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### **Jim Zito announces City Council** campaign kickoff **November 18**

School Board Trustee ◀ Jim Zito has announced ■ the kick-off event for his SJ City Council campaign.

The kick-off will be held on Monday, November 18 at Curry Pizza House, located at 4035



Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The event is scheduled from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"I am honored to have the endorsement of a number of families and community leaders, and am especially excited to have the endorsement of San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, and past Mayor Chuck Reed." said Jim Zito. "I am inviting everyone to join me and Mayor Liccardo in kicking off my 2020 District 8 City Council campaign with my family, friends and special guests."

Zito, who previously worked almost 30 years in computer engineering and bio-tech positions, is well known in Evergreen. He is currently a ten See ZITO, page 4

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# **East Side Union High School District Board** approves ballot measure for employee housing

**By Carina Woudenberg** 

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight f San Jose voters approve a \$60 million bond measure that's heading for the March 2020 ballot, East Side Union High School District

employees could be moving into districtowned housing as early as 2022. Given the current housing shortage and the

district's struggle to hold onto its teachers and staff, the district has been looking into establishing employee housing for more than three years, says district Superintendent Chris Funk.

"We know the cost-of-living here — how high it is," Funk told San José Spotlight on Monday. "Many of our workers are forced to either partner up to afford the rent or commute from out of the area."

The superintendent added the district explored different ways to fund construction of the units before landing on the school bond measure, which was unanimously approved for the ballot by the board of trustees.

The district plans to construct 100 belowmarket housing units on roughly 4.5 acres of land located at its district office at 830 North Capitol Ave. A combination of one, two and three bedroom units would be provided. Funk



East Side Union High School District employees could be moving into district-owned housing as early as 2022.

said the district is modeling the apartments after units currently available to employees in the San Mateo Community College District.

That district has two employee housing projects with 104 units. The homes are fully occupied with wait lists, and officials there say staff and faculty are more engaged in their work with students because they don't have long

The space on the 20 acres of district land would be reconfigured to accommodate employee apartments, he added. For example, a bus lot might be moved. "Our district office property is underutilized," Funk said.

According to a feasibility review conducted last month, the district land was chosen for housing because it's flat, semi-vacant and close See HOUSING, page 17

# **Apoorva Panidapu of Evergreen named World Science Scholar**

By William Bellou

Times Publisher

poorva Panidapu of Evergreen Valley is one of the 30 students selected from around the world for the 2019 World Science Scholars.

The announcement was made at the World Science Festival - the annual celebration of science that brings together some of the leading minds in science, business, government and the arts. The Festival identifies the world's most exceptional math students and encourages them to tackle some of the most pressing challenges facing society.

The World Science Scholars program is designed to teach students how they can apply their math skills to a broad range of new disciplines that extend their knowledge of math beyond traditional mathematics into such diverse areas such as neuroscience, physics



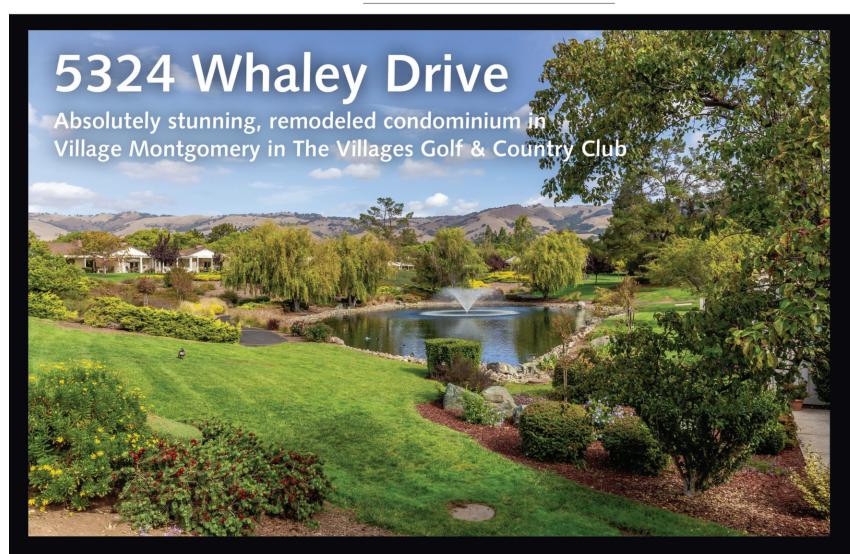
Apoorva Panidapu

and astrobiology. This program is designed to expand the personal horizons of the students, inspiring them to pursue opportunities that will have an impact on the world's biggest problems.

'Our goal is to reach the most talented math students in the world and bring them together and show these young people the possibilities of where their gifts can take them," said World Science Festival Co-Founder and CEO Tracy Day. "Ultimately, we want to create a network that is mutually supportive and has the skill set to tackle our world's most significant challenges."

The 2019 Scholars join the 2018 cohort totaling 75 students ranging in ages 9 to 17 (at the time of admission), representing 13 countries. The centerpiece of the World Science Scholars courses is riveting lectures by leading Nobel and Breakthrough Prize Winners and bestselling authors, filmed using See APOORVA, page 20









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# **Bold solutions needed for power** shutdown crisis created by PG&E

By Councilmember Sylvia Arenas

Special to the Times vergreen families de-◀ serve better than PG&E er every time there's a gust of wind they don't like, instead of investing in their infrastructure to prevent wildfires.

That's why I'm committed to pushing for bold solutions to this crisis that PG&E has created. On October 23rd, I made a successful motion for the City to begin taking major

steps to make San José's grid resilient, following a proposal from the mayor that in-

- Exploring what would be needed to replace PG&E with a local municipal utility or a statewide customer owned utility.
- Exploring installing infrastructure to create hybrid off-grid solar systems with backup utility power.
- Engaging with the community to explore support for bonds and ballot measures for grid resiliency.
- Pushing PG&E for better information that can be used to facilitate the city's emergency response during the next pow-



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er shutdown.

Our Evergreen and East Side community was the most directly impacted part of the South Bay and I am glad that the City and my team acted swiftly to share public safety information with our neighborhoods. I was able to activate an additional City Resource Center at the Evergreen Community Center, once it was clear this center would not be losing power. In the second outage I was able to get resource cen-

ters at both Evergreen Community Center and at the East Valley YMCA on White Road.

While these were important small steps to limit the damage PG&E caused our community, now is the time to look to solve this problem. PG&E has made clear they will continue with power shutoffs in the future. That's why I'm committed to exploring every option to ensure the safety and well-being of San José residents especially our seniors and medical-baseline residents. I will continue communicating about the need to move forward with solutions and not leave this up to PG&E.





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# **Trung Le graduates from military training**

U.S. Air Force Reserve Airman 1st Class **Trung M. Le** of Evergreen Valley graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-

Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

The airman completed an intensive, eightweek program which included training in mili-



tary discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Le is a 2019 graduate of Silver Creek High School.

