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Elk shot near homes in the Silver Creek **Valley Country Club**

Tule elk was reportedly found shot approximately 250 yards from Tiber Court in the Silver Creek Country Club.

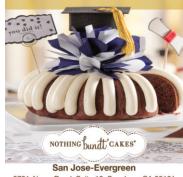
A homeowner noticed vultures flying around the field behind Tiber Court. When he approached them, 10 vultures led him to a dead elk. The elk, less than a year old, appears to have an exit wound from a gunshot.

It is illegal in the city limits to discharge a firearm for hunting. If anyone is caught shooting at animals they can face jail time and a hefty fine. The game warden said that the elk could have traveled as much as a mile from where the elk was found dead.

There are more than 150 Tule Elk on the range near the Silver Creek Country Club. The Tule elk herds had virtually disappeared by 1860, thirteen years before the state awarded them complete protection.

Anyone with information about the elk killing should call the Department of Fish and Wildlife, (408) 335-8637; or email laura.decker@wildlife. ca.gov

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Evergreen Light Rail Project Environmental Impact Report to be voted upon June 6 by VTA board

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By Kevin Larsen Times Staff Writer

he Evergreen Light Rail Project Environmental Impact Report is to be voted upon June 6 by the VTA board of directors. The vote is not on whether to approve or

reject the project, just the environmental document and the moving forward with steps to begin what is called the, "Eastridge to BART Regional Connector Project."

The entire City of San Jose has received Light Rail, but Eastridge was put on hold over the past decade.

In the event the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Report-2 (SEIR-2) is not approved at the VTA Board Meeting on June 6, VTA staff would work with the Board to evaluate the next steps and determine what if any revisions would need to be made to the document.

This vote is the opener to progressing forward with the building of the 2.4 mile

Eastridge Light Rail Station Project which is estimated to cost more than 400 million dollars. The light rail stations would be placed on an elevated area above Story Road and on a ground level station area near the current

Eastridge bus center at Tully Road and Capital Expressway.

A majority vote is required by the board to move forward or not with regard to beginning See LIGHT RAIL, page 12

D8CRT: Evergreen/SJ planning and land use program on June 6

The District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) will host a Land Use Panel Discussion covering Evergreen/San Jose planning and land use at their June 6 meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Square Library Community Room at Evergreen Village Square. Prior to the panel discussion. Assemblyman Ash Kalra will provide an update on what's going on in Sacramento.

"Evergreen has more vacant land than most other areas of San Jose and the discussion will help residents gain a better understanding about land use planning and how these decisions are affecting our community," said Pat Waite, President, D8CRT. "We hope that this program will help residents understand the issues in a friendly and educational setting,"

The panel includes the following participants:



An aerial view of Evergreen Valley as seen from the Villages. Photo by Robert Reese

Michael Brilliot, Deputy Director, City of San Jose, Citywide Planning & Urban Design. Michael is overseeing the 2040 General Plan.

lim Zito. Past Chair San Jose Planning Commission and Past President, Current Clerk of the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees. Jim also served on the 2040 General Plan Task Force. Shawn Milligan, KT Urban, Partner & President of Milligan Land Company has experience in residential development, including downtown high-rise, Urban Village and R-1 detached residential units.

Alice Kaufman, Legislative Ad-

vocacy Director, Committee for Green Foothills will discuss environmental community vision for San Jose and the region. The Committee supports sustainable smart transit oriented residential mixed use development.

Jerad Ferguson, Senior Policy Advisor - Land Use & Economic Development, Office of Mayor Sam Liccardo will summarize the emerging state role in planning for and financing housing. He will also outline the process for the new General Plan Task Force which will start later this year.

"We look forward to seeing a good turnout at the meeting," said Robert Reese, Chair, Land Use Committee, D8CRT. "There will be time for questions and communitv discussion."

Editor's note: The Village Square Library is located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, CA 95135; phone (408) 808-3093.



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Times Feature



Before and after: New native plants decorate the grounds of Evergreen Valley High School.

In bloom: Evergreen Valley High School's new native plants

By Advyth Ramachandran and Leilani Hsiao Special to the Times

atches of orange, red, and pink wildflowers adorn in the Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) campus this month thanks to the hard work of the ForeverGreen Club.

Last November, Evergreen Valley High School's ForeverGreen Club planted a California native garden on their school campus. The ForeverGreen club is dedicated to promoting environmental awareness among students and making the campus Earth-friendly. The club chose to pursue a sustainable campus native garden as a project.

The goal of the project was four-fold. The team hoped to showcase native plants and beautify the campus; alleviate the erosion problem on campus, during rain, dusty soils turn to rivers of mud; engage the community in environmental action; and contribute to ecosystem restoration.

The spot chosen was dusty, dry, and littered with trash. Students walked over it every day on the way to class. By April, the hillside was pink, orange, and purple from wildflowers, and the garden was in full bloom.

The garden is on an estimated 6,200 sq. ft. slope stretching around the B-building of the school. Except for a few trees, the slope was barren, and as the team quickly discovered, heavily compacted. Soil erosion and trash were rampant. Taking into account these site considerations, the complex requirements and advantages of native plants, and the resources available, the club wrote a detailed plan for the garden.

Through a generous grant from the Evergreen Valley High School Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA), the team secured funding. One-gallon potted plants were purchased from the Our City Forest Community Nursery; wildflower and bunchgrass seeds were purchased from Larner Seeds. On the first garden day event, more than 100 volunteers pitched in to dig in the stubborn soil, and plant the shrubs. Pickaxes and shovels were necessary to even make a dent in the rock-hard dirt.

ForeverGreen has hosted several volunteer events for the school since its initial planting in November. An unforeseen weed infestation proved difficult. ForeverGreen's Garden Team implemented



creative, organic solutions to mitigate the problem: moderated watering, chopping and smothering the weeds with mulch, and strategic hand-pulling. Evergreen Valley student volunteers gathered during these events to weed and spread mulch. ForeverGreen members still tend the garden to keep it pristine. Kayla Ramos, an Evergreen Valley High School senior says, "I just pass by every day after school and see the ForeverGreen Club tending to the plants. They just make everything so beautiful. ForeverGreen is underappreciated."

The plants in the garden include grasses and wildflowers. All are regionally indigenous, and most are locally native. Some plants are Yerba Buena, yarrow, milkweed, and deergrass. The California wildflower assortment includes California poppies, baby-blue-eyes, mountain garland, and five-spot. These native plants were able to attract hummingbirds, ladybugs, moth larvae, butterflies, and birds.

The garden completed its first season with no irrigation from December to April, a 100 percent survival for shrubs, more than 150 students engaged, and more than 6,200 square ft. landscaped.

