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Adult bicyclist involved in fatal crash on McLaughlin Ave.

San Jose Police Officers responded to the area of McLaughlin Avenue and Tully Road to investigate a collision involving two vehicles and a bicyclist, on March 6th, 2021, at approximately 12:54 p.m.

A white Lexus RX3, driven by an adult male, traveling westbound on Tully Road, initiated a right turn onto northbound McLaughlin Avenue when it collided with an adult male bicyclist who was crossing the street in a westbound direction.

The Lexus then collided into a black 2007 Chevrolet sports utility vehicle, which was traveling northbound on McLaughlin Avenue. The black Chevrolet SUV was operated by an adult female.

The adult male bicyclist suffered major injuries and was transported to a local hospital. At approximately 6:32 p.m. the same day as the accident, the adult male bicyclist succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. The two involved motorists did not suffer any injuries.

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Black/African American history comes alive at Evergreen Valley College

Oral history offers “whole new concept” of learning

By **Lessie James, Director of J.E.W.L. and Kevin Larsen, Editor**

J.E.W.L. (Joe, Emily, Wilson and Leona) is a nonprofit organization. The nonprofit’s extensive collection provides monthly Black/African American history events, and recently, the organization has incorporated ZOOM (see below to sign up for upcoming events free of charge).

Oral Histories provide first-hand knowledge, and Lessie James, Director of J.E.W.L. and others wanted to bring past events alive by using a whole new concept of presenting history with speakers.

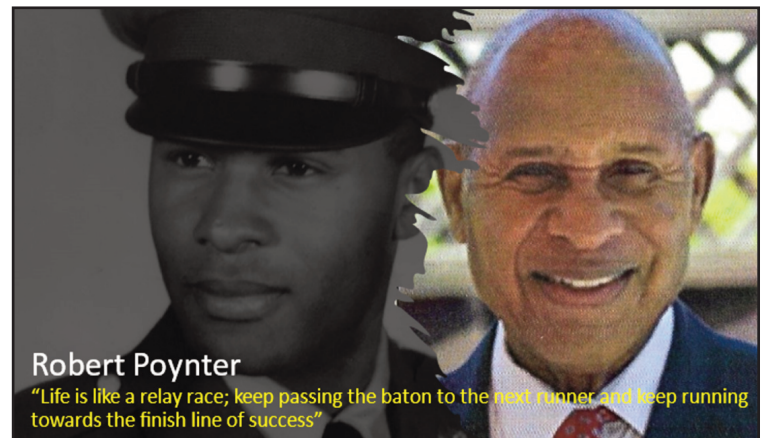
J.E.W.L. first started holding important historical oral history events at Evergreen Valley College in 2009, with the most recent presentation held February 17, 2021. Here is some additional information about

the nonprofit and what they do to promote Black/African American History in our world.

EVC helps keep Black/African American History alive

J.E.W.L. pays homage to Black/African American History in collaboration with Evergreen Valley College by providing an exploration to help keep Black/African American History alive; helping all students to truly understand the truths that lie in their heritage.

J.E.W.L. currently operates separately and is housed at Evergreen Valley College, and has established collaborative efforts with the San José-Evergreen Community College District and acknowledges the college’s innovative working relationship with J.E.W.L. to expand the understanding of Black/African American History throughout the world. Special thanks to President of Evergreen Valley College, Tamneil Gilkerson, Technology Advisor Sean



Robert Poynter

“Life is like a relay race; keep passing the baton to the next runner and keep running towards the finish line of success”

Oral Histories provide first-hand knowledge. J.E.W.L. helps bring past events alive by using a “Whole New Concept” of presenting history with speakers.

Dickerson and Intern Gene Daniels. **Black/African American Museum**

The Oral History Learning Institute/Museum is the result of research conducted by history, psychology, and sociology experts, as well as lay concerned citizens, who take seriously the issue of Black/African Americans’ social progress in the U.S. As this progress largely involves understanding past social practices, the research performed

revealed not only a need, but also desperation to avoid a total disconnect between the Black/African American and his unique social history. Likewise at issue in presenting these materials is not only the bare root African past, but its legacy of struggles, accomplishment, pride, and an essential everlasting social contribution to American society. The Institute/Museum collects as
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COVID-19 pushes Santa Clara County dropout rate up

By **Lorraine Gabbert**

Article courtesy of *San José Spotlight*
Distance learning has led to an increase in students dropping out of high school in Santa Clara County.

The 2021 Silicon Valley Index, released by nonprofit Joint Venture Silicon Valley’s Institute for Regional Studies, showed this was especially true for homeless youth, English-language learners, Hispanic and low-income students.

Rachel Massaro, vice president and director of research at Joint Venture Silicon Valley, said students have struggled with distance learning, especially those facing inequities.

“The fact that the pandemic has increased dropout rates in Silicon Valley is highly troubling,” Massaro said. “Not just because we don’t ever



Chris Funk, superintendent for East Side Union High School District, said the coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately impacted Latino students. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

want any students to drop out of high school, but also because of the disparities in how students were able to weather this crisis.”

Filipino students saw the highest increase in dropout rates among high school students in Santa Clara County schools. In 2019-20, an additional 160 Filipino students left school without a degree

compared with the previous school year, Massaro said. That increase, from 37 to 197 dropouts out of the nearly 1,000 Filipino high school students in the county, represented a jump in their dropout rate to nearly 20% from about 4%.

