening for it builds trust and I can guide people to solutions."

—Lupe Ruvalcaba

this time she has led efforts that focus on best practices and positive adult and youth development. Over the years she has sat on the San Jose Mayor's Gang Task Force when it first was initiated, and is a member of the San Jose East/Evergreen Rotary Club. She has been recognized with the Exemplary Leadership Award by Hispanic Portraits of Success and as a Phenomenal Woman by Santa Clara County Women's Commission. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from San Jose State University and obtained her Master's Degree in Human Services with Emphasis in Organizational Leadership from Springfield College.



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encourage the study, appreciation and love of music throughout the entire community.

Today, SJYS comprises over 500 musicians, ranging in age from 8 to 20, and are chosen from more than 600 applicants through our annual auditions.

The SJYS December and January schedule of events December 2018

10th – Prelude & Intermezzo String Ensembles' First Concert (Sanctuary, Los Gatos United Methodist Church) 6:30 pm. Tickets Available Soon!

14th – Annual Season of Hope Concert with the Philharmonic Orchestra (Cathedral Basilica of St. Joseph, San

Jose) 7:30 PM. Community Concert Open to the Public!

15th – Avant, Avancé Flute Choirs & Concert Orchestra's First Concert (San Jose City College, Performing Arts Theatre) 5 PM. Tickets On Sale NOW!

15th – Jazz Ensemble (West Valley College) 11 AM

January 2019

19th – Chamber Orchestra's First Concert (Hammer Theatre Center, San Jose) 8 PM. Tickets Available Soon!

27th – Percussion, Concert Winds and Saxophone Ensembles' First Concert (Valley Christian High School's Conservatory of the Arts, San Jose) 2 PM. Tickets Available Soon!



Front: Kristen Nguyen, Lauren Vo, Maghana Damojipurapu, Kalylna Tang. Middle: Suha Baqar, Alice Zhang, Sulphine Susie Odio, Trisha Nguyen, Juliana Abuan, Desiree Khoo. Back: Javad Aryan, Chloe Nguyen, Archana Kalahasti, Rohini Saran, Audrey Nguyen, Camille Huynh, Tatiana Mendoza.

SCHS Girls Tennis takes title for BVAL Santa Teresa Division

It's a Cinderella story and these girls didn't need a prince

By Linda Ha

Special to the Times

The Silver Creek High School Girls Tennis Team has won the BVAL Santa Teresa Division title.

Due to team player injuries last year, the Silver Creek High School Girls Tennis team did not do as well as they hoped and was moved from Division A (Mt Hamilton) of the Blossom Valley Athletic League (BVAL) to Division B (Santa Teresa) this season.

Although some of last season's players graduated, the girls had the addition of two strong freshmen to the team, Meghana Damojipurapu (S1) and Alice Zhang (S4), rounding out the team were Audrey Nguyen (S2), Chloe Nguyen (S3), Camilie Huynh and Trisha Nguyen (D1), Kristin Nguyen and Archana Kalahasti (D2) and Rohini Saran and Juliana Abuan (D3). Junior Varsity's Desiree Khoo, Lauren Vo, Kalylna Tang, Suha Baqar, and Susie Odio rotated in to play D3 during the season.

They won all their matches with only one mid-season loss to Santa Teresa High School (2-5). Facing Santa Teresa again in the last match of the regular season SCHS rallied back to win (5-2). This led to a playoff match with Santa Teresa where both teams fought valiantly; the score was 3-3 and it came down to the third set of the Doubles Two Team of Kristin and Archana where they pulled off the win. Silver Creek took the title for BVAL Santa Teresa Division.

Face off with Division A

As the winner of Division B, they faced Westmont High School of Division A to compete for a place in the semi-finals of BVAL. They beat Westmont handily (6-1) but had to face the winner of Division A, Leland High School at semis.

Some were surprised to see SCHS go this far, they had a great showing, but lost to Leland 3-4. Still, they moved onto compete for third place of BVALs by facing Evergreen Valley High School. Another nail biter, the score was 3-3, and the third set of S4 player Alice Zhang decided the win for SCHS.

With a third place finish at BVALs, SCHS secured a spot to CCS (Central Coast Section). During all the end of season excitement, the Singles and Doubles girls competed individually for a spot at CCS Singles and Doubles Championships. Meghana Damojipurapu (S1) came in 2nd at BVAL Singles finals and Chloe Nguyen and Audrey Nguyen teamed up to take 2nd place for BVAL Doubles. This marked the first time in more than 25 years that SCHS Girls Tennis team had gotten to CCS, and the first time that any school in BVALs sent players in Team, Singles, and Doubles to CCS.