#### **Zito**

Continued from page 1

year trustee of the Evergreen School Board, and works as a 7th grade math teacher in an east-side Title 1 middle school. "I was encouraged to run by a broad bipartisan range of community members, small business owners and supporters." said Zito.

Zito's community roots run deep. In addition to his ten years on the Evergreen School Board, he served eight years on the San Jose Planning Commission; four years on the Envision San Jose 2040 Task Force, in addition to its two update committees. Before that he served over seven years on past Councilmember Dave Cortese's Evergreen-East Hills Visioning Task Force. In 2008 he cofounded the current District 8 Community Round Table. He is also a founding family and active member of the St. Francis of Assisi worship community.

Mayor Sam Liccardo will be a featured guest speaker, along with Evergreen School Board President Bonnie Mace, Evergreen School Board Trustee Christopher Corpus, former Evergreen School Board Trustee Balaji Venkatraman, Evergreen small business owner Denise Belisle, and Attorney Jimmy Nguyen. Complimentary food and drinks will be served. No RSVP is needed.

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# Valley Currents

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The amount raised by the 6th grade class for the new marquee totals more than \$20,000.

# Silver Oak School 2019 6th grade graduating class presents school gift of digital marquee

The 2019 Silver Oak Elementary 6th grade class has announced the arrival of their gift of a digital marquee for the school.

The 6th grade class fundraised 100 percent of the project by selling concessions at school events, raising generous 6th grade parent donations and obtaining a corporate match from Apple. The amount raised for the new marquee totals more than \$20,000.

Gold Sponsor, Angad Singh and his family, explained, "This school has given us so much from the moment we began our journey as kindergartners. As a way to give back we decided to update the manual marquee with a digital one. Hopefully, this technology based marquee will help our amazing school administrative staff to display important announce-

ments with ease and communicate school related information in an effortless manner."

The marquee was a suggestion from the faculty, students and parents. Silver Oak Elementary School was one of the few schools in the district without a digital sign. The signs are not funded by the district.

Silver Oak Elementary School acknowledged several community sponsors that helped with our promotions activities and class gifts. New Seasons donated the candy for the class gift. Burj Capital Group, Silver Creek Academy, Lilian Moore-State Farm, KP Services, Anubis clothing, Teddy Rockspin, Collideskope, WingStop and Postal Annex all donated money or their services toward the expenses of promotions activities.

#### **OP ED**

# Do Evergreen residents care about safety?

My family has lived in The Evergreen community since 1995. Over the past several years, I have noticed an increasing disregard for the basic traffic laws associated with receiving the privilege to drive a motor vehicle. I live near the intersection of Delta Road and Ruby Avenue. This intersection is



posted as an All-Way Stop. I can say with great confidence that every time I am at that intersection, daily, several vehicles do not abide by the requirement to stop and they speed right through. I know this occurs at other locations within the routes near the Village Square too.

We have an annual crises in our city with pedestrian fatalities, and from what I am noting here it is just a matter of time until a member of our community becomes the latest individual to get hit by a vehicle driven by someone not following the traffic laws.

I hope this can serve as a call for action from our police department to help us regain a feeling of safety on our streets. I would also encourage our city council member, Sylvia Arenas, to use her influence to ensure the police department listens to these concerns.

Last but not least, if you are one of the many individuals running through stop signs in our neighborhood please START following the traffic laws!

Mark Milioto Evergreen Valley

# Temple proposal weighs on resident's mind

Dear Editor,

It's heartening to know my community issue finally made it to Evergreen Times, Vol.36, No.22. The planned Khmer Kampuchea Krom Temple located on intersection of Ruby Ave. and Norwood Ave., has been weighing on nearby residents' minds since October 2018. Concerns regarding its size, density, multiple uses, and of course, the huge 42,500 SF underground parking have largely brushed off by City officials citing the property owner hasn't applied

CUP (Conditional Use Permit) yet. Based on information available on City of San Jose Planning website, property owner has indeed applied for traffic analysis and demolition plan.

As Murali Pabbisetty mentioned in the D8CRT meeting last October, it is non conforming structures planned to be built in a well established residential area, on a lot that is too small for intending purpose. Thus, this is why an underground parking is needed to accommodate owners wishes. It's not because they have community interest at heart. The proposed 19,000 SF temple will include 9,293 SF assembly buildings, 8 bedrooms monk residence, an almost 1,800 SF commercial grade kitchen with walk-in fridge, classrooms, and administration office. According to Canyon Snow, PR firm hired by owner, these buildings are used to serve only 50 visitors on weekends and 15 visitors on weekdays at a time. This type of mismatch reality surely casts doubts whether Khmer Kampuchea Krom Temple will be a good neighbor. Also, underground parking and temple this size, located right on a problematic intersection, will create more traffic safety issues. Accidents and near misses often happen there.

Bottom line is, residents and community are not against proposed temple. It is the size, density, and uses that bring out valid concerns. A packed room on Oct 3rd D8CRT meeting should show attending officials and community leaders what residents think about this project plus its impacts to their well being and safety going forward. My appreciation to D8CRT for accommodating communities of Norwood, Quimby, and Groesbeck Hill Park to voice concerns.

To members of the community who are interested in this issue, please contact 2740ruby-concerns@gmail.com.

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# THANK YOU!

Our recent shred and e-waste event was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who attended - together we were able to raise much needed funds for Tailchaser Rescue and Sacred Heart, two organizations who are helping those in need in our community!

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# SOUTH BAY PHILHARMONIC A Visit to Italy

Friday, November 1st, 2019 at 7:30 pm Admission: \$12.50 advance / \$15.00 door South Bay Philharmonic starts off their season with a visit to Italy, highlighting Italian composers.



#### **VOICES OF THE VALLEY**

Saturday, November 9th at 7:30 pm Admission: \$12.50 advance / \$15.00 door VoV's repertoire includes a vast selection of choral works from different genres, cultures and musical periods, specializing in staged choral works and



#### WOLFGANG ROETHIG Piano Recital

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#### Times **News Briefs**



The San Jose Sharks have selected Gifts for Teens to share in the 50/50 raffle at the Shark game on Dec. 14.

# Sharks select Gifts for Teens at Raffle Night

By Jan Giroux

Special to the Times

he San Jose Sharks have selected Gifts for Teens to share in the 50/50 raffle at the Shark game on December 14.

Come out and cheer for our Sharks while supporting Gifts for Teens in the raffle.

Gifts for Teens will receive half of all the

Gifts for Teens will receive half of all th sales of raffle tickets from that night.

These monies will go a long way in purchasing much needed warm hoodie sweat-shirts that are in each of the 1,200 gift bags.

Sharks and the Sharks Foundation continue to be an active participant in the community and supporting local nonprofits. Go Sharks!