Over the 2019-20 school year, 2,946 of the 21,398 high school students in a Santa Clara County cohort dropped out, about a 14% dropout rate. That’s up from 9%, or 1,925 dropouts out of 21,276 total students the previous year. Among the racial and ethnic groups in Santa Clara County who dropped out during the 2019-20 school year, 52% were Hispanic, 20% Asian, 14% Black and 13% white.

Language divide

Distance learning is especially difficult for people
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Adding affordable apartments to neighborhoods designated single family is the State of California's answer to an ongoing problem; the lack of affordable housing.

Growing movement pushing to add small apartments to single family neighborhoods

Proposals to change status quo likely to face hearings and votes

By William Bellou
Publisher

While more than 80 percent of residential property in the Santa Clara County is zoned exclusively for single family homes, there is a movement growing that's pushing to add small apartments to subdivisions, challenging current restrictions.

Adding affordable apartments to neighborhoods designated single family is the State of California's answer to an ongoing problem; the lack of affordable housing. Currently, only one-quarter of Bay Area families can afford to buy a home for the region's median price, just over \$1 million.

Proposals to change current multi-level restrictions most likely will face multiple public hearings and votes, taking months or years for final decisions. Homeowners want to preserve their neighborhoods, while housing advocates want more development to address a chronic shortage of affordable homes and apartments.

A January 2023 deadline looms for cities to submit updated housing plans to the state. The mandated revisions must accommodate more homes and apartments - either by increasing density or land for development - to meet new state housing requirements.

California has set a target of more than 440,000 permits for new homes and apartments in the Bay Area by 2031, more than

double the allocation from the previous eight-year Regional Housing Needs Allocation cycle.

Former San Jose City Councilman Pierluigi Oliverio has been organizing resistance to the plan. Oliverio, who serves as a city planning commissioner, said the elimination of single-family zoning would break a compact with several communities. He fears developers will outbid families for single-family homes, tear down houses and replace them with as many as six rental units.

Oliverio has written an op-ed in the *Almaden Times* and *Evergreen Times* arguing that San Jose already has a plan to add dense housing downtown and near transit, as well as planned urban villages that have been slow to develop. "San Jose has traditionally built more housing than neighboring cities, diminishing its tax base...It's completely unnecessary," Oliverio said.

Crash

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The identity of the victim will be released by the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office after they confirm the victim's identity and notify next of kin.

This is the 6th fatal collision for 2021.

Anyone with information on this investigation is urged to contact Detective Garcia #3931 of the San Jose Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

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Two men killed in Evergreen just one day apart; city's 7th and 8th homicide of 2021

Two men are dead after receiving gunshot wounds just one day apart in Evergreen.

An unidentified man was shot and killed Saturday afternoon, March 6 just after 5:30 p.m. near O.B. Whaley Elementary School.

Information provided in a tweet stated the victim had suffered life-threatening injuries, then updated that report late Saturday to say he had died after being shot near Bowling Green Drive.

Authorities did not release any further information about the circumstances of the shooting or say whether any arrests have been made.

The Saturday afternoon incident is the city's 8th homicide of 2021.

March 5th killing

San Jose Police officers responded to the 2800 block of Glen Keats Court near Lake Cunningham Park in Evergreen on a re-

port of a person shot at 5:54 a.m. on Friday, March 5.

When they arrived, they located an adult male suffering from at least one gunshot wound. The victim was declared deceased at the scene by paramedics.

There are currently no suspects identified or apprehended. The motive and circumstances surrounding the incident are under investigation.

The identity of the victim will be released by the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office after confirming the victim's identity and notifying next of kin.

The Friday morning incident is city's 7th homicide of 2021.

Anyone with information is asked to Contact Detective Sergeant Miri #3860 or Detective Reckas #3440 of the San Jose Police Department's Homicide unit at 408-277-5283. Persons wishing to remain anonymous may call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 408-947-7867.



The moon, hills and Bre'r Buzzard!

A waxing gibbous moon, about 98% full, just over the hills to the east of the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen, while Bre'r Buzzard makes a late sweep checking for dinner on Feb. 25. Photographer Lou Alexander was in the right place at the right time! *Photo courtesy of Lou Alexander*

Ahrin Lee and Ishika Nimmagadda of Evergreen Valley named to University of Twin Cities Dean's List

Ahrin Lee and Ishika Nimmagadda of Evergreen Valley have been named to the 2020 fall semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities.

Lee is a College of Liberal Arts major and Nimmagadda is a College of Science and Engineering major.

To qualify for the Dean's List, a

student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

The University of Minnesota is a public land-grant research university in the Twin Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, Minnesota. The Twin Cities campus is the oldest and largest in the University of Minneso-

ta system and has the sixth-largest main campus student body in the United States, with 51,327 students in 2019-20. It is the flagship institution of the University of Minnesota System, and is organized into 19 colleges, schools, and other major academic units.

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Biola University

Local residents named to Dean's List at Biola University

Evergreen Valley residents **Chloe Chow, Hanna Erickson, Bernardine Landicho, Emily Lindholm, Kelaiah Moore, and Katie Nguyen** have been named to the Dean's List at Biola University.

Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2.

"Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship," said Tamara Anderson, Associate Provost of Academic Effectiveness and Administration. "These attributes are the building blocks of continued success, not only in the classroom, but in the workplace and in the student's personal lives. We celebrate these students and their achievement, looking forward to their future accomplishments."