We end the story with SCHS Girls Tennis team going to Aptos to compete against Soquel High School at CCS, winning 4-3. In the second round they played against Saratoga High School (seeded 5th in CCS) and was stopped in their journey. In Singles and Doubles CCS, Meghana, Audrey and Chloe made it to quarterfinals but was stopped by seeded players from Los Gatos and Palo Alto. Silver Creek High School was the only school from BVAL to make it to the 2nd round of CCS this year.

If you ask the tennis team what match they enjoyed the most, they'll always tell you they love meeting the ladies of the Villages Tennis Club at the end of the season (Nov. 26) where they can enjoy just playing the game.

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Burglaries and burning vehicle in Evergreen

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Residents were recently awakened by four explosions, leaving most to wonder whether we were being attacked or whether someone was shooting off dynamite.

Above the Yerba Buena Villas there is a stretch of Yerba Buena Avenue between Yerba Buena Road and coming to a dead end at the last court of Yerba Buena Villas. This stretch of street is used by residents of the Villas to park overflow vehicles that they own. The Yerba Buena Villas homeowners association requires residents to park in their garages but most residents have so many extra supplies that it is impossible for them to park inside their garages.

It turns out that it was a van that had been set on fire, or ignited by internal combustion. The owner of the van (who chose not to be mentioned in this article) seemed to think that maybe someone broke into the van, finding nothing of value, and set it on fire out of disgust. The explosions were the tires exploding from the heat and also the gas tank. A vehicle is not a pretty sight after a fire and explosions of whatever is in the vehicle. San Jose firemen extinguished the blazing vehicle soon after it was reported. No other vehicles were reported damaged by the fire.

Quite a few residents have reported in the past few months that their vehicles were vandalized or burglarized. It seems that nothing of value has been taken leading some to believe that it is people out to 'have some fun' at other folks' expense.

Some good advice would be to park your vehicles inside as much as possible.



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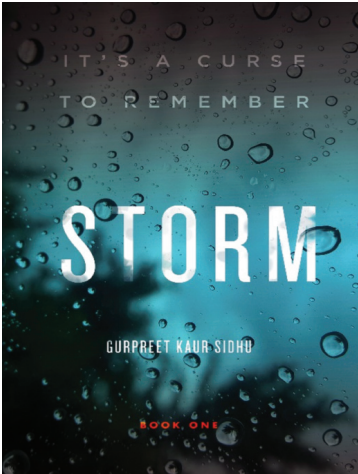





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Book tour

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from one life to another.

“As humans, we have the ability to make good and bad choices...good choices make good karma,” explains Sidhu. “I believe that we pay for mistakes we don’t remember; things that we’ve done in another lifetime. This story also explores how karma comes into play in one’s current life based upon previous actions.”

Evan Storm is confronted by his past (an unpleasant one at that) in his dreams, and now in his waking life. He is struggling to reconcile the evil that lurks in his soul. Shadow Hex is his new neighbor, who also fears a dangerous past – her former fiancé who works for the Secret Eye Agency (which is as shadowy and sinister as it sounds). Evan finds that Shadow is the missing piece of his puzzle but has no idea that getting involved with Shadow, let alone falling in love with her, will put his whole family in danger and bring secrets to light.

Gurpreet Kaur Sidhu always had an insatiable appetite for reading and writing. She would often be reprimanded for working on literary ventures when she should have been paying attention to teachers.

In addition to being a highly accomplished writer, Gurpreet is a passionate businesswoman, holding a bachelor’s degree in Business Management. Currently, she’s exploring other business opportunities that align with her mission and passion.

As Gurpreet wraps up her second book tour of the year, her last two events will take place in Fremont and San Jose.

- Q & A with the Author on December 8th, 1-3 PM at HPB Fremont

- Local Lit 2018 on December 16, 2-5 PM at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library

Limited copies of Storm will be available to purchase at both events.

For more information about the upcoming events, Storm and Gurpreet Kaur Sidhu, visit her website: <http://www.gurpreetkaursidhu.com>.

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JEEP BIG FINISH RETAIL BONUS CASH\$500

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CHRYSLER CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH***-\$250
CHRYSLER BIG FINISH RETAIL BONUS CASH\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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Summit on Firearms Safety brings residents together

By Supervisor Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

Santa Clara County works best when we work together. I've been saying that, and trying to live by it, since I joined the Board of Supervisors in 2007.

A few months ago, I was able to watch those words come to life at the Community Summit on Firearms Safety, a day of table-top discussions of 300 people about a topic that has polarized our nation.

We called for the summit shortly after the horrific school shooting in Parkland, Fla., and since then, the U.S. has suffered two more mass shootings in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Thousand Oaks, California. The Firearms Summit was

a civic engagement experiment to see if we could share diverse opinions and avoid the all-too-common shouting matches we have experienced at town hall meetings.