"Seeing the change on that hillside was amazing," said Leilani Hsiao, EVHS sophomore, ForeverGreen Vice President. "It was like those before and after photos. Before, the hillside was completely bare and there was lots of trash. It was a lot of work just getting the plants into the ground, but it was worth it. Seeing people interested in the garden and asking questions has motivated us to keep it going and *See PLANTS, page 10*





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RACING TO THE FINISH LINE The Pinewood Derby is a highlight of a Scout's year

By Judy Davis

Special to the Times ub Scouts were racing to the finish line at the Boy Scout's 13th annual Coyote Creek District Pinewood Derby recently at Eastridge Center. Many cars registered for this year's event and qualified for racing.

There are five classes of racers – Lions/Tigers (Kindergarten and 1st Graders), Wolves (2nd Graders), Bears (3rd Graders), Webelos (4th & 5th Graders), and Open Class (racers of any age, Girl Scouts, even adults!), and trophies for the Best Design, Akela Award, and the Most Original cars.

A tradition that started in 1953, entering a Pinewood Derby is usually the highlight of a Cub Scout's year. The idea behind the Pinewood Derby is for the parent to spend time with their child by helping the child design, carve, paint, and tune the car. Each Scout gets a kit that is simply a block of pinewood and a set of plastic wheels, along with nails that serve as the axles.

Each car is carefully inspected before qualifying for racing. The rules state the car must be no longer than 7 inches, no wider than 2³/₄ inches, no taller than 3 inches, and no heavier than 5 ounces. With a little imagination, some sanding, paint and a few stickers, some fabulous racecars compete by racing down one of the three computer-controlled racetracks.

Michael Gabler, event mc and BSA Coyote Creek District Chair, along with youth and adult volunteers from



Above: LIONS & TIGERS (Kindergarten & 1st Graders) Champion Sriman Chandraganti of Pack 222 (left), 2nd Place winner Leonardo Vargas of Pack 988 (center), and 3rd Place winner Mariela Bates of Pack 113 (right). Below: WOLVES (2nd Graders) Champion Shreevats Godey of Pack 222 (left), 2nd Place winner Emma Tanedo of Pack 165 (right), and 3rd Place winner Yuvan Thusoo of Pack 222 (center).



Troop 251, Crew 288, Pack 102, Troop 689, Troop 264, Pack 240, and Troop 2019, organized and ran the event.

The Cub Scouts and their families cheered as their cars competed and sped down the tracks. Each car runs in each of the four lanes of one of the tracks, and competes for the fastest accumulated time. Winners of each class received huge trophies and the admiration of everyone in the district. Coyote Creek District, part of the Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council Boy Scouts of America (svmbc.org), serves the area of Edenvale, Evergreen, Milpitas, Berryessa, Alum Rock, Mt. Pleasant parts of downtown, and East San Jose.

Sponsors of this year's Pinewood Derby included Sylvia Arenas, San Jose Councilwoman for District 8, Eastridge (GGP), Cole and See DERBY, page 15

OP ED Welcoming the holy month of Ramadan

Ariana Shaikh, we are both 12 years old and are residents of San Jose.

We are pleased to share the news that the holy month of Ramadan this year started the second week of May. This is the month that Muslims look forward to, because it is one of the most blessed months of the Muslim calendar as it brings countless blessings and rewards to those who fast the whole month and pray to the Almighty God. It is the wish of every Muslim to gain as many blessings as possible during this month by doing good deeds.

In the Holy month of Ramadan, Quran—the holy book of Muslims was revealed through Prophet Muhammad (Peace be Upon Him). During this month we fast to understand what it is like for the people who don't get food, and to get closer to God spiritually.

How a day of fasting goes by: We wake up early in the morning, before sunrise, and eat moderately so we can have enough energy to withstand hunger and thirst until sunset. The eating before sunrise is called "Suhoor". At the time of sunset, all Muslims across the globe break their fast. Usually we break our fast with a date, water, and fruits and starters. Then we pray Maghrib prayer and have a full dinner. The breaking of the fasting is called Iftar. In total, the fasting duration from dawn to dusk this year in the U.S. is about 15 hours.

Fasting is one of the five pillars of Islamic faith. The other four being believing in one God and Prophet Mohamed as his last messenger, praying five times a day, giving charity to the poor, performing pilgrimage to Mecca if you can afford it financially. It is mandatory to start fasting at the age of 13. You do not have to fast if your health does not permit. During the month of Ramadan we also offer special prayers in the night called Taraweeh, which can be performed at home or at the mosque. However, this is not mandatory but preferred.

At the end of Ramadan, Muslims celebrate the ending of fasting called Eid-al-Fitr. On Eid day, there is a prayer in the morning and there are many family get togethers. This holiday is very important to Muslims, so many people have parties to meet up.

A very common "phrase" used to convey the greetings of Eid among Muslims and others is to say "Eid Mubarak!"

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Times Feature

Missouri: Molly Cuevas completes day 53 of her 3000 mile run across America

By William Bellou Publisher

olly Cuevas has completed the 53rd day of her 3,000 mile, three-month cross-country trek from California to New York and is now in Missouri as the Evergreen Times went to press.

Molly, who grew up in Evergreen, is running across the United States from Santa Monica to Montauk, N.Y. to raise funds and awareness for the Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF), a nonprofit based in California that provides opportunities and support for athletes who face physical challenges.

Before crossing into Missouri, Molly encountered heavy rains, thunderstorms and a tornado watch while in Kansas.

Cuevas is burning nearly 4,000 calories per day. "Calorie consumption is going to play a big role in getting me through this 3-month journey," Cuevas wrote: "I'm eating a relatively large breakfast and dinner. Because it's in the middle of my run, my lunch tends to be on the lighter side to keep me from running on a full belly. On top of those three meals, I also sleep with a sandwich next to me so that I can eat in the middle of the night."

Molly described her typical day in a recent blog:

Most days, the whole RV is up anywhere between 4:30am and 6:30am – it really depends on the weather for that day. On days that are 80 degrees and above, I'll get started a bit earlier. Once I'm up, my priority is to get some food in my stomach and waking up my body by rolling out and stretching. I've been eating about 2 bowls of cereal, a bagel with cream cheese, an egg with sausage, and ½ a banana every morning. Yes, I'm aware...it's a lot of food. During this time, my mom gets ready and Whitney (Molly's best friend and photographer) is usually still sleeping which works out nicely because it keeps the RV from being too crowded to maneuver.

30 minutes prior to take off. Whitney gets up around this time and I'm usually getting changed into my running attire thinking about what snacks I want for the first part of the day. I eat a snack every 5 miles and will pack 2 at a time. Mom is preparing my waters and snacks.