Volunteers are still needed to fill our holiday gift bags for homeless and needy South Bay teens December 4-16. Volunteer shifts are 9 a.m. -12 noon and 1-4 p.m. Interested volunteers can contact kathy@gifts4teens.org.

Editor's note: The assembly location for the holiday gift bags has not been determined at this time. The assembly site is being finalized. Check out Gifts for Teens website: www.gifts4teens.org for final work site confirmation.

# PG&E residential customers affected by PSPS to receive \$100 refund

PG&E customers whose electricity was intentionally shut off during the Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) event Oct. 9-12 are eligible for the rebates — but customers affected by other electricity shutdowns, including the two most recent ones, will not be eligible for refunds.

PG&E agreed to provide bill credits of \$100 for residential customers and \$250 for business customers.

Customers will be paid with onetime bill credits that are expected to appear on the bills as a "customer satisfaction adjustment," over the next two billing cycles, according to PG&E.

Approximately 729,000 customers were affected by the Oct. 9 power shutoff event.

#### **State Funding**

New state funding is being made available to the City of San Jose by Governor Gavin Newsom and the State Legislature to support its Public Safety Public Shutoff (PSPS) emergency response efforts. \$500,000 in state funds are now available to reimburse

the City of San Jose for expenses incurred while implementing public safety and outreach efforts to ensure the security of residents during the initial and corresponding PSPS events.

# Evergreen Valley College named 2019 'Champion of Higher Education' for transfers

Pregreen Valley College (EVC) is one of 12 California Community Colleges that has been named a 2019 Champion of Higher Education by the Campaign for College Opportunity as an institution leading the state in supporting transfer students.

EVC is one of 12 California community colleges that have significantly increased the number of students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), according to COC officials.

ADTs provide students with guaranteed admission to a CSU if they earn an associate in arts transfer (AA-T) or associate in science transfer (AS-T) degree and meet the CSU minimum eligibility requirements, according to officials.

55 percent of all Associate Degrees Awarded at Evergreen Valley College were Associate Degrees for Transfer in the 2017-2018 academic year. This puts EVC tied for fourth in this category among 115 California Community Colleges.

"We are committed to ensuring our students complete their degrees and can transfer and earn a bachelor's degree," said Byron D Clift Breland, Ph.D., Chancellor, San Jose - Evergreen Community College District. "Out of 115 California Community Colleges, we are among the top institutions making college dreams a reality with the Associate Degree for Transfer. We are thrilled to be honored as a 2019 Champion of Higher Education."

"Every year, we are excited to see thousands of students earning their Associate Degrees for Transfer and continuing their education at a university," said Michele Siqueiros, President of the Campaign for College Opportunity. "The Campaign is proud to honor the top California leaders and campuses that are doing the necessary work to ensure transfer students can achieve their college dreams."

Evergreen Valley College, along with other fellow community college and CSU campus honorees, is set to be recognized at the campaign's 15th anniversary celebration on Thursday, Nov. 14 in Los Angeles.

**Times Feature** 



# **San Jose 2019 Veterans Day Parade** in downtown San Jose Nov. 11

┓he San Jose 2019 Veterans Day Parade will be presented on Nov. 11 in downtown San Jose.

There will be a host of Civic and Military dignitaries participating in this year's parade, including San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, California State Senators and various Assembly Members, Santa Clara County Supervisors and San Jose City Councilmem-

The Grand Marshall for the parade is Major General Gregory Jones Commander of the California Air National Guard. The military flyover for the event will be provided by California National Guard helicopters immediately after the singing of the National Anthem.

sented by numerous High School Marching bands, Law Enforcement Agencies, County Municipalities, and several Veteran organi-

US military personnel will march in recognition of the Civil War, WWI, WWII, Korean & Vietnam wars, and Iraqi & Afghanistan conflicts.

New this year, the entire parade will be filmed live for Comcast with Mike Hennessy and Tony Karis as TV hosts providing real-time commentary of the event.

There is expected to be more than 50 corvettes, dozens of Ford T birds, classic and various vintage vehicles.

"Bring the entire family to this fun event and let's show our veterans how much they Santa Clara County will be well repre- | are appreciated," Hennessy said.

# Calling all cars for the **Veterans Day Parade**

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#### **Times Community**



Sylvia Arenas (right) meets with a supporter during a recent campaign kick-off event.

# Arenas: 'I've devoted my professional career to public service'

By Frank Shortt

Times Staff Writer

Sylvia Arenas recently announced she is running for a second term on the San Jose City Council

Sylvia Arenas says of herself, "As a City of San Jose councilwoman, I've devoted my professional career to public service, focusing on making it possible for families and children to have a high quality of life within our community. To do this, my priorities are economic development, public safety and family services."

Arenas grew up in the Washington Neighborhood in San Jose and near Capitol Park in the East Side. She attended Lyndale Elementary and Pala Middle School in the Alum Rock Elementary School District and graduated from Independence High School in the Eastside High School District. She attended Evergreen and City Colleges before graduating from Cal-State Eastbay with degrees in Human Development/Early Childhood. She received a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of San Francisco

Sylvia, a resident of Evergreen, is married

to husband Jose' and has a son Andres and a daughter Annaise. Her children attend the public schools of the Evergreen School District. She was on the Evergreen School Board of Trustees prior to being elected to the San Jose City Council.

Sylvia mentioned, "Through my position on the City Council, I have championed issues that affect the everyday lives of families, and especially women. I have led efforts to reform the city's response to rising rates of sexual assaults and improve public safety. One of my greatest accomplishments was launching the City of San Jose's Family Friendly Initiative which is working to increase access to: early education, after school programs, safe housing, family friendly public facilities, and paid family leave. I continue to make strides to support economic development in Council District 8 while working to make our streets safer, better maintained, and less congested!"

Sylvia said she is proud of her many endorsements, including State Senator Jim Beall, State Senator Bob Wieckowski, Assemblymember Ash Kalra, Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese, Evergreen School Board President Bonnie Mace

San Jose Vice Mayor Chappie Jones, San Jose Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco,

San Jose Councilmember and Public Safety Committee Chair Raul Peralez, San Jose Councilmember Sergio Jimenez, San Jose Councilmember Maya Esparza, and District 8 Round Table Land Use Committee Chair Robert Reese.

## Convoy of Hope to spread kindness in San Jose

Community event to provide \$1M worth of goods and services

onvoy of Hope will partner with local businesses, churches, government agencies, and nonprofits to spread kindness to the residents of San Jose on Saturday, November 23, 2019, at San Jose Giants Excite Ballpark.

During the Community Event, Convoy of Hope and the San Jose community will provide free groceries, health services, haircuts, family portraits, job services, veteran services, a kids zone, a hot meal, new children's shoes, and more, while supplies last. Identification is not required to attend or participate in the event. Everyone is welcome.

In 2018, more than 96,000 Guests of Honor were served by Convoy of Hope Community Events around the country.