Biola University is a nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California. It was recently recognized as one of America's best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the "best national universities" category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2021 rankings.

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cur-rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.



The Aloha Roller Rink at Eastridge Mall in San Jose opened as a COVID-19 vaccination clinic.

Santa Clara County opens a new Vaccination Clinic at Eastridge Mall

Santa Clara County has opened a new COVID-19 vaccination clinic at a roller skating rink in Evergreen Valley.

The clinic is in the 95122 zip code area, which has contributed to one of the county's highest rates of COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and deaths, according to officials.

In conjunction with Stanford Health Care, the county expanded its vaccination reach into underserved areas with the clinic at Eastridge Mall's Aloha Roller Rink.

Initially, the site will open as a drop-in clinic with first-come first-served tickets provided to eligible residents. Next week, it

will transition into a combination of appointment and drop-in availability, the county said.

The new vaccination site is open seven days a week and offers some evening appointments, with a goal of reaching a capacity of more than 2,000 shots a day.

"Locating a mass vaccination site in East San José is how we will vaccinate our residents and workers who have been infected by COVID-19 in much higher numbers," county Supervisor Cindy Chavez said in a statement.

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Covid-19 update

By Mayor Sam Liccardo
Special to the Times

Santa Clara County is now in the Red Tier of the State's Blueprint for a Safer Economy. What does this mean for our neighbors and local businesses?

- Indoor dining may resume at 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer

- Museums, zoos, etc. can resume indoor operations at 25% capacity

- Gyms and fitness centers may resume with 10% capacity

- Retail allowed indoors with restriction to 50% capacity

- Personal care services allowed indoors, with modifications

If you need a COVID-19 test, don't wait! Testing helps identify and stop the spread of COVID-19 cases, and is one of the factors that is helping our county reopen under State regulations. For a full list of COVID-19 testing sites in Santa Clara County, go to scfreetest.org or call 2-1-1.

The County offers support options for people who test positive or have been in contact with someone who is COVID-19 positive. If you need help with food, bills, or a place to stay while you isolate or quarantine, please call 408-808-7770 to learn about supportive services from the County of Santa Clara.

All Santa Clara County residents over the age of 65 are eligible for the vaccine and as of February 28, 2021, healthcare providers in Santa Clara County will expand vaccination to workers in the following industries: education and childcare, food and agriculture, and emergency services. If your provider is currently not making new appointments, you can sign

up to be vaccinated by the County. Vaccination signups with the County are available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, and Chinese.

If you are currently ineligible to be vaccinated, register for the State of California's My Turn to be notified when it is time for you to receive the vaccine.

Vaccine information is constantly changing, so visit scfreetest.org for the latest updates from the Santa Clara County Public Health Department.

To track vaccinations across the county, check out the County's COVID-19 Vaccine Dashboard.

City budget

As a part of our budget engagement process for the upcoming 2021-2022 budget, the City of San Jose has created an online budget tool called the "Balancing Act" to gather resident feedback.

City services impact the well-being of our community and affect how we meet the challenges posed by the ongoing pandemic. The Balancing Act allows us to gather feedback on how residents and community stakeholders would prioritize dollars when trying to balance the budget.

The Balancing Act is available in three languages: English, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Thank you for your participation, and please share it with your San José neighbors!

English: <https://sanjose.abalancingact.com/2021>

Español: <https://sanjose.abalancingact.com/spanish2021>

Vietnamese: <https://sanjose.abalancingact.com/vietnamese2021>

Paid Sick Leave Extension

The City Council's action on January 5, 2021 extends the Paid Sick Leave Ordinance retroactively from January 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021. The City ordinance fills the gaps left by expired federal legislation and now includes, for the first time, a private "right of action" to enforce the benefits. This

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San José Mayor Liccardo endorses citizenship for Essential Workers Act

Bill gives undocumented pandemic essential workers a path to citizenship

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo released the following statement in full support of the Citizenship for Essential Workers Act, which was introduced in the United States Congress on Monday, March 1. One of the bill's lead sponsors is new California Senator Alex Padilla.

"Throughout this pandemic, there have been people that have put their lives, and the lives of their families, on the line to deliver our most essential services.


They helped our communities keep medical care, food on our tables and services running. It is time we recognized their commitment to this country with a promise that their American Dream is within reach.

I applaud Senator Padilla for his leadership on this legislation. Along with his fellow Senators and the members of the House, he has championed the needs of our neighbors as one of his first acts in the U.S. Senate. I look forward to continuing to work with him on issues critical to my city and our state."

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City of San Jose and Habitat for Humanity work to relocate and reinvent historic landmark - The Pallesen Apartment Building

Thirteen months after initial approval by the City of San Jose on Feb. 4, 2020, and in a second chance to avoid a Covid-19 related near-miss with demolition, San Jose's historic Pallesen Apartment Building may yet be saved by moving it to the corner of Fourth and Reed from its current location three city blocks to the West.

By making its new home at the corner of Reed and South Fourth Street, the Pallesen move can clear the way for the upcoming residential development project on a 0.4-acre site at First & Reed.

Built in 1910, the 110-year-old Wolfe and McKenzie designed Mission Revival Style Pallesen Apartment Building is listed in San Jose's Historic Resources Inventory and is currently eligible for listing on the State Historic Registry and National Register of Historic Places.