Drop off. Wherever I left off the day before, I get dropped off. Whitney and I both drop a pin in our maps so there isn't any room for error. When I get dropped off, I'll tell my mom



Taking a short break from running, **Molly Cuevas** (right) is pictured with her best friend Whitney Kanavel and her dog Mayor.



and Whitney what distance I plan on running before I need my first break.

Waiting period. Usually, the first leg of the day I'll be running for about 4 hours. During this period, Mom & Whitney clean up the RV, do the dishes, feed Mayer, make coffee & tea, check their emails, and begin to map out an estimated end destination for that day. In between leap frogging up the road with me, they'll prepare my lunch and document everything I've eaten that day so far.

Lunch time. Aside from eating, this is where I get my biggest chunk of rest time in. I only try to spend about 15-20 minutes in the RV or else I'll get too tired and not want to leave. My mom will roll out my quads, my hamstrings, and my calves if I need it that day. I'll typically put an iced down bandana around my neck before heading back out to help keep me cool and protect me from the sun. I'll throw on more zinc and then, I'm back on the road again.

Now that I'm on my own again for another 10-15 miles, Whitney and my mom are cleaning up from lunch, filling up my bottles and getting them nice and cold for the next meet up and (hopefully) eating something for themselves. This is also usually where they'll call around to different campsites and figure out where we're going to stay that night. At this point, they have a better estimate of what city we'll be in for the night so they try to pick the closest one with the best rating (or somewhere near a lake/river). During this time they continue to leap frog up the road with me in case I need anything at any time.

Now that the majority of the running has been completed. I stop back at the car to refuel and restock my snacks. As always, whenever I come back to the car my mom and Whitney are making sure I'm eating (even when I don't want to) and stretching or rolling out... and reapplying sunscreen and taking Advil if needed.

Last few miles. This part of the day I'm feeling my most tired. Therefore, mom stays really close to me in case I need to jump in for a quick bathroom break, a quick snack, or a refill on my water. Whitney will join me for the last 5-7 miles on most days and it's nice to have some company after being alone all day.

When I finish the day, I'm greeted with a delicious glass of chocolate milk and my BCAAs. I'll take off my sweaty clothes (taking off the sports bra is the best) and change into something dry. I'll also wipe down my face & body with baby wipes to get some of the dirt, sunscreen, and sweat off. Then, I'll stick my feet into a cooler full of ice and water for 20 minutes as my mom drives us to pick up some dinner and then to wherever we sleep for the

Before crossing into Missouri, Molly encountered heavy rains, thunderstorms and a tornado watch while in Kansas.

night (hopefully it's not more than a 10minute drive but it's gotten up to an hour drive at one point).

Arriving at the RV Camp. Once we arrive where we're staying, mom hops out of the car and checks us in and Whit navigates us to our parking spot for the night. Once we're parked, mom and Whitney handle taking Mayer out, plugging in the RV to the electricity and water, and making / figuring out what we're going to do for dinner IF we haven't picked it up already. We typically will order food to go, but some towns don't have restaurants so mom will make us something - our go to is spaghetti. Also during this time, it's my job to make sure I'm rolling out or jumping in the shower. After I do both of those, I hop in my Rapid Reboot and for my hips and legs and finish the evening with a deep tissue massage from mom and/or Whit - this sounds relaxing but it's not at all. It hurts. BUT I've noticed a huge difference, I'm not really that sore when I wake up in the mornings. About 3 times a week, I'll do an Epsom salt bath for my feet.

Evening. Ultimate chill time. for about...10 minutes. Once the recovery is done, I'm exhausted and need to get my rest for the night. I'll climb into bed and pretty much fall asleep right away. This is where Whitney & my mom get time off from "work" ha-ha! Usually, my mom and Whitney will shower, clean up dinner, reorganize anything that got messed up in our storage area, and get ready for bed.

Then... I fall asleep and wake up and do it all over again!

Challenged Athletes Foundation

Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF) provides opportunities and support to people with physical challenges, so they can pursue an active lifestyle through physical activity and competitive athletics. In 2017, CAF distributed 2,448 grants across 43 countries. The youngest grantee was five years old, and the oldest was 83.

About Molly Cuevas

Molly attended Silver Oak Elementary School and Chaboya Middle School in Evergreen. She graduated from Leland High School in 2012 where she lettered in Tennis, Soccer, Track and Field Hockey. Molly received a scholarship from Adelphi University where she majored in Sports Management, and minored in Marketing graduating Magna Cum Laude. Cuevas was a three-time All-American, a four-time Academic All-American, captain and broke nearly every modern-era record the field hockey program had, while also setting some new ones of her own while attending Adelphi University. She also received a minor in Communications from Murdoch University while studying abroad in Perth Australia. As a student athlete Molly was Northeast Confer-ence Rookie of the Year, three- time All-American, Academic All-American, holds virtually all AU offensive records, numerous conference records and is currently the all-time NCAA DII Assist per game leader. After holding internships with the Major League Soccer and the San Francisco 49ers, Molly went on to manage the social media platform for Rocktape. She currently serves as Rocktape's Marketing and Communication Coordinator.

Donations

You can be a part of the "Miles By Molly Movement" whether it's sending her a kind note, or donating to CAF. All of the current information will be on her website at www.milesbymolly.com

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By David Harris Special to the Times ecently, the publisher of this newspaper asked me what I thought of the upcoming change over from Alain Pinel to COMPASS Real Estate.

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Weekend storm rain total announced

Jacqueline Bogard announced that the weekend storm, May 18-19, produced 1.31 inches of rain at her rain gauge located at the Silver Creek Valley Country Club. The year-to-date total now stands at 22.25 inches. (Rain year begins October 1.)

Editor's note: Normal annual rainfall for San Jose is 15.09 inches.

Liccardo to waive salary increase

Liccardo said he'll sign the waiver to reduce his salary increase to three percent, instead of \$58,000, which was nearly a 30 percent increase in his salary, which is currently \$132,000 per year.

Liccardo said he is declining the increase because he believes it is unfair to city employees who earned a 3% raise and that the city's budget could not support that type of raise. Liccardo is proposing a three percent increase for himself next year, falling in line with other city employee raises.

The waiver that Liccardo will sign is irreversible, specifies how much of the salary is being waived for a given time period and must be submitted before the city's annual budget is approved. If no waiver is signed, the pay increases stand and would go into effect July 1.

Unlike the mayor, San Jose City Councilmembers accepted a \$28,000 pay increase. The rationale is that some councilmembers are working a second job and that a pay increase may encourage more qualified candidates to run for office.

Community Budget Meeting to be held May 28

The City of San Jose is about to draft -and the Council votes on -- a budget to determine how resources will be allocated for the upcoming

fiscal year. Before a final Council vote, Mayor Sam Liccardo will release two Budget Messages that outline key priorities, and help inform the City's budget.