Convoy of Hope is a faith-based organization with a driving passion to feed the world. The organization has been a Four Star Charity as recognized by Charity Navigator for 16 consecutive years. It has served more than 115 million people since it was founded in 1994.

Learn more about the event and join the kindness revolution by visiting convoyofhope.org/sanjose or contact Brian Rhea at (408) 234-1496 or brian@rheacom.com.

Voices of the Valley will perform Saturday, November 9th, at 7:30 pm at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church.

# **Voices of the Valley to perform at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church**

Poothill Community Concert Series is presenting Voices of the Valley on Saturday, November 9th, at 7:30 pm at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

Voices of the Valley (VoV) is under the music direction of Stephanie Chan. The regularly performing group delivers to the audience well-known choral favorites and challenges them with rare and delightful works from baroque to contemporary with an international flair.

Many of VoV's singers are Silicon Valley high-tech professionals who are passionate about choral music. VoV's repertoire includes a vast selection of works from different genres, cultures and musical periods, specializing in staged choral works and modern music. To name a few: Scarlatti's Te Deum Laudamus, Mozart's Requiem, Schubert's Rosamunde, Faure's Requiem, Johann Strauss Jr's Die Fledermaus, Gilbert and Sullivan's operettas, Paul McCartney's Liverpool Oratorio, Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera and Sunset Boulevard, Huang Zi's Song of Eternal Lament, Huang YauTai's Mulan Joins the Army, Hsu Tsang-Houei's The Legend of the White Snake and Chen Yi's Chinese Poems.

In addition to its own concerts, VoV is often invited to perform with local performing groups like the National Taiwan University Alumni Chorus North America and Bay Area Showcase Chorus, and appear on Bay Area Radio/TV Stations. VoV performed Faure's Requiem with the Stanford University Orchestra under conductor Dr. Cai Jin Dong in 2008, and collaborated with the renowned XiaMen Philharmonic Orchestra at the San Francisco Davies Symphony Hall in 2009.

VoV is funded by organizations like Arts Council Silicon Valley, corporate sponsors like Google and Prince of Peace Corporation, individual donors, member contributions, and ticket sales from performances.

Tickets are available at the door, or online at www.fcpcsan-jose.com/fccs. Online tickets are available up to 48 hours prior to concert start. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the door. Online tickets are non-refundable, but may be applied to future concerts if you notify us prior to concert. Admission: \$12.50 advance; \$15.00 door; Children 12 and under are admitted free. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.



Voices of the Valley performed in 2017 at the Walt Disney Concert Hall in Los Angeles. Photo credit: voicesofthevalley.org

#### Times Community

# US Army soloist to perform on Veterans Day Nov. 11

he Villages Music Society and Veterans Club's 33rd annual celebration of Veterans Day will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Veteran's Day, Monday; November 11 at the LDS Church gymnasium; 4977 San Felipe Road, San Jose CA.

All veterans will be recognized and presented with a rose. Platform participants include the Village Voices; the Villages Concert Band; the Villages Handbell Ensemble, guest instrumentalists and a military speaker.

KC Armstrong, this year's special musical guest has just retired from the US Army Chorus in Washington DC. He will be joined by the Village Voices in singing "God Bless the USA." He sang this stirring solo last July 4th with the US Army Band on the Washington DC Mall as the Blue Angels flew overhead.

A regular duty Marine Color Guard will present the colors and we will also be joined by San Jose Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and County Supervisor, David Cortese.

This is the second largest event in San Jose on Veterans Day and the entire community is invited.

## 'Walk for Humanity' event slated to take place at the San Jose Gurdwara: Nov. 16

Walk for Humanity' event is slated to take place at the San Jose Gurdwara on Saturday, November 16.

This event is sponsored by the Sikh Gurdwara in San Jose and invites people of all races and nationalities to join up and be a part of a very important fundraiser. Proceeds from the event are used to purchase blankets, raincoats, sleeping bags and other essential items for the less fortunate in San Jose.

The annual 5k Walk for Humanity event registration will be held in person at the San Jose Gurdwara Sahib on Wednesday nights from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and on Sunday mornings from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. near Langar Hall. There is also an online registration available (see below). There is a nominal fee of \$15 to participate.

#### Sponsors are needed

If you would like to get involved contact Khuswinder Singh; (408) 507-1290 or Arun Singh (408) 439-8903. The minimum business fee sponsorship is \$300 (you may sponsor any charity or a company).

The Sikhs ask that all share and promote this information with friends and families to better create a successful and wonderful event. Everyone is encouraged to be a part of the "Walk for Humanity."

The starting point for the walk will be at the San Jose Gurdwara in front of the Guru Nanak Kalsa School at 9:30 a.m. Also, registration can be done at the starting point of the race or register online at: sanjosegurdwara.wufoo.com/forms/5k-walk-fundraiser-online-registration-2019

Editor's Note; The San Jose Gurdwara members welcome all to participate. They honor their first Guru (of ten), Guru Nanak, in this important walk for Humanity. To learn more go to the San Jose Gurdwara website at sanjosegurdwara.org. The San Jose Gurdwara is located at: 3636 Gurdwara Ave, San Jose, CA 95148.

# Symphony Silicon Valley presents Khachaturian & Brahms, December 7 and 8 at California Theatre

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Khachaturian & Brahms on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose.

Celebrated throughout Europe, Maestro Pietro Rizzo comes from Italy to make his first appearance with Symphony Silicon Valley.

Armenian-born pianist Nareh Arghamanyan, described by Musical America Magazine as a "major, major, major talent," is especially renowned for Khachaturian's fiery, expressive piano concerto, based in part on Armenian folk music.

Brahms's second (and favorite) symphony provides a dramatic contrast to close...a warm, richly textured, serenely happy work by the German master

#### **Program**

Glinka: Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture; Khachaturian: Piano Concerto; Brahms: Symphony No. 2



Pietro Rizzo



Nareh Arghamanyan

Conductor: Pietro Rizzo; Soloist: Nareh Arghamanyan, piano.

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Soloist: Nareh Arghamanyan: Highly acclaimed for her "unique sensual narrative tone", "precise stylistic approach and dazzling technique", "charismatic stage presence", and described as a "major, major, major talent... potential superstar" by Musical America Magazine, sensational pianist Nareh Arghamanyan has shaken the music world and has been praised worldwide by various critics, concert presenters, conductors, and audiences alike.

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Times Feature

# **Another successful Day on the Bay**

**By Supervisor Dave Cortese** 

Special to the Times

S I rode into Alviso Marina County Park on my bicycle at 10:30 a.m. on a sunny Sunday, the 10th annual Day on the Bay Multicultural Festival was al-

ready in action: Entertainers were performing, Resource Fair participants were engaging with visitors, pumpkins were ready for picking, free food was being grilled, kayaks were being loaded with passengers and children were building race cars from zucchinis. And everywhere I looked, people were smiling.