It worked. Residents came together representing a wide variety of viewpoints and experiences with firearms, including National Rifle Association members, public health workers, educators, Second Amendment Rights advocates, students, clergy, parents and community leaders. They were conservative and liberal, diverse in ethnicity, age and income.

The goal was not to change anyone's mind, but to simply listen to, and perhaps better understand, another's beliefs. But we did agree on a few things:

Firearms must be used safely, children must be safe in their schools, and nobody wants to promote the infliction of harm on self or others, whether it be criminal activity such as domestic violence, or the use of firearms in suicide.

The use of firearms in suicide is especially alarming in Santa Clara County. According to data from the County Medical Examiner/Coroner's Office, from 2014 to 2017, 179 of 275 deaths from firearms were suicides. That's 65 percent, or nearly two-thirds of all deaths by firearms during that period.

While the taking of one's life is complicated, and solutions are not always apparent, attendees at the summit called for more mental health services focused on crisis intervention and better communication to the public about services that are available now.

We also came up with recommendations, including one that I introduced to the Board of Supervisors at the November 20 meet-

ing. The idea came from Rayna Ritchie, a summit participant and member of the NRA, who proposed that owners of unwanted guns should be able to turn them into law enforcement offices without the monetary reward offered at gun "buy back" events, at any time, with no questions asked. Through my initiative, and with Board approval, the Sheriff's Office is working to develop that idea into a program.

In a post-event survey, 98.5% agreed we should continue this work. I am committed to working with agencies, individuals and community organizations on increasing mental health services and in widely spreading the word that the County can help. To read a report on the Firearms Summit, visit my website, supervisorcortese.org and click on the first item under Hot Topics.

The County's Behavior Health Services has developed a Suicide Prevention Program with guidelines

See FIREARMS, page 21



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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH***	-\$500
RAM BONUS CASH COUPONS	-\$1,000
RAM BIG FINISH RETAIL BONUS CASH	-\$1,000
RAM CA 2018 BONUS CASH*	-\$2,750
RAM CA REGIONAL RAM DIESEL BONUS CASH*	-\$2,000
RAM LD DIESEL BONUS CASH	-\$1,000
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DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$5,221
SALE PRICE	\$23,499
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*	-\$1,750
RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2019 BONUS CASH***	-\$500
RAM BIG FINISH RETAIL BONUS CASH	-\$1,000
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MSRP	\$33,715
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RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2019 BONUS CASH***	-\$500
RAM CA 2019 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$750
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RAM HD DIESEL BONUS CASH	-\$750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BIG FINISH BONUS CASH***	-\$500

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2 AT GILROY
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DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP	-\$4,500
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RAM CA NON-PRIME RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$750
RAM CA 2019 RETAIL BONUS CASH*	-\$500
RAM TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST RETAIL BONUS CASH***	-\$1,000
RAM BIG FINISH RETAIL BONUS CASH	-\$1,000
RAM CA 2019 BONUS CASH*	-\$1,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL BIG FINISH BONUS CASH***	-\$500

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Estate, gift tax laws are confusing

This Week's Question:

I am confused by current estate and gift tax laws. Can you provide an overview? What can be done to minimize estate taxes on my death so my children keep more of what I have worked hard for?"

John M., San Jose

Most all of us would rather give our assets to our children, grandchildren, etc. when we (along with our spouses) are gone, rather than having it go to good old Uncle Sam. With some planning, you can maximize what goes to your children, and minimize what Uncle Sam gets.

Let's have a look at the basics of federal estate and gift tax planning. California does not have any estate tax or filing requirements (it was repealed) with rare exceptions, so this article addresses federal estate and tax laws only.

To put it simply, when you die, your estate will have to pay estate taxes if the net value of the estate (assets minus debts) is more than the permissible exemption amount for the applicable year. For 2018, the individual federal estate tax exemption is \$11.18 million per person in 2018 (it generally increases each year with inflation), meaning every dollar over the exempt amount is taxed at forty percent!

While you may be thinking hey, I am well under the exemption amount, so I have no worries, the laws could change and exemption amounts reduced, but more so, your assets are likely to grow substantially in value before your death. In Silicon Valley, this is all the more true, where small properties cost millions and appreciate consistently over measured time periods, and some fortunate start up employees come into millions in a matter of years. Or maybe this is your year to win the lottery!

As you and your spouse each get an 11.4 million exemption in 2019, a married couple jointly has 22.8 million in assets they can pass along without paying any federal estate tax. Amounts above the 22.8 million will be taxed heavily at 40%. If you are fortunate enough to be above this amount, you would be wise to consult counsel and get a proper estate plan, including a living trust, in place, for starters. Getting a revocable trust in place is also wise for those that fall under the exemption amounts and are not at risk of paying any estate taxes, because trusts have many other benefits such as avoiding probate court and bringing certainty to estate administration and distributions, to name a couple.