Licardo

As the budget is prepared, the Mayor is asking the community to offer their input to ensure we spend tax dollars according to our residents' priorities.

A community budget meeting has been scheduled by the Mayor on Tuesday, May 28th at 6-8 p.m.; Seven Trees Community Center - 3590 Cas Drive, San Jose.

Jerry Carbajal of Evergreen named to Iowa Wesleyan University Dean's List

Jerry Carbajal, of Evergreen Valley, was named to the Iowa Wesleyan University Spring 2019 Dean's List. Carbajal is majoring in Criminal Justice. Carbajal was among more than 175 students named to the Spring 2019 Dean's List.

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Spring Bash

Representing EQ-1 Real Estate are **Lucinda Havart-Simkin** (left) and **Anita McCullough**. They answered dozens of real estate questions at the Villages Golf and Country Club Spring Bash held earlier this month. Hundreds of Villagers attended the event which included a car show and art and craft fair.

From grief to glorious garden

By Sandra Rasmussen

Special to the Times y 88-year-old father, John Rugebregt, has found a new love!

His true love, my mother passed away in 2011 and he was her primary caretaker during her illness. After her passing, he fell into depression and lost his sense of purpose as so often happens. I know this is not a unique situation to be in; they were married just short of 53 years.

After living alone for a few years, we had him move in with us. His spirit brightened a bit, but he did not know what to do with himself. Then he found garden-



ing! He has made our yard a glorious space to be in. He is so proud of it and takes such pride in it. Each morning he walks the path and inspects each plant, each seedling and



inspects each plant, each seedling and gives me an update daily on what is budding, and which has just bloomed. We then walk through together so he can show me all the changes however slight they may be!

Make no mistake, at 88 he still gets on the ground and digs the small holes for the plants and waters, fertilizes and snips dead branches and leaves. We of course help with any heavy lifting projects, but he has made an Eden for himself and all of us.

If you have a parent who is faced with grief, try gardening or something else that needs tender care. We are fortunate to have a garden at our house, but if you don't have one, look for a community garden. They are getting fewer every year, but if we push to keep them, your grief-stricken someone in your life might just come alive again as my dad has which warms my heart.

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Times Feature

Norwood Creek School students win Tech Challenge

By Tonya Bailey Principal, Norwood Creek School ince 1988, the Tech Museum invites teams of students in Grades 4-12 to use the engineering design process to solve real-world problems and this year's challenge was to design a hovercraft.

Five sixth grade students from Norwood Creek Elementary School entered the Tech Challenge for the first time and won the award for "Outstanding Overall" for their Hovercraft design.

Team Phoenix (Siya Aggarwal, Joshika Balaji, Neha Limaye, Riya Naik and Suchi Poladia) along with their advisor, Mrs. Ami Lalan, worked to design and create a device that travels over land or water on a cushion of air that supports it.

These dedicated students met at least once a week on weekends to work on their hovercraft. They learned from their mistakes and challenged themselves and each other to bring out their best. Each member of the team had a primary role in the development of the device.

At the final showcase, teams were interviewed by judges, demonstrated their

Plants

Continued from page 3 hopefully plant more gardens in the future."

ForeverGreen is grateful for all the support the club has received throughout the course of the project. The club thanks the **EVHS Parent-Teacher-Student Association** for their generous grant funding and our advisor Mrs. Taylor for her guidance and passionate support. The club also thanks the Evergreen Valley High School staff, especially our Associate Principle of Administration Mr. Boostani, our Head Custodian Mr. Flores, and our School Gardener Mr. Cervacio, for their help in implementing the garden, as well as the folks at Our City Forest for their advice. The team also appreciates all the volunteers that worked hard to make the garden a reality.



devices on a test rig, and presented their engineering journal to a panel of judges. More than one hundred teams competed from schools all over the state. When Team Phoenix was announced as the Outstanding Overall winner, Siya, Joshika, Neha and Riya were surprised and pleased with the results.

This project exemplifies the district's Profile Of A Learner. The students shared that they found the 4C's (Critical Thinking, Creativity, Communication and Collaboration) to be an important part of their success. When asked what was the most challenging aspect to this work, they all agreed that it was maintaining an accurate journal of their work and data.

Earlier this year, Team Phoenix presented their progress at the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees Meeting and ended with this quote, "We intend to bring home a win to Norwood Creek and the Evergreen School District" and these ladies did just that.

In the future, ForeverGreen hopes to further engage the community with the garden by hosting tours, educational events, and awareness initiatives. The club also hopes that the garden will grow in, fully establish, and eventually become self-sustaining.

ForeverGreen encourages other schools to come up with sustainable ways to beautify their own campus. Advyth Ramachandran, a senior and longtime member of ForeverGreen Club, recommends schools and residents to embrace native plants for their gardens. "Plants that evolved to live in our region are the best-suited to grow here. Not only are they beautiful, but native plant gardens require less water, need no fertilizer, and are important tools to restore the local ecosystem by supporting healthy soils, pollinators, and wildlife. Plant a native garden to save the planet one leaf at a time!"



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O.B. Whaley displays student art

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By Frank Shortt *Times staff writer* fter weeks of being exposed to art, being instructed in drawing, and painting, students at O.B. Whaley Elementary School in the Evergreen School District were allowed to display their talents in the form of finished works.

The special day, May 1, was set aside for students to 'strut their stuff' in artistic ability under the auspices of Principal, Tonya Trim and Eva Marlow, Instructional Coach. In attendance were three of the Evergreen School District's Board of Trustees; Bonnie Mace, Leila Welch, and Chris Corpus, as well as, Dan Deguara, assistant Superintendent.

In the words of Tonya and Eva, "Since identifying itself as one of Evergreen's premier STEAM schools, the staff and students have been busy at work bringing the vision to fruition. O. B. Whaley's focus on the arts includes providing music lessons, Multicultural Music & Dance, and art lessons to every student kindergarten through sixth grade.

"It is important for every child to have exposure to the arts," said Principal Trim. "Incorporating the arts during school hours ensures every student participates."

O. B. Whaley's vision is to provide a challenging educational environment that allows all students to develop their ability to communicate effectively, think critically, analyze, problem solve, and apply what is learned in a technical and global world. Its vision aligns with Evergreen School District's Profile of a Learner vision. Students are engaged in authentic learning that prepares them with the skills to be global minded citizens and outcomes Learner, Communicator, Collaborator, Critical Thinker, Innovator, and Advocate.

Eva Marlow, instructional coach, worked alongside the teachers, to weave art lessons into their curriculum and provide clarification when necessary. Eva says, "Art integrates well into all content areas, bringing in visual and kinesthetic modalities of learning.

Sixth grade integrated Egyptian art, kindergarten integrated geometry into their shapes art lesson, and fourth grade tied in the weavings for their Native American unit.