Each year, I marvel at how Day on the Bay comes together and how many people it takes to make it successful. First and foremost, I want to thank all of our attendees, the Santa Clara

County residents who remind us that we live in a very special place. So, thank you all for coming.

And before we start planning the 2020 Day on the Bay, I'd like to thank all those who organized, produced and supported another successful event. A special thank you to the Santa Clara County Parks Department for co-hosting Day on the Bay in Alviso, and my staff for their hard work in planning, setting up and managing the event.

Thank you to the San Jose Bike Party for helping to organize the fourth 8.5-mile Bike to the Bay ride along the Guadalupe River Trail that brought me and about 70 others to the Alviso Marina County Park, and to the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition for the bike valet service. A special thanks goes to the Santa Clara County Firefighters who started early in the morning to grill 4,000 free hamburgers and veggie burgers enjoyed by our guests.

Next, thank you to all the volunteers who came from local high schools and community colleges to pitch in wherever needed. Starting at 7 a.m., they helped sign in our Resource Fair participants and unloaded

their boxes, operated our pumpkin patch, distributed food and help to set up and break down the canopies and tables, and whatever else came up throughout the day.

Thank you to Bytes and Notes who provided and emceed entertainment on the

Pumpkin Stage, and all the performers who danced, sang and entertained us at the Pumpkin and Trail Stages. I'm exceedingly grateful to the 120 nonprofit organizations, government agencies and County Departments that provided important links to services and to the Public Health Department and the Stanford Flu Crew for providing free flu shots.

We couldn't put on this event every year without our generous sponsors. Thank you to our Gold Sponsors: The

Santa Clara County Public Health Department, the Stanford Flu Crew, the Santa Clara County Firefighters, San Jose Bike Party, Bytes & Notes, Anthem Blue Cross and Community Cycles of California.

We're also grateful for the generosity of our donors who provide the giveaway prizes, including two bicycles donated by the County's Park Service Attendants, and sports memorabilia donated by the San Jose Giants, the San Francisco 49ers, the San Francisco Giants and the Monterey Peninsula Foundation. And thank you to the Los Gatos-Saratoga Community Education and Recreation for providing the kayaks allowing our guests to paddle along the Alviso waterway to the Bay.

I also want to thank the Sheriff's Office, the Parks Department staff and George Mayne Elementary School for letting us rent their parking lot.

Believe it or not, we're already planning 2020 Day on the Bay, so please let me know what you liked and what you think we could do better. You can contact my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave. cortese@bos.sccgov.org.



County
Report

By Dave Cortese
County Supervisor

## GoFundMe campaign started to help South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition

A GoFundMe campaign has raised \$3,580 so far for the South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition, a group that restores and revitalizes the creeks in Santa Clara County by having creek cleanups. The fundraising goal is \$9,000.

The Coalition recently had all of their supplies stolen, including tables, chairs, awnings, walkie-talkies, first aid kits, team t-shirts, boxes of unopened brochures, artwork, art supplies, educational kits, and more.

All money raised by this GoFundMe will go towards replacing the stolen items so the group can return to their monthly cleanups.

South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition re-

claims restores and revitalizes the creeks in Santa Clara County by having creek cleanups. These cleanups occur on the second Saturday of every other month for two hours. More than 200 cleanups have been conducted since the organization was founded five years ago, hauling away 200 tons of garbage from local waterways.

You can donate by visiting: gofundme. com/f/replace-stolen-supplies-for-south-bay-clean-creeks



**Stuart Richardson** organized a GoFundMe fundraiser on behalf of South Bay Clean Creeks Coalition.

**Times Community** 

### **SOS AUTO REPAIR'S 'Quick Tip'**

# Your timing belt vs. timing chain: what's the difference?

he timing system is one of the main parts of an internal combustion engine. This system collaborates a number of components to keep your vehicle running in tip-top condition and performance. The two main types of timing systems are the timing belt and the timing chain.

#### **Timing Belts**

Timing belts are usually made of a composite based on rubber and other materials. They need to be replaced at certain maintenance intervals, your vehicle's owner manual will have this information. But we can also lookup that information for you.

Depending on the age of your vehicle, and the amount of miles you have, the timing belt may need to be replaced. Most manufactures recommend the timing belt be replaced every 90,000 miles but each manufacture is differ-

#### **Timing Chains**

Timing chain is a roller chain design that is far more reliable. It is very rare for vehicles fitted with a timing chain to require repairs or replacement on this system - as it is a maintenance free design.

#### **Water Pump**

The water pump is the main component of your car's cooling system. On most vehicles, it runs off the timing belt system and, if it fails, can cause expensive and irreparable engine damage. Replacing it while you have the timing belt off the engine will save you time and money.

#### **How Long Will It Take?**

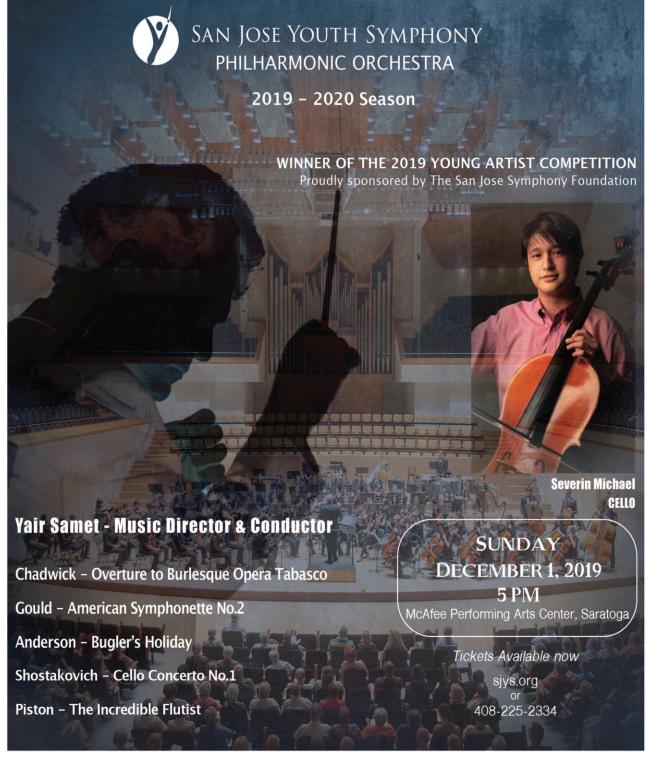
Replacing the timing belt on most cars is a time consuming exercise, as most of the front part of the engine will need to be removed to allow access, and in some cases requires removal of body panels and other components. Expect to be without your vehicle for at least a day or two to allow for the job to be completed to a high quality standard.

While the initial cost of a timing belt can be a bit of a shock - it is a crucial maintenance requirement to keep your vehicle running safely, reliably and at its best for years to come.