A successful campaign to save the Pallesen Apartment Building will result in the building rolling down Reed Street on an upcoming Sunday with the move planned and carried out in collaboration between the City, Developer, Habitat for Humanity East Bay/Silicon Valley (Habitat) and various subcontractors led by Garden City Construction. Good faith steps to prepare for the move have already been taken with more in the queue. When moved to its receiver site, the building will sit on temporary box cribbing while water, sewer and power utilities are installed, and a foundation poured and cured. For public safety, the site will be fenced in and monitored.

Once secured to its new foundation, Habitat will renovate the building and ready it to be the new home for four families earning low incomes with a 55-year deed restriction that ensures true "affordability" for at least the next half century. Each of the 1,100 sq. ft. units will be sold at



prices well below market and through an affordable, non-profit mortgage not exceeding 30-35% of the homeowners' monthly income – bringing homeownership within reach of families typically priced out of the opportunity.

Many organizations and people are collaborating to make this historic affordable housing project a reality. PAC*SJ first engaged in this project back in 2019, advocating to save this building for future generations through the public process used by the City to review and approve new development projects which impact the City's historic resources.

For more information, visit www.Preservation.org, www.preservation.org/pallesen



LOCAL NEWS

Affordable homes eyed at former Chuck E. Cheese site

Many residents of Almaden Valley have fond memories of family celebrations and get-togethers at the Kooser Rd. Chuck E. Cheese.

Now, nearly 200 affordable homes could pop up on the site, according to preliminary plans being reviewed by city planners. They believe the size of the property makes it suitable for the new project. Developers are ready to submit a purchase contract.

Affirmed Housing is planning a 100 percent affordable residential development on Kooser Road between Blossom Hill Road and Meridian Avenue, the plans show, which San Jose officials believe is a "great spot" for affordable housing.

Chuck E. Cheese shuttered its 1.6-acre site at 1371 Kooser Rd. last year amid the economic consequences unleashed by the sometimes lethal coronavirus.

Another Coronavirus casualty, the once popular Fish Market Restaurant on Blossom Hill Rd., is also under consideration for affordable development, which could be as high as six stories and might include ground-floor retail.

Nearby resident feedback could delay or stop the project depending on how the project is received during the City's community outreach program.



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COVID update

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allows an employee to take civil action against an employer to enforce the terms of the Ordinance. Other technical changes bring the ordinance in line with newer health regulations; for instance, eliminating references to "essential work" and "essential business," because these terms are no longer used in the later Health Orders. For more information, please visit San Jose's website.

Dwellings Podcast

Dwellings is a podcast from the San José Housing Department that focuses on the work the City is doing in the fight to end homelessness. Each episode features an in-depth conversation with experts from local non-profits, city staff and electeds.

The first episode launched on February 11 and featured Jen Loving and Lee Clark from Destination: Home.

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Veggielution was selected as the 3rd place recipient for the 2021 Childhood Obesity Prevention/Environmental Health and Sustainability Grants Award in the Large City category.

The \$15,000 grant will allow Veggielution to complete renovations to their Youth Garden, making it more accessible to the thousands of families and individuals who visit each year.

Veggielution will apply accessibility best practices to the Youth Garden by improving the entryway to the garden from the parking lot, installing accessible pathways throughout the garden, as well as building new seating options and raised garden beds. They will incorporate comfortable, easy-to-access seating areas so visitors can have convenient spots to take a break, rest, and reflect while maintaining physical distance.

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Silicon Valley Strong Fund

As we continue to face the economic downturn from the pandemic, more residents, businesses, and community-based organizations are struggling. COVID-19 continues to disproportionately impact low-income families who are unable to afford a financial or medical crisis. Donate now to the Silicon Valley Strong Fund to help neighbors in need--your contribution



From the Mayor
Sam Liccardo

will go directly to helping our most vulnerable neighbors and businesses.

We can open our schools and keep our teachers safe

Science should guide how we safely reopen schools. Yet politics—not science—has opened card clubs, bars, & dispensaries over the last year, while keeping children outside of closed classrooms. Remote learning is disproportionately undeserving children from our poorest

families. Gov. Newsom is right: we can do better. We don't have to wait for Sacramento to straighten it out, though—here's what we can do locally, right now. Read the full article: <http://bayareane.ws/3dZk7fA>.

#ShopLocalSJ

The COVID-19 crisis has disproportionately impacted our local small businesses. Together we can offer significant help by putting our money where our heart is. Join the movement, #Shoplocal at your favorite businesses and restaurants, and let us know about it on social media with the hashtag #ShopLocalSJ.

Know of a small business that needs our community's help? Silicon Valley Strong recently launched a regional 'Shop Local' digital directory resource for small business listings in the area. Community members who are not active on social media can help identify their favorite local businesses by visiting siliconvalleystrong.org/shoplocal and submitting the business' information for the online directory.

Stay updated and engaged

Join Mayor Liccardo on Facebook Monday and Thursday evenings to learn about the latest community services, small business resources, health orders, and happenings in San José.

5.7M California residents to receive \$600 stimulus payments

California lawmakers have cleared the way for 5.7 million people to get at least \$600 in one-time payments.

The relief package, signed by Gov. Gavin Newsom on Tuesday, February 23, is aimed at helping lower-income people weather what they hope are the last days of the pandemic.

Individuals who are eligible for the money should get it in as early as 45 days and no later than 60 days after receiving their state tax refunds, according to the Franchise Tax Board.