Michelle Ghione, fourth grade teacher, commented, "Arts Attack has given my students the opportunity to explore art beyond my normal art program, and it has pushed me into taking risks using materials I wouldn't normally use. I enjoy seeing how excited my students get when I introduce a new



L-R: Chris Corpus, Tonya Trim, Bonnie Mace, Leila Welch, and Eva Marlow enjoy the students' hard work.

lesson. They have become more confident, more creative, and inspired to integrate art into their projects."

Research says that there is a strong correlation between arts education and performance in other subject areas. Another study from John Hopkins University shows younger students who participated in an art program exhibited increased tolerance for others' perspectives and higher levels of growth mindset.

The Arts Attack program was instituted at O. B. Whaley because of its ease of implementation, as well as, its scope and sequence to produce a product. Marguerite Pollard, educational consultant from Arts Attack, trained our teachers and provided support. Each grade level identified and taught lessons throughout the school year. Teachers shared samples of their student's work and discussed the progression of the skills learned during a professional development session. The responses from the teachers were very positive. The teachers noticed the complexity of the progression, as well as, admired the details students exuded, especially in our SDC students.

Kindergarten students, Hoa Ho and Jessica Tran indicated that their art project helped them learn about shapes, by cutting them out instead of drawing them. Hoa expressed, "I want everyone to see my art and how I do it."

Angel Olivera Elena, a fourth grader, said, "There are different ways to do art, and I'm proud of the mask I made."

It took the entire school community to pull off O. B. Whaley's flagship Arts Attack Extravaganza.

Kameron Lawrence, a fifth grader, expressed, "It was nice to see all of the art pieces in the cafeteria and in my classroom - to see what people came up with in their heads."

Ly Le, one of our parents stated, "It was very meaningful. It allowed parents to see how their children are learning, as well as their artistic abilities."

Isabel Marrufo said, "It was really nice. My son, Heximaney, really enjoyed seeing his name on his art piece and the way the art gallery was set up." Mrs. Marrufo goes on





to say that she acknowledges that it took a group effort to put the Art Extravaganza together. She said, "I give the principal acknowledgement for having the idea of bringing in the program for our school. I hope they do it again next year."

All in all, teachers discovered the artistic talents of many of their students, as the various mediums in each lesson brought out the different strengths of each student - the colors they chose in their paintings, the ability to put shapes together to make abstract art, their preciseness in weaving natural plants they gathered through the jute of their looms, manipulation of their paper maché to keep their forms, and teachers teaching their students how to take advantage of the entire piece of drawing paper.

There is no right or wrong answers in art. It's up to the artist's interpretation of each lesson." Art tells a powerful story.

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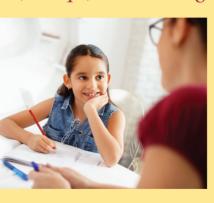
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An artist's conceptualization of the elevated station at Story Road from the Light Rail project.

Light Rail

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the process with the passage of this environmental report for light rail at Eastridge Center. It would run along Capital Expressway to the Alum Rock Light Rail connection which in turn runs to the newly built Milpitas BART station, which is finished and scheduled to open at the end of this year.

There may be some VTA board members in outlying areas who may choose to vote against the 2.4 mile Eastridge Light Rail station project which could result in a no vote on the environmental impact Report. No one knows for sure which VTA board members may be considering voting against the environmental impact report but many believe it could be VTA members that are representing areas far away from the Evergreen to the Alum Rock corridor. The main reason for a possible no vote include the belief that the cost may be considered high to build such a project with the elevated aerial rail track. The approved vote must gain a majority vote from the 12 VTA board members, thus a minimum of 7 of the 12 VTA board members will need to vote in support of various reports for the project to continue to move forward.

Also on the VTA agenda at the June 6 meeting is the capital budget for all of VTA along with the updated environmental impact report for the Eastridge project. The total estimate for the completion of the four-year project which keeps increasing is listed at \$453M in VTA presentations. If approved, the entire Eastridge Light Rail Project would be completed in 2025.

Project Update

The project has been discussed and contemplated for over a decade. In 2012 extensive new sidewalks for pedestrian improvement as well as modern lighting were installed along Capital Expressway. In 2015-18 the Eastridge bus transit center was modernized to include Rapid-Transit bus services. This Eastridge Light Rail line is unique. It is a carefully planned elevated light rail project from Tully to Story road. By using an aerial light rail track, the automobiles below will be able to drive under it, making turns more accessible.

Some object to the shrinking of carpool lanes

A sticking point for some residents is that from Tully to Story Road the eight lanes of Capital Expressway will be shrunk to six lanes, to accommodate the raised track. The concern is bottlenecks in traffic on Capital Expressway from Tully to Story Road.

During the five years there will be vast construction on Capital Expressway

If approved, VTA explains that large equipment will be used to build the project and the work areas will need a wide berth for safety during construction. More than 2,000 concrete pilings will be installed using pile drivers so as to provide strong foundations to support the light rail structures. Temporary noises will include jackhammers, tractors, back up alarms and more. Between 35-46 land areas (properties) will be affected but no homes. Properties along Brownstone Court, Pinkstone Court and Silverstone Place will be affected.

Carrasco, Liccardo and Cortese openly voice support for the project

While it is seen that some key City and County leaders have voiced support publically for the Eastridge Light Rail project, many other VTA board members are quiet about which way they are leaning to vote. All VTA board meetings and public comment can be viewed on video on the VTA website.

Hey, what about East San Jose

While some oppose the project, the vast majority of citizens who spoke out at several VTA board meetings during their individual short public comment time of one minute expressed that they want the Eastridge Light Rail and too they have been paying taxes for the past decade for the other areas of San Jose to get their light rail, but Evergreen is last to receive *See LIGHT RAIL, next page*

Times Community

Light Rail

Continued from previous page it. Many spoke of the need for equity in honoring the East Side of San Jose in the implementation of light rail. Some spoke on how the light rail corridor from Eastridge will open up travel for them to get to their jobs to the North and visit their families with more frequency

Who make up the 12 VTA board members?

The Board of Directors consists of 12 voting members who are appointed by their respective appointing agencies as provided in Public Utilities Code Section 100060 on the basis of the appointees' expertise, experience or knowledge relative to transportation issues.

To know the twelve members who vote, one can go to the VTA website and click on "About us" then click on "Members." To communicate to any individual board member or all of them at one time, one can write an email or letter attachment to the "VTA Board Secretary." The Board secretary's email is board.secretary@vta.org. Thus, one cannot individually e mail a board member but instead must process any correspondence through the "VTA board secretarv.'