If you're concerned about your vehicle for whatever reason stop by at: 3519 San Felipe Road in Evergreen. We'll be happy to assist you.

If you have a question regarding your vehicle email us at sosautorepair2004@gmail.com, if your question is published you'll receive a free oil change!

SOS Auto Repair is located at: 3519 San Felipe Road, San Jose, Ca. 95135: (408) 477-2242.



























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Times **Feature** 

#### **ROTARY REPORT**

# **Local club to fulfill wishlists for LifeMoves**

By Sara Calkins

Past President

otary International's ideal of "Service Above Self" encourages local clubs to

serve in their communities and to reach out to communities in need throughout the world.

On Saturday November 9, 2019, the Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergeen (SJE/E) will shop to fulfill a wish list of needs for people living at LifeMoves' San Jose locations. Community members are welcome to join us. Visit our website, rotarysjee.org for details. LifeMoves provides interim housing and supportive services for homeless families and individuals to rapidly return to stable hous-

ing and achieve long-term self-sufficiency. On any given night, they feed, clothe and house over 850 Peninsula and Silicon Valley residents experiencing homelessness.

Later in November, club members will

quirements for high school graduation as well as learn important parenting and life skills. SJE/E members stress that the gifts of food are a tangible sign of their support

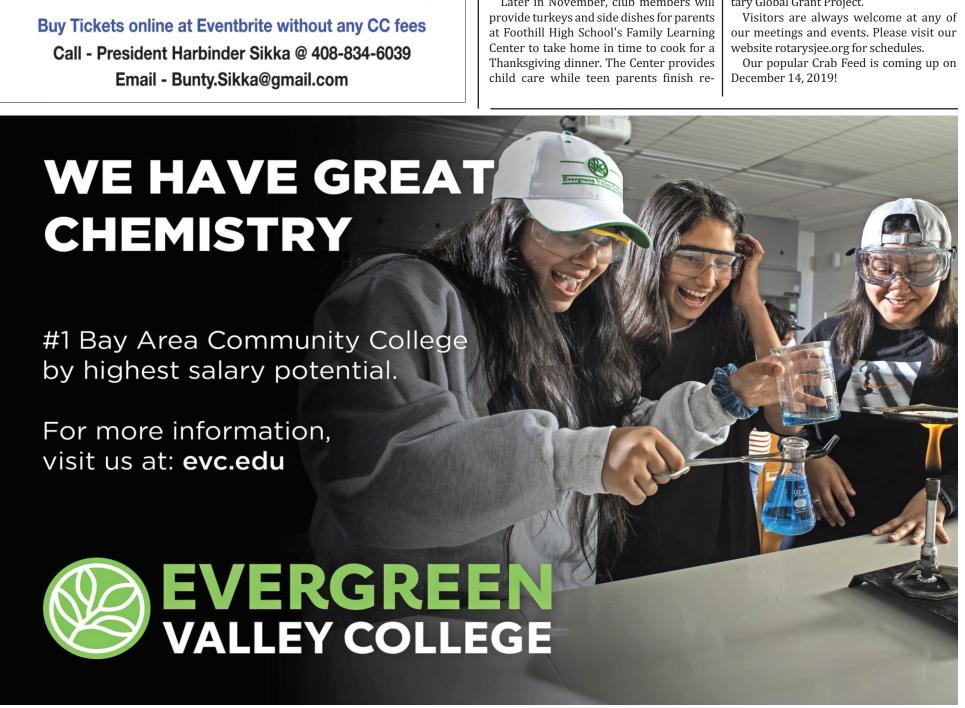
> For one of the club's international projects, The Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen participated, with Milpitas, Oakland Uptown, and Los

of these determined students.

Gatos Rotary Clubs, in the November 2, 2019 Rotary Vietnam Project Gala, a fundraiser to provide funding for a leadership camp and scholarships in Vietnam. Working with  $NGO, Pacific \, Links, we \, strive \, to \,$ keep students in school to receive education and training in life skills so they do not fall victim to the cruel system of

All funds raised from the Gala go to the Rotary Vietnam Project (RVP) which will then be matched by a foundation, AND those funds will be matched through a Rotary Global Grant Project.

human trafficking.



# ergreen Areal Lecting

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

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

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

San Jose East / Evergreen Kiwanis Club The Kiwanis meet regularly 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:15pm at The Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA 95138. For 2nd Saturday community projects and 4th Thursday evening socials, consult www.rotarysjee.org

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

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting: Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at New Seasons 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd San Jose Ca 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-

**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)

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)

**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 Hender . son: susiehenderson@sbcalobal.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 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 Valley Service Organization:** For more information, call (408) 274-6756. owners 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

#### 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 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 oddnumbered 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

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 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

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.

Email your meeting times and locations: editorial@timesmediainc.com

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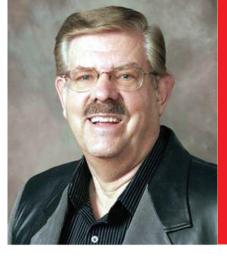
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Times **Local News** 

# Evergreen School District offers new webpage to keep the community informed on the school consolidation process

regreen School District has developed a new webpage to keep the community informed on the school consolidation process which was announced recently.

There are many questions and concerns regarding the District's plans regarding the school consolidation process. The District's consolidation webpages provide upto-date news and announcements, a timeline, FAQs and other important background information. The website address is: www.eesd.org

Here is the Frequently Asked Questions section from Evergreen School Districts website's school consolidation process webpage.

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

We are providing answers to frequently asked questions during this phase of the process. Please note that this information will be continually updated throughout each phase of the school consolidation process, so please revisit this webpage for updates. We will also post updates on our social media pages (Facebook and Twitter) and through district communications.

#### Why are schools being closed?

Evergreen School District has a \$12 million deficit that is the result of rising costs and declining enrollment. Enrollment in the Evergreen School District's enrollment has been in significant decline over the last five years and this trend will continue for the next five years. Specifically, over the past six years, the total enrollment has fallen by more than 2,500 students. The district also faces a projected enrollment decline of 1,500 students over the next five years, totaling a 10year loss of more than 4,000 students. Over the next two years, the district is projected to lose over 750 students due to families moving out of the Bay Area to more affordable communities. This trend is not limited to Evergreen School District, as other Bay Area districts are facing similar situations.

By closing a \$12 million deficit and addressing decline in enrollment, we can ensure that our schools maintain the level of excellence that our families expect for our students and support innovative learning in the classroom so that our students are prepared for a highly competitive global society.

# What will be the process and timelines for the school closures?

The Evergreen School District Board of Trustees will be considering and adopting a process and timeline for school closures at its November 14 board meeting. Information on this web page will be updated following that meeting. District administrators will be providing a timeline and process at the November 14 board meeting. All information will be shared with the community.