The stimulus payments are part of a broader aid package the state Legislature approved worth \$7.6 billion. It includes more than \$2 billion in grants for small businesses, waives about \$25.6 million worth of business fees for restaurants and hair salons and provides \$30 million in aid for food banks and another \$5 million for diaper banks. \$470 million will go to people who earn a maximum of \$75,000 per year after deductions and use an individual taxpayer identification number to file their income taxes.

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Times Feature

More additions to the District 3 team

By Otto Lee

Special to the Times

Last month as our community celebrated the Lunar New Year welcoming the Year of the Ox - the District 3 Team celebrated new staff hires. Shortly after I took the oath of office in December 2020, I made selections for several key positions, but took the time to fill them with the best people to serve on your D3 Team.

Leading the D3 Team as Chief of Staff is Wendy Ho, MPA (Masters of Public Administration). Wendy's roots and service to the community are lifelong. She is a community advocate and civic leader, with over ten years of experience working on public policy at the local, state and federal level. Wendy Ho also serves our community as a Trustee on the San José Evergreen Community College District Board.

Wendy is being supported by Mark Tiernan, JD as Deputy Chief of Staff, Communication/Community Outreach and Michelle Pelayo-Osorio, MPA as Deputy Chief of Staff, Policy. Mark Tiernan's connections to D3 are deep. He raised his family in Milpitas, where he is a former Chair of the Milpitas Planning Commission and former CEO of the Milpitas Chamber of Commerce. He was an integral part of our successful campaign in 2020, serving as the Campaign Manager, as he did for my predecessor Dave Cortese in 2008.

The D3 Policy Team is working diligently to address a pandemic that is completely changing the way we work and live, and stressing our health care systems to the brink. They are doing this all while dealing with the major issues we faced before the outbreak - a housing crisis, impacts of climate change, keeping our communities safe and more.

Leading this outstanding policy team is Michelle Pelayo-Osorio. She is a first-generation immigrant with a deep connection to San Jose's Latino community, including her service with the League of United Latin American Citizens. She was prepared for day one because Michelle is also making her return to the D3 office, having previously served as Chief of Staff to then Supervisor Dave Cortese. We have an incredibly strong policy team, and Michelle is excited to lead actions to address the needs of our community. I know she will help empower my vision and hopes for the big issues.

Joining the policy team are Elica Rahdar, PhD, Mario Lopez, Sandy Runyan, Huy Tran, and Kevin Lee. Elica Rahdar's work in academia has her best prepared to address

health, family and women's issues, Mario Lopez will be a centerpiece in addressing social justice and immigration issue, Sandy's previous work for the County has her already fighting for issues, Huy Tran brings strong experience on housing issues, and Kevin Lee is continuing in his service to the D3 office having been a member of Cortese's staff.

The D3 Team Communications includes The-Vu Nguyen, Lawrence Su, and Diego Martinez. The-Vu has deep connections to the Asian and Viet-



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By Otto Lee
Supervisor District 3

namese community with his prior service for the D3 Team. Lawrence grew up in North San José and is currently enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley, and Diego previously worked in my law office.

Serving as my Executive Administrator is Naomi Nakano-Matsumoto. Naomi was the Senior Director of Social Justice for YWCA Silicon Valley and is a Trustee on the Fremont Union High School District Board in Sunnyvale where she raised her family.

The D3 Team and I are ready to serve the

families of Evergreen and across District 3, which includes North Sunnyvale, Milpitas and the Alviso, Berryessa, East Foothills, Evergreen & Rosemary Gardens neighborhoods of San José. Please contact our office anytime at Supervisor.Lee@bos.sccgov.org or visit SupervisorLee.org for more information. You may also follow me and our D3 Team on social media - Twitter @SupOttoLee and facebook.com/SupervisorOttoLee.

Your D3 Team is strong like the mighty ox, and we are ready to be diligent in our service to the community. Thank you for choosing me to be your voice on the County Board of Supervisors.



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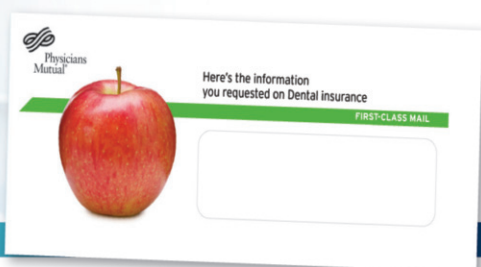
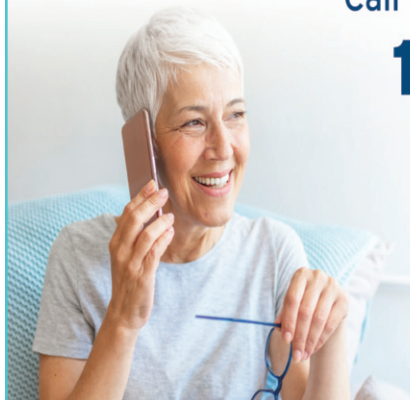
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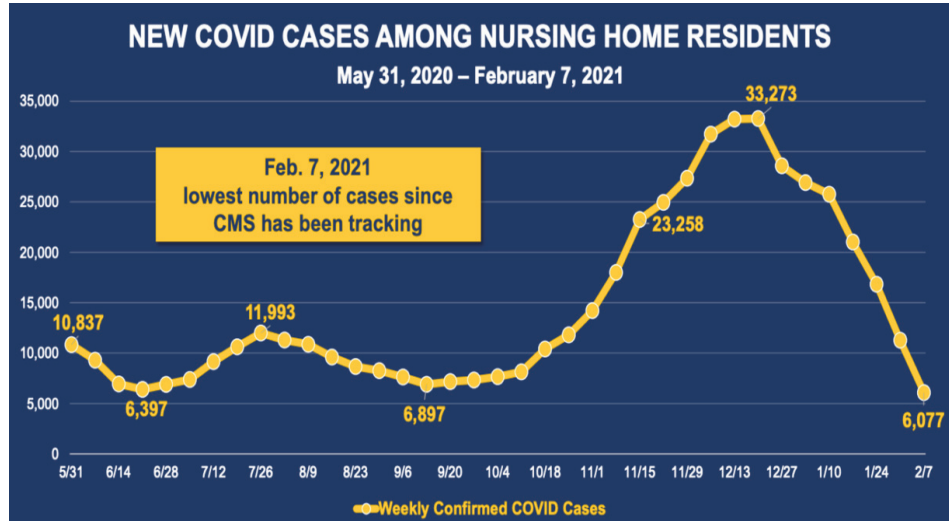
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Nursing homes see 82 percent decline in Covid-19 cases indicating the vaccines are working