Here are the voting members and the areas they represent:

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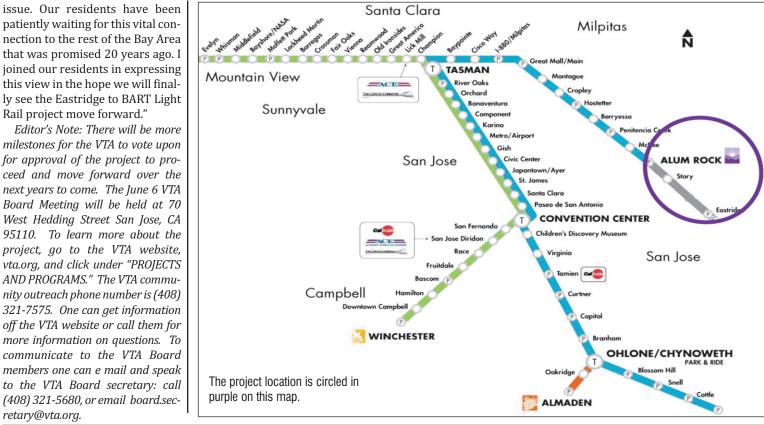
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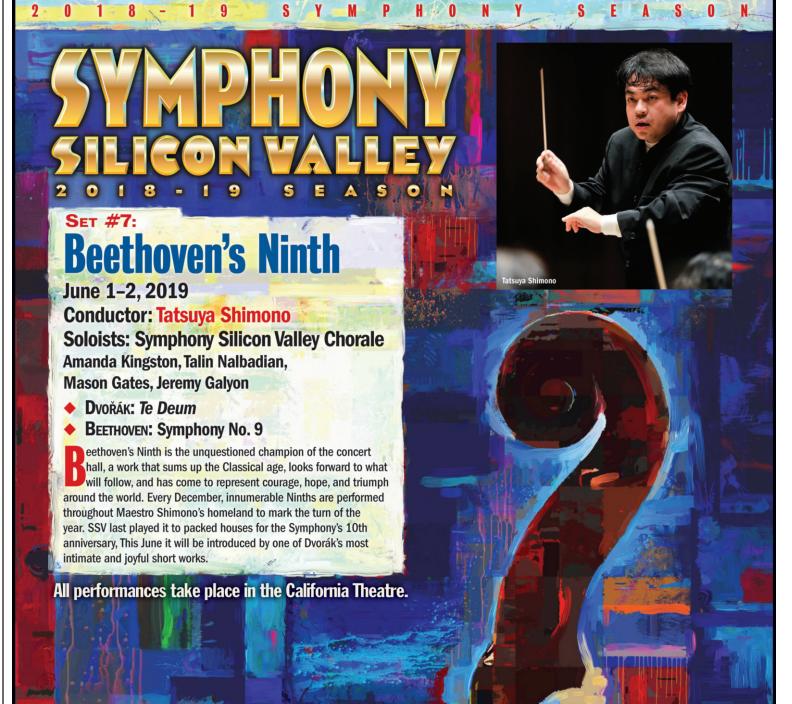
Member, County of Santa Clara Councilmember Arenas of **District 8-Evergreen voices** approval

'I'm grateful to our East Side and Evergreen residents, community advocates, and business leaders that came out to the May 2, 2019 VTA Board meeting in force to support the continuation of the Eastridge to BART Light Rail project without delay. As our community stated, this isn't just about transportation, it's a social equity

patiently waiting for this vital connection to the rest of the Bay Area that was promised 20 years ago. I joined our residents in expressing this view in the hope we will finally see the Eastridge to BART Light Rail project move forward."

Editor's Note: There will be more milestones for the VTA to vote upon for approval of the project to proceed and move forward over the next years to come. The June 6 VTA Board Meeting will be held at 70 West Hedding Street San Jose, CA 95110. To learn more about the project, go to the VTA website, vta.org, and click under "PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS." The VTA community outreach phone number is (408) 321-7575. One can get information off the VTA website or call them for more information on questions. To communicate to the VTA Board members one can e mail and speak to the VTA Board secretary: call (408) 321-5680, or email board.secretary@vta.org.







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

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees: Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org East San Jose Kiwanis Club: The Kiwanis meet regularly every4th

Tuesday of the month at theRed Lobster (12:00 noon). Formore information, please contact: President of Kiwanis EastSan Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

The Evergreen Business Assn 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 opportuni ties, 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.

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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.

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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.cam-

pusarid, net/home and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Rotary Club We are a local service club dedicated to improving our neighborhood and the world. Local business leaders and active community members may visit us every Monday at 12:15 p.m. at the Clubhouse at the Villages Golf & Country Club in Evergreen.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization: For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Assn: 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 meet on the 3rd Thursday of January, April, July, and October from 5:30p.m.-7p.m. in the Community Room of the Evergreen Branch Library located at 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. For more information call 408-808-3060

LeyVa Community Action Team Assn: This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and loca-

tion, 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

The Norwood Neighborhood Association serves the neighborhoods from Norwood Avenue to Tully Road between White and Ruby. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at East Valley Church located at 2827 Flint Avenue. Please visit Next Door Norwood for more information.

Reid - Hillview Airport Assn: 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

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Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Assn: 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 4:00 pm in the Parent Center.

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 Assn: 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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BEARS (3rd Graders) Champion Aarnav Chandraganti of Pack 222 (left), 2nd Place winner Dennis Butchart of Pack 222 (center), and 3rd Place winner Shrandeep Mari of Pack 600 (right).

Derby

Continued from page 4 Wendy Walker, McDonald's, and the Boy Scouts of America.



Best Design winner Jaden Howard of Pack 677 (left), Akela Award winner Dan Le of Pack 1111 (center), and Most Original winner Tyler Nguyen of Pack 1111 (right)



WEBELOS (4th & 5th Graders) Champion Jaxon Morrow of Pack 163 (left), 2nd Place winner Shaurya Wodeyar of Pack 222 (standin for photo in center), and 3rd Place winner Nicholas Smith of Pack 116 (right).