## How many schools will be closed and when will they close?

Two schools are scheduled to close by the end of the 2019-20 school year, and one more school by the end of the 2020-21 school year.

#### Which schools are closing?

At this time, the Board of Trustees has not determined which schools are closing. Decisions will not be made without full consideration of current enrollment and school boundary data.

# How and when can I provide input in the process?

Evergreen School District will provide parents, staff, community members, and students opportunities to provide input and feedback once the Board of Trustees has approved the timeline and process. We will notify the community of these opportunities after the November 14 board meeting. In the meantime, please send your input and questions to schoolconsolidation@eesd.org

# What will happen to the staff members at the schools that will be closed?

The district's Human Resources department will work closely with bargaining units, the Evergreen Teachers Association (ETA) and the California Schools Employee Association (CSEA) leadership to establish a process to transfer staff that follows both contractual language, as written in the respective collective bargaining agreements, as well as any applicable education codes to ensure a smooth and transparent process.

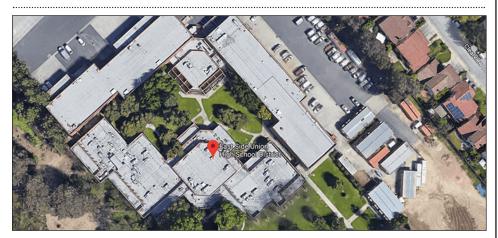
# How will the district support students and families with school transitions?

One of the greatest strengths of the Evergreen School District community is that we are a family, and when students and staff members are moved to a new school they will be welcomed into the family of that school. While working with our District support teams, each school site will determine how they will welcome new students and staff members, and school principals will be responsible for working with district staff on a transition plan that ensures that new and existing students feel welcome and positive about the changes that they will be encountering.

## How can I provide feedback

Please send your input and questions to schoolconsolidation@eesd.

#### **Times Local News**



The apartments would get built on the district's North Capital Avenue headquarters. (Image via Google Maps)

# Housing

Continued from page 1

to transit and existing residential uses. The site also needed to contain a minimum of two acres of developable land.

There are 16 schools in the district serving a total of 22,000 students. To qualify for the housing, Funk says the individual must be a district employee who does not own a home. In a survey emailed to the employees, Funk says the district received 700 responses with roughly half of the respondents reporting that they did not own homes.

District officials believe a third of the East Side Union High School District employees would qualify. Funk says the community has been supportive of previous construction bonds and is optimistic that the bond will pass with its minimum requirement of 55 percent voter approval.

The housing project would ultimately require approval from the San Jose City Council before construction could begin. Once it starts, construction would be expected to take 12 to 15 months.

San Jose Unified School District is also looking into providing employee housing but is still studying potential sites. If approved, parcel taxes from the bond would last until 2050, according to district documents.

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# **Different, not less**

By Trisha Parthasarathi Special to the Times

A ttaining social justice and equality for various groups of people is a prominent goal in modern day communities. We see recurring campaigns and protests advocating for these topics.

One group of people that is not in the limelight of the news is the neurodiverse community. Like many in our modern society, I was not aware of what neurodiversity was or how to interact with the individuals on its spectrum. Neurodiversity is simply the concept that neurological differences, such as in people with dyslexia, autism, down syndrome, Tourette Syndrome, and various other conditions, are to be respected as any other human variation.

Up until a few years ago, I had never met or interacted with anyone that was neurologically different from me. Two years ago, a friend of mine introduced me to Pragnya, a local nonprofit that assimilates autism into mainstream society. When I began volunteering at this organization, I realized that despite my personal efforts to be as welcoming and educated as possible, I was completely uninformed on the topic of interacting with neurodiverse individuals.

Volunteers at Pragnya are known as allies to their neurodiverse peers. As an ally, I help teach these neurodiverse individuals academic and social skills on a weekly basis. After several weeks of forming unique friendships, I had repeatedly heard that we allies were some of these kids. Knowing that I was an ally, advocate, a friend, and support system to these children meant so much to me.

As the allies received training from a behavioral specialist and psychologist, I learned

how to perceive and interpret the behavioral characteristics and needs of those with autism. Working with these children individually helped me understand how to interact with compassion, sensitivity, and respect. The majority of our communities lack a basic understanding of autism and other neurological disorders. Reading the news, I learned of instances where school administrators, peers, and first responders lacked the training to interact with understanding and sensitivity towards neurodiverse children. Many of these disturbing instances have resulted in severe injury or the death of children.

In an effort to create safer, more accepting communities, Pragnya is leading several student run projects that create new legislation proposals and advocacy measures to promote Autism awareness. We met with State Assemblyman Kansen Chu to discuss promoting neurodiversity training in local schools that would be available to students and first responders. The allies of Pragnya have also created several clubs at their respective high schools and recruited new allies to join the advocacy effort. Additionally, our organization's efforts were recognized in Congressman Ro Khanna's Town Hall Meeting.

Working at Pragnya has taught me the importance of respect and compassion. With a little patience and compassion from my end, I was able to form new relationships and be a part of a unique community at Pragnya. Being able to volunteer here has been an unparalleled experience where I learned to never look down on another human being, because different never means less. Working with kids who are different from me helped me understand that being open-minded, accepting, and compassionate can change one's outlook on life and is the first step in creating safer, more welcoming communities.

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The eleven children who wrote Poems for Hispanic Heritage.

# Laurelwood Elementary celebrates Fall Festival and Hispanic Heritage

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer
aurelwood Elementary School
celebrated two major events
last month; The Fall Festival
and the Hispanic Heritage Assem-

Both events were educational, fun, and informative for parents, teachers and students.

#### Fall Festival

This event was enhanced greatly this year by the handiwork of Mr. Dallas Clark, designer extraordinaire of spooky displays. He has had his exhibitions at several schools in the Evergreen School District throughout the years and Laurelwood was chosen this year to be the place of honor. We may

remember Carolyn Clark, Mr. Clark's wife who once graced the Board of Trustees of the ESD and was honored to have a school named for her.

Mr. Clark spent many hours assisting the PTA of Laurelwood, headed by President Mylinh Chan, in setting up his very colorful, graphic, and professional quality creations! This was done under great sacrifice by Mr. Clark due to failing health. It has been said by all who worked with him that he improved in health greatly as he helped to set up his wonderful exhibits. Principal, Kameelah Green, spoke great words of praise for Mr. Clark and his work.

See LAURELWOOD, next page





Left: The Haunted House's Wolf, creation of Dallas Clark. Right: The spokesperson for the Aztec Dancers.

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#### Laurelwood

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#### **Hispanic Heritage Assembly**

Also celebrated during October by Laurelwood Elementary school was the Hispanic Heritage Assembly commemorating National Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month which recognizes and celebrates the many contributions, diverse cultures and extensive histories of the American Latino Community.