In addition to the individual estate

tax exemptions at death, you can currently make annual tax-free gifts of up to \$15,000 per recipient, and if you are married, you and your spouse together can give \$30,000 per recipient per year. Additionally, subject to specific rules, you can also give an unlimited amount for tuition and medical expenses if you make the gifts directly to the educational organization or health care provider. With respect to real property you want to pass along to your family, you can give your child a \$15,000 "interest" in the property each year, which can be discounted via appraisals under certain conditions, which can be a very effective way to transfer wealth at a discount.

If you want to give more than \$15,000 in a given year, you can do so, but must report it to the IRS and it will begin to reduce your lifetime gift and estate tax exemption. Like estate assets, gifts in excess of exempt amounts are also taxed at forty percent at the federal level. Some planning here is the key to effectively utilizing annual and lifetime exemptions.

For example, it can be especially wise to gift assets that are appreciat-

ing in value, because any income and appreciation that occur after such gift is made are removed from your taxable estate. However, the recipient then may have to pay capital gains tax if the asset is later sold, with such tax calculated using your original basis ... meaning the recipient is taxed on the difference between your purchase price and the sale price. That could be a lot of tax. If the property passes through your estate after your death, the recipient may receive a step up in basis as of the date of your death (basis is the fair market value at your death), which would save a lot of capital gains tax on the subsequent sale of the asset.

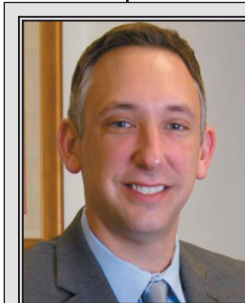
No offense, Uncle Sammy, but I want my kids to keep as much of our family assets as possible! Consult counsel and get an appropriate estate plan in place. It makes good sense to take care of your family, whether you are under or over the estate tax exemption thresholds.

Until next time ...

Kindest Regards,

Steven R. Roeser, Esq.

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Times **Community**

Care needed in using fuel-burning heat sources during the winter months

During the winter months, fuel-burning heat sources increase the risk of carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning. While these devices provide comfort from the cold, thorough precautions are needed to protect against this silent killer.

CO is a colorless and odorless gas whose symptoms mimic those of the flu. Each year, CO poisoning is the cause of 450 deaths due to accidental exposure and First Alert, the most trusted brand in home safety, recommends the following tips and tools for staying safe and warm this winter:

- Have fuel-burning appliances inspected regularly: Arrange for an annual, professional inspection of all fuel-burning appliances, such as furnaces, stoves, fireplaces, clothes dryers and water heaters to detect any CO leaks.
- Never use generators

Firearms

Continued from page 18 for media on reporting suicides, training sessions for community members on warning signs and how to talk to people in crisis, as a long list of resources available from the County, nonprofits and community organizations.

The County's Suicide and Crisis Hotline is staffed 24/7 in three languages, and most school districts in the County have received training in youth suicide prevention. The County's School Linked Services Program, which is now at schools in 13 districts throughout the County, provides mental health treatment for youth and families.

But we can all do more. If you know of anyone who suffers from depression or other mental health diagnoses, take time to let him or her know that you care and that there is help available. If the schools in your district lack sufficient mental health services, let the school boards know that this is not acceptable. Or let me know. There is more the County can do through the School Linked Services program.

For questions or ideas, you can call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

indoors: In the case of a power outage, portable electric generators must be used outside and at least 10 feet away from the home. Never use them inside the home, in a garage or in any confined area where CO can collect. Additionally, homeowners

should refrain from using charcoal grills, camp stoves and other similar devices indoors.

- Install/test CO alarms: CO alarms are the only way to detect this poisonous gas. Alarms should be installed on

every level of the home and near each sleeping area for maximum protection. Newer alarms, like the First Alert 10-Year Battery Carbon Monoxide Alarm, have a sealed battery that provides up to 10 years of protection. Regardless of the

battery life, CO alarms should be tested monthly.

- Be aware of the garage: Never leave a running car inside a garage, even if the door is open. CO emitted from the car will not only fill the garage, but will seep into the home.

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

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

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

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

The Evergreen Business Association is a 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 web-site 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 Wednesday of the month, from 3:15-4:15 EVGC (No meetings in July or August) Membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. 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/falls creek neighbors> 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 friendsof evergreen library.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community
To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, 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 local Lions group meets at the Red Lobster restaurant on Capitol at Aborn on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Dinner and fellowship start at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. Since we often meet at other places, attendees should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

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 Drying Shed Restaurant, 402 Toyon Ave., San Jose. (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 Assn
This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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