Open Class Champion Jasdeep Dhillon of Pack 600 (left), 2nd Place winner Prasad Gottam of Pack 222 (stand-in for photo in center), and 3rd Place winner Emilise Tanedo of Pack 165 (right)



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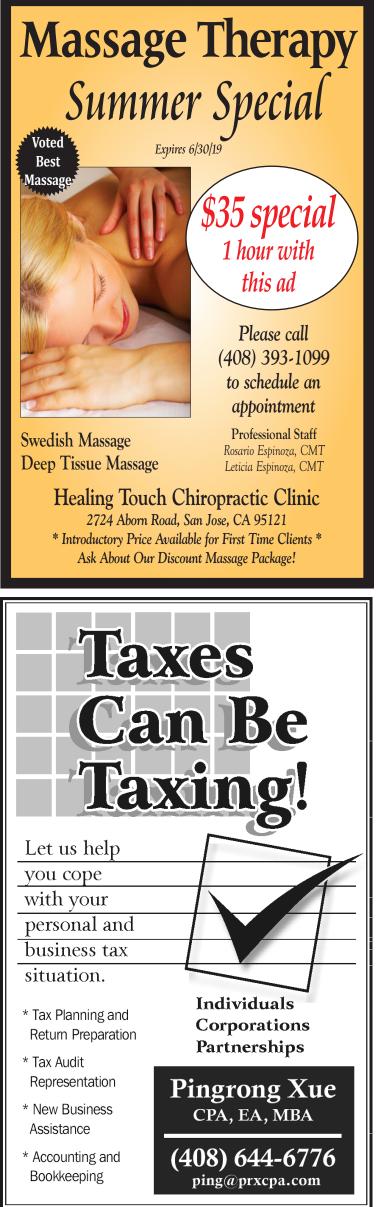
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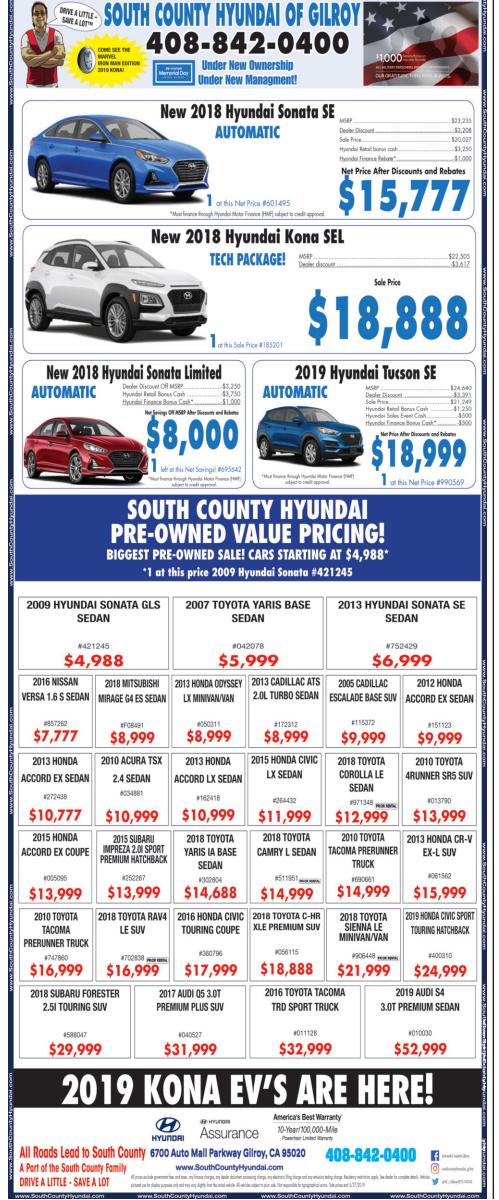
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Times Feature



Tech leader shares the importance of Christian philosophies in his family, faith and work

Local church welcomed Pat Gelsinger from VMWare By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

The congregation of Point Church in Evergreen orchestrated the presentation of a dynamic gentleman, Pat Gelsinger, who is revered in the computer world on Sunday May 5.

Prominent world renowned executive Gelsinger helped everyone by explaining how to balance one's life with principals each can learn from in the Bible. He was there to share what he learned in his life so that others could have a _____

healthy life and juggle family, faith and career.

Gelsinger arrived in Silicon Valley in 1980 and has since led a storied career, covering a vast landscape of tech history. He was the youngest Vice President and first Chief Technology officer of Intel, selected person of the Year by PC Magazine, and today his illustrious career continues on as C.E.O. of Fortune 100 company VM-Ware (a global leader in cloud infrastructure and digital workspace technology which accelerates digital transformation for evolving information technology environments).

With a big smile he signed hundreds of copies of his new book called *The Juggling Act: Bringing Balance to Your Faith, Family, and Work.* He doesn't hold back in sharing his wisdom. The vault of his knowledge is given free to those who wish to learn for he explains in simple and kind ways to others how one can plan a rewarding life by following what he and his wife continue to do in keeping their lives in perspective and following the principals of the Bible.

Just like a techy, his book has neither illustrations nor photos but dives into the nuts and bolts of how one might harness the power of Jesus to live life in Christian centered ways. The book is an easy read for he uses simple words and engaging sentences. The reader will feel comfortable in the manner he conveys his ideas for he speaks in humble ways.

Gelsinger talks in the farm boy way he grew up with yet perhaps is also a genius with regard to the creation of his major breakthroughs in the computer industry which have touched many throughout the world. Growing up on a farm in Pennsylvania, his close knit family and church paved the way for his future. He states that his father had lots of older siblings and when his grandfather divided up the land between his sons, there was not enough for his father to have his own farm, so his father just worked for his brothers. He had lots of siblings in his family and since he came along later he had to find another profession because the farm work was done by those brothers and sisters that came before him. In high school on a whim, he took a scholarship test and won first place. He just loved everything about computers and was hired by Intel to come to San Jose. Perhaps God had a plan for him because it was rare that Intel would even come to interview high school graduates from his school 40 years ago.

By day a chip tester by night a top flight student

Gelsinger was so dedicated he quickly obtained a college degree from Santa Clara University and a Masters from Stanford while taking advantage of the Intel free



Tech leader Pat Gelsinger visited Point Church on May 5.

education program benefits. By day he tested chips in microwave ovens and learned the nuances of how they worked and by night he studied hard to earn top grades in college.

Suddenly, he was on his way to designing chips and became an Intel team leader due to his innovative breakthrough ideas. He was about to quit the company and go back to school to earn his PhD. Then, the iconic Intel leader Andy Grove came and had a heart to heart talk with him, "Do you want to learn to fly the jet on the simulator or do the real thing," asked Grove. Sure enough Gelsinger thought it through and decided to play a role in tech chip history as a premier Intel design team leader.

Gelsinger succeeded in accomplishing more and more breakthroughs in the computer industry. He helped lead teams to create the 80386, 80486 chip, the 486DX2 chip and what everyone today knows as the Pentium Pro chip design. At 32 he became VP of Intel and at 40 he became the first Chief Technology Officer of Intel. He even pitched Steve Jobs in a one on one meeting over the desk on some Intel products but that is another story for another day. He also had his hand in many other iconic computer breakthroughs in our world, such as USB and Wi-Fi, and also obtained key personal patents in the world of computers that are still in use today.

'God's hand was upon me'

Throughout his presentation at the Point Church, Gelsinger gave thanks to his wife Linda and their family. They all worked together to encourage each other and that See GELSINGER, next page Times Feature

Gelsinger

Continued from previous page was an important component in his rise to tech stardom. He explained, "Imagine you are spinning three plates in the air and think of one as God, another as your family and the third as your work." Then he offered free in depth secrets as to how one can manage life in strong healthy ways based on Christian values and biblical concepts.