Beginning in 1968, Hispanic Heritage Month was originally observed as "Hispanic Heritage Week" under President Lyndon Johnson and was later extended to a month during President Ronald Reagan's term in 1988. Since then the month has been celebrated nationwide through festivals, art shows, conferences, community gatherings and much more.

The month also celebrates the independence days of several Latin American countries, including: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua on September 15th, Mexico on September 16th, and Chile on September 18th. Nearly 1/3 of Laurelwood's students come from a Hispanic Heritage!

Hispanic families have been asking for an assembly that recognizes and celebrates the beautiful Hispanic Heritage of the Laurelwood students so the PTA partnered with the school to achieve this vision by finding and funding the Tezkatlipoka Aztec Dance and Drum performers.

Mrs. Green, principal of Laurelwood, challenged the upper grade students of Hispanic Heritage to write and perform an "I Am..." poem. Eleven students accepted the challenge and practiced during their lunch time. They were a committed ensemble. The assembly held on Oct. 24 consisted of these 11 students proudly reciting their poems and then an educational Aztec drum and dance performance by Tezkatlipoka Aztez Dance and Drum. Students learned the language, culture, and history of the Aztec Tribe of Mexico.

The assembly concluded with a message that encouraged students to learn more about each other's heritage and realize how many important things they all have in common.



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# Power outages and pets: tips and tricks to keep them safe and calm

By Dr. Raj Singh

Special to the Times

Like us, power outages affect dogs and cats too.

Even though pets can see better in the dark than we do, it still is a good idea to keep them safe when the power goes out.

Pets can get agitated, reactive or jumpy because they can sense when their owner is nervous during a power loss. Just imagine how we get nervous when a fire alarm beeps. Although electricity loss carries no sound like a fire alarm, our pets pick up clues from our nervousness. The following tips and tricks can be used by pet owners in the event of a pow-

er outage

1. Temperature: like people, pets respond to temperature changes since they are used to the temperatures we set in our homes, so any drastic change can affect them greatly. Keep pets warm in winter by using comfortable blankets and keep them cool in summer by opening windows and providing shade. In the case of extreme weather conditions, it is advised that you board your pet at your vet's office or boarding facility until power is restored. You can also seek help from family or friends by asking if they can keep your pet until power is back on.

2. All the pets should have a collar

with ID tags which contain your phone number and address, in case the phone is not working. If a pet is lost during a power outage, the easiest way to get reunited is via the ID tags.

3. As you might have to get water from a different source, make sure that pets also have access to fresh, clean water all the time.

4. If you feed your pet dry food, then please store it in an airtight container to avoid insects getting into the food, and to prevent

Your Pet and You By Dr. Raj Singh should be supervised at all times, as there may be downed power lines or there may be a work crew that could startle

5. Pets staying outside

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crew that could startle your pet. If a power line is down, keep your pets indoors as they might touch it.

6. Keep the same normal routine for your pet. If you walk them, then take them out for activi-

ty or walks. This will help to keep them calm and eliminate some stress from a power outage. 7. If you are a senior or unable to care for your pet during a power outage, contact your family and friends or contact your vet who can provide different options. If your pet is on a medication that needs to be refrigerated, seek help from your family vet.

8. Lastly, if you don't want your pet to have any problems or issues or just want to avoid power outages in the future, invest in a power generator which is quiet and can power your home to keep you and your furry family safe during power failures.

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





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## **Apoorva**

Continued from page 1 professional production values. Classes are augmented with a variety of resources, including interactive demonstrations, custom-designed animations, key summaries, community discussion pages, virtual office hours, and live sessions with each expert, creating a substantially enhanced online educational experience.

Participating students will also be able to create a professional, educational, and social network of talented individuals through the community they build. The World Science Scholars experience also extends far beyond the coursework, with opportunities for interaction and collaboration with peers, teaching fellows, and faculty via the digital platform and social media networks established for these groups, and during the annual World Science Festival in New York City.

The World Science Scholars program is made possible by a grant from the John Templeton Foundation. The students were chosen after either being nominated from the World Science Festival network of individuals and organizations, or learning about the program through select media and by directly applying. The World Science Scholars program is committed to identifying students from diverse communities regardless of their race, gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic class and location.

This broad, multifaceted approach to identifying and recruiting students who have the potential to become a "one-in-a-million" mind reflects a commitment to creating a network of students from diverse backgrounds with a burning desire to engage in See APOORVA, next page

#### **Times Community**

### **Apoorva**

Continued from previous page challenging coursework and meet people similar to them. For students with innate, exceptional abilities who lack the means or access to resources to help them reach their potential, the high-quality digital experience of the World Science Scholars program, will be a life-changing experience.

Upon completion of the World Science Scholars program, students become members of an alumni network that helps to identify and support future cohorts based upon their own experiences in the program. Over time, the hope is that the connections between past and present cohorts lead to mentoring relationships, friendships, and professional collaborations, as well as future engagements with the World Science Festival and the larger mathematics and science communities.

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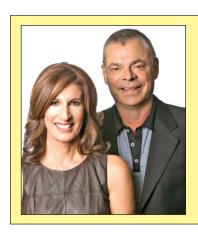
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4217 Watkins Way	\$1,368,000	4	2 0	1,860	8,563 Lot SqFt
2972 Winwood Way	\$1,340,000	5	3 0	2,253	6,722 Lot SqFt
3571 Springbrook Avenue	\$1,300,000	4	3 0	2,442	8,800 Lot SqFt
3525 Milburn Street	\$1,250,000	4	3 0	2,587	9,913 Lot SqFt
3080 Autumnwood Court	\$1,175,000	3	2 1	1,769	7,051 Lot SqFt
3345 DENSMORE Court	\$1,145,000	4	2 0	1,767	8,533 Lot SqFt
3177 Chillum Court	\$1,142,000	3	2 1	1,393	8,400 Lot SqFt
3216 Vinifera Drive	\$1,095,003	3	2 1	1,626	1,144 Lot SqFt
3075 Woods Way	\$1,095,000	4	2 0	1,380	5,589 Lot SqFt
9054 Village View Loop	\$1,000,000	2	2 1	2,248	2,632 Lot SqFt
3104 Whitby Court	\$940,000	3	2 0	1,327	5,593 Lot SqFt
3104 Quimby Road	\$940,000	3	2 0	1,158	6,634 Lot SqFt
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1631 Hill Top View Court	\$2,280,000	5	3 1	3,902	11,763 Lot SqFt
1535 Rangewood Drive	\$2,150,000	5	3 1	4,023	8,199 Lot SqFt
5800 Vitero Way	\$1,816,000	5	3 0	2,695	8,000 Lot SqFt
6624 Gravina Loop	\$1,346,000	4	2 1	2,567	15,893 Lot SqFt
6113 Country Club Parkway	\$1,235,000	3	2 0	2,332	2,750 Lot SqFt
724 Sirica Way	\$1,235,000	5	3 1	2,753	11,000 Lot SqFt
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