Lowest amount of new COVID-19 cases since CMS started tracking in May 2020

The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), released a March 2 report showing nursing homes in the U.S. have seen the lowest number of new COVID cases since the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) started tracking back in May 2020, suggesting that the vaccines are working.

Recent CMS data shows that nursing homes have seen an 82 percent decline in new COVID cases among residents since the peak during the week of December 20 of last year when there were more than 30,000 new resident cases. In the same period of time, community cases in the general population dropped by 46 percent, showcasing that vaccines are having an impact in protecting the elderly population in nursing homes.

"We still have a long road ahead, but these numbers are incredibly encouraging and a major morale booster for frontline caregivers who have been working tirelessly every day for a year to protect our residents," said Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of AHCA/NCAL. "This new data showcases just how important it is for nursing homes residents and staff, as well as the general public, to get the vaccine because it is clearly working."

The report also shows cases have dropped to the lowest level since CMS started tracking weekly COVID cases in nursing homes last May.

Along with the lowest number of new

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COVID cases, new data also shows COVID related deaths in nursing homes declined by 63 percent since December 20, 2020.

"Though this report brings hope, we cannot let our guard down. We must continue to encourage folks to get vaccinated, especially caregivers and staff," added Parkinson. "Public health officials must also continue to ensure that long term care residents and staff remain the highest priority for accessing the vaccine, as the on-site clinics with CVS, Walgreens and other pharmacy partners are coming to a close."

"Most importantly, we call on the Administration to review its current guidance to nursing homes on restricting visitors and group activities," concluded Parkinson. "With millions of residents and caregivers now fully protected thanks to the vaccines, residents must be able to safely reengage in meaningful activities and be reunited with their loved ones."

In December, AHCA/NCAL launched #GetVaccinated, a nationwide campaign that aimed at encouraging all long term care residents, families and staff members to consent to the vaccine as well as provide credible information to help inform their decision. Last week, AHCA/NCAL also announced the nationwide goal of getting 75 percent of all long term staff vaccinated by June 30, 2020.

AHCA/NCAL represent more than 14,000 nursing homes and long term care facilities across the country that provide care to approximately five million people each year.

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Times **Feature****CAREER CORNER****Hoodies and yoga pants**

By **Angela Copeland**
Special to the Times

At times, it feels as if the pandemic has changed everything about the nature of work. One notable thing that has changed is our work attire.

For most of my career, I've thought of my work uniform as a costume. It's a version of ourselves that we show in a certain setting. It's like wearing certain clothes to religious services. You know that there are certain things that are expected, depending on where you are.

I started my career in engineering. Back then, I wore khaki pants, a golf shirt, and steel toed boots. Later in my career, I worked in marketing at a financial institution. Then, I wore a suit and high heels on many days. But now, things are very different. It is not unusual to see an entire team of people wearing hoodies and stretchy pants.

What should we make of this? The honest answer is that only time will tell. On one level, it seems that we're focusing more on talent than appearances. But, are we also letting our work slide with our casual looks?

For me, focusing less on appearances allows me to focus my energy more on what really matters – the work. I love how casual work from home has become. And, I wouldn't feel badly if I traded in my business suits for yoga pants and hoodies.

With this said, there is one time when you have to make the effort. When you're interviewing for jobs, the same rules apply even though you're remote. Dressing up for a Zoom job interview is similar to writing a thank you note afterward. It's not something that you have to do. But, you want the job, so you do it to show interest.

It's recommended that you wear the same suit you would have worn before the pandemic. Try it on in advance to be sure it fits properly. Do your hair and makeup in a similar way. Wear the same jewelry. Try to look as if things are normal.