Here are a few secrets he spoke upon that are also in his book:

• Creating your mission statement with goals

- Prioritizing God and family
- Succeeding in the workplace
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Wife Linda writes a chapter too Linda Gelsinger shares insights on how all can raise a family in

on how all can raise a family in today's world with honoring the principals of the Christian faith. She bestows to the reader fun ideas that contribute to building family strength. For example, she states many things a family can do together to reinforce their joy of love and the strength in God. One fun idea is for the children to have breakfast for dinner some nights. Another thing they did as a family was to make time for dad to be with all the children and spend special time with them. It was explained that prayer plays an important role in all things and especially if disagreements arise in the home.

Juggling act

This book written by Gelsinger is a fun training manual for how to plan and live one's life in wholesome Christian ways. In the last chapter a Socrates kind of take is presented in that Gelsinger provides key questions from others that deal with each chapter in the 250 page book and he unabashedly and bluntly answers them with great wisdom. For example, one question is, "In your time with God, do you ask him for help in your work or profession? Does God provide ideas, witty inventions, or specific help in the workplace?" Gelsinger responds, "Yes, we should be in constant communication with God in all areas of our lives (Phil. 4:6)." Then he relates that even small matters are good to bring before God. He states in his book, "I've worked for over twenty years at Intel before the throne of God. I suggest you do the same with your work as well." Prayer is discussed as a key component in helping oneself and others

Pastor Gates of the Point Church shares about the wonderful visit:

"Hearing Pat Gelsinger speak at The Point was one of the great experiences of my life," said Greg Gates, Senior pastor, The Point Church. "I appreciated how clear he made it known that the order of his priorities is God, family and work. I feel that the practical advice he gave of how to keep that order of priority was a game changer for many of us. I am grateful that Pat and Linda accepted the invitation to speak at The Point and I feel that shows how much they care for the peo-



Pat and Linda Gelsinger

ple of San Jose on a personal level."

Gates continued, "Every Sunday at 10:30 at The Point we have inspiring music and speakers (in 5 languages) that helps people find meaning and fulfill their true potential and purpose in life. Our motto is: Everyone is Welcome, Nobody is Perfect and Everything is Possible. Our next big event is Father's Day, June 16 at 10:30 AM, featuring the Ultimate Game Truck. Please come visit us."

Editor's Note: One can order Mr. Gelsinger's book, THE JUG-GLING ACT, on Amazon or find it in your local bookstore.

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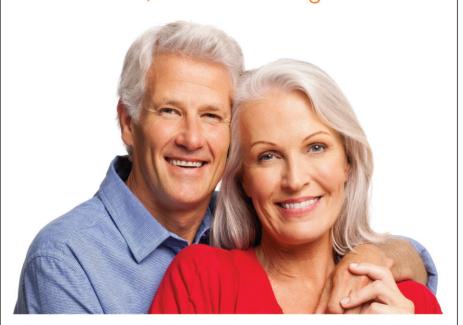
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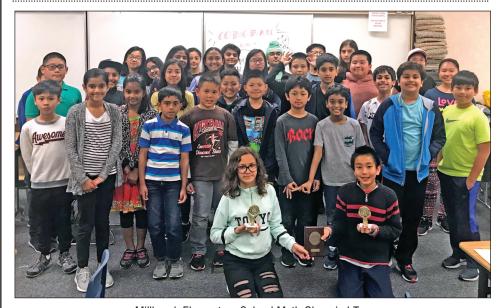
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Millbrook School's Math Olympiad team wins Highest Team Achievement Award

Math Olympiad Team is among the Top 10 percent of all teams in the elementary school division in the country for the first time.

The Millbrook Team won the Highest Team Achievement Award and two students are Gold Pin Winners for being in the top two percent in the country: Isabella J. and Justin Z.

The following students have received silver pins for being in the top 10 percent.

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The Millbrook PTA supports the Math Olympiad Program at Millbrook school and it is taught by Amelia and Alex Jugravu who are PTA parent volunteers. The program began three years ago and, and since then, the results of the team continuously improved.



Math Olympiad Gold pin winners are awarded for being in the top 2 percent in the country: Left to Right: **Coach Amelia Jugravu, Isabella J., Justin Z** and **Coach Alex Jugravu.**

The Millbrook Team consists of 35 students in Grades 3 - 6 who participated throughout the year in weekly Math Olympiad Preparatory Classes and in a series of five monthly Math Olympiad Official Contests, from November to March, administered nationwide, as part of MOEMS (Math Olympiads for Elementary and Middle Schools). Once a month, the students were given five questions to be completed within 30 minutes. The tests were administered on campus. Awards are given based on a score of 25 questions total. All the students took the Division E Tests (problems up to 6th grade level).

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Sprouts Farmers Market is bringing its healthy offerings to Evergreen.

Sprouts Farmers Market hosts grand opening in Evergreen: June 5

Sprouts Farmers Market's grand opening in Evergreen will take place on Wednesday, June 5th at 1771 East Capitol Expressway.

Sprouts will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new location before doors open at 7 a.m. The public is invited to join the festivities at the nearly 30,000-squarefoot store.

The first 200 shoppers will receive 20 percent off their initial total purchase and muffin and coffee samples will be served to everyone in line before the doors open.

Every customer on grand opening day will receive one free reusable bag with purchase.

Weekend shoppers are invited to explore new natural and organic products during Taste of Sprouts on Saturday, June 8 when guest favorite and trending items, including a selection of exclusive Sprouts Brand products, will be sampled throughout the store.

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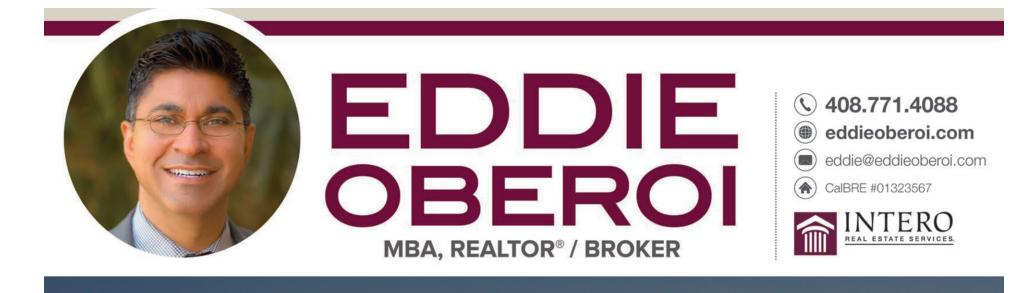
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