Beyond what you look like, you also need to pay attention to your environment. In a normal job interview, you'd go in person. But at home, you have to take charge. First, realize that the company can learn so much about you that they couldn't before. Clean

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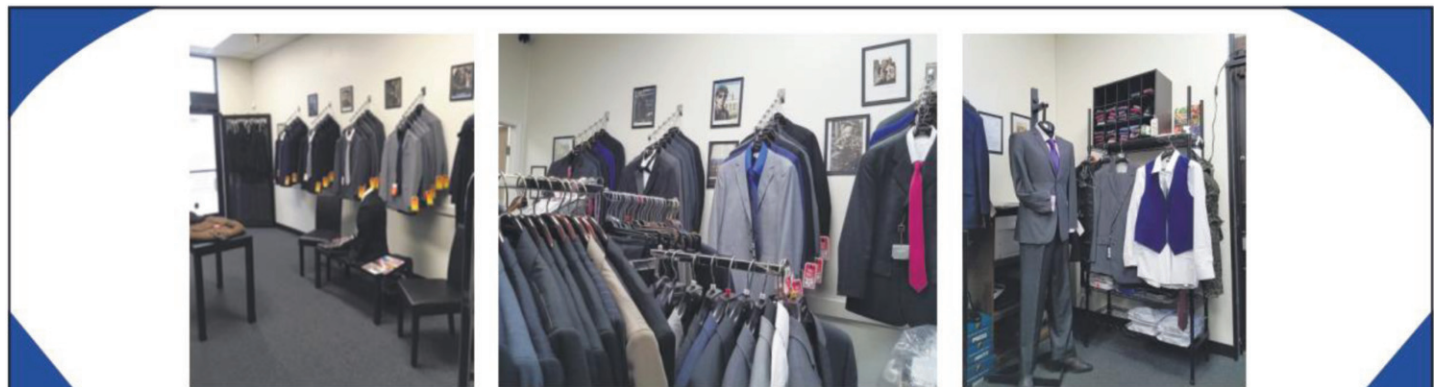


up the area around you. Be sure your space is quiet. And, consider getting a ring light for the best on screen appearance.

This sounds like a lot of work, but it's worth it for the job offer you'll secure. With any luck, the job will be remote. And, you'll have the opportunity to wear casual clothes again day to day.

What will be curious to learn ultimately is what in person office wear will look like in the future. We will have spent almost two years wearing casual clothes together. Can we all agree that hoodies and yoga pants are in our future?

Angela Copeland, a career expert and founder of Copeland Coaching, can be reached at copelandcoaching.com.

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St. Patrick's Day: The one day of the year everyone calls themselves 'Irish'

Unless you've been living under the Blarney Stone you already know that March 17th is St. Patrick's Day.

It's the one day each year that everyone and anyone calls themselves Irish – if not by birthright, then in spirit.

If you have been living under the Blarney Stone, lucky you! We bet you can share a thing or two about how a religious feast day commemorating the famed Irish Patron Saint who brought Christianity to Ireland ended up being a day celebrated almost globally, usually involving copious amounts of green beer and whisky shooters.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in more countries around the world than any other single-day national festival, largely due to America's enthusiasm for what many consider a holiday, although it is not an official holiday in America.

Parades are the heartbeat of St.

Patrick Day festivities in America. This is not surprising, since the first parade held in St. Patrick's honor took place in America, not Ireland, in 1601 in what is now St. Augustine, Florida. And the first actual St. Patrick's Day parade also took place in America, in 1737, although it was pretty much just a stroll down the middle of a street in Boston by a few Irish Protestants to honor the Patron saint of their motherland. The first St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City was held in 1762, fourteen years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence and was organized by Irish troops serving in British colonies. Today the world's biggest St. Patrick's Day celebration is the annual parade in New York City, where more than two million spectators line the parade route, all claiming to be Irish, at least for the day.

– NationalToday.com

Governor Newsom offers High School District 7.9 million to open up schools to in-person learning

At the East Side Union High School District board meeting on March 9, 2021, Superintendent Funk presented information that the Governor Gavin Newsom is offering East Side Union High School District \$7.9 million dollars to return to in-person learning.

There are specific things to be done to earn the \$7.9 million dollars.

It seems that the entire reopening of all grade levels will not occur. Only one grade level will have full access to in person learning.

The offer of the monies comes from recently passed Assembly Bills AB-SB 86.

The California State Legislature in February unveiled its proposal to address in-person instruction in identical bills—Senate Bill (SB) 86 and Assembly Bill (AB) 86. The bills provide \$2.0 billion for In-Person Instruction Grants and \$4.6 billion for Learning Recovery Grants—the same figures used by Governor Gavin Newsom in his 2021–22 State Budget proposal.

For high schools, one grade level such as seniors would need to be offered a return to school full time. However seniors and parents have the option of staying with at home with online learning.

Many requirements are needed to gain the \$7.9M for ESUHSD.

The school board passed an action item on March 9, 2021 which has a rough draft of an action plan. The action item states that the ESUHSD will reopen schools for in-person learning and it could start as early as April 15, 2021.

More discussion will take place at future board meetings. Also a reach out to students with a survey will take place soon. The district will need to get agreement from the teacher union as well.

Editor's note; To view the school board meeting for March 9th, one can go to YouTube and type in ESUHSD. To send email message to school board, go to the ESUHSD website. One can voice public comment on the ZOOM board meetings.



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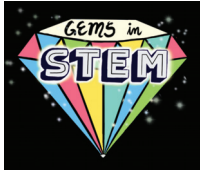
GEMS IN STEM

The Starry Night featuring Cecilia H. Payne-Gaposchkin

By Anoohya Panidapu
Special to the Times

Hi everyone! I'm Anoohya, Apoorva's sister, and I'm a guest writer this week!

For a little background on me: I'm currently a junior undergraduate at UC Berkeley, majoring in chemistry, with a minor in Global Public Health.



Given that this month is Women's History Month, and International Women's Day was just on Monday (the 8th), today we'll be talking about astronomer Cecilia H. Payne-Gaposchkin (below).

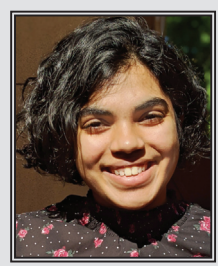


In particular, we'll learn about Cecilia H. Payne-Gaposchkin's contributions to our understanding of stars through the

lens of the adversity she faced and the legacy that she has left behind.

Cecilia H. Payne-Gaposchkin was raised by a single mother, and though she completed her studies at Newham College, Cambridge, she was not granted a degree because she was a woman. (Cambridge did not award degrees to women until 1948). Also, she was unable to advance her career in England as, at that time, it was difficult for women to get the chance to pursue an advanced degree there. So, Payne-Gaposchkin moved to the United States, where she joined Harvard University's newly established astronomy graduate program.

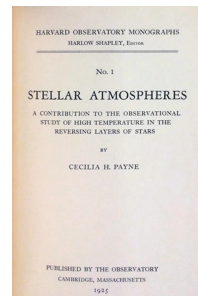
At Harvard, she worked on a doctoral dissertation titled "Stellar Atmospheres." Payne-Gaposchkin is most widely known for her discovery (made in this doctoral thesis) that most stars are largely composed of hydrogen and helium, and



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By Apoorva Panidapu

was the first to demonstrate the chemical homogeneity of the universe. The accepted belief at the time was that giant stars are made up of the same materials as Earth, as purported by the influential astronomer Professor Henry Norris Russell. Professor Russell initially didn't accept Payne-Gaposchkin's revolutionary discovery, deeming it impossible. Despite this,

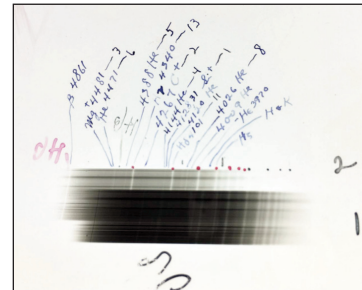
her thesis was famously described by the Director of the Yerkes Observatory (at the University of Chicago) as "the most brilliant PhD thesis ever written in astronomy." She used the Saha ionization equation (a new tool at the time) and Harvard's stellar spectra collection to establish the cosmic abundances of the chemical



elements and showed that stars can be classified according to their temperature.

By looking at the spectra of elements that researchers burned on Earth and comparing them to the starlight spectra, astronomers could under-

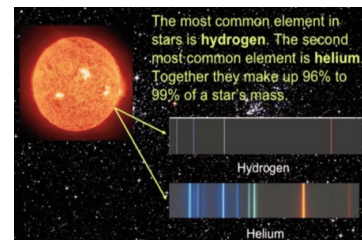
stand what stars are made of. The below image is a photograph of a star that Payne-Gaposchkin used in her research. The faint white lines in the spectrum are absorption lines, which result from the absorption of light and can be used to identify atoms. They're labeled with the wavelength and element it is from. For example, the third label from the left, He 4471, represents a helium atom with an absorption line at 4471 Angstroms (Å). An Angstrom is a unit of length equal to 10⁻¹⁰ meters.



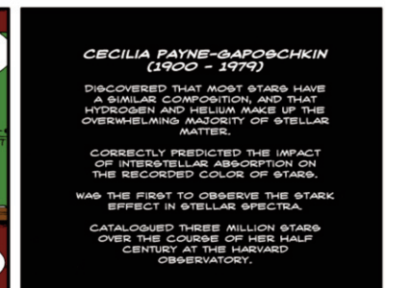
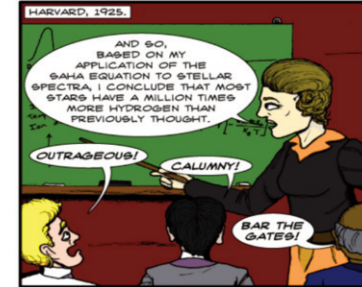
Payne-Gaposchkin used the spectral lines of many different elements and the Saha equation (as mentioned earlier) in her Ph.D. thesis. The Saha Equation relates the observed spectra of stars and their temperatures mathematically:

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By measuring absorption lines in stellar spectra and using the above equation, she showed that the different surface temperatures of the stars and variation in stellar spectra is due to the different ionization states of the atoms. At different temperatures and pressures, various atoms can be ionized to certain extents. She calculated the composition of elements in different kinds of stars, and found that they were mostly the same. This is where she discovered that most stars are largely composed of the two lightest elements—hydrogen and helium!



The Sun is a Mass of Incandescent Cats.



Gaposchkin paved the path for more women to be given opportunities at Harvard College Observatory, which other similar institutions did not give at that time.

To conclude, let's talk about Cecilia H. Payne-Gaposchkin's life and legacy and the hardships she faced in paving it. After she completed her PhD, she began teaching, writing books, and conducting research at Harvard, but was given the title "Technical Assistant" despite undertaking professorial duties. She was also never elected to the National Academy of Sciences, though she was well qualified to be. Professor Russell eventually realized her discovery was right and published his findings confirming this, in which he obtained the same results in a different way and acknowledged her work in his paper. Yet, he is still often credited for her conclusions. Only after almost twenty years was Payne-Gaposchkin granted a professorship, in 1956. She was the first woman to be made a full professor at Harvard and was the first woman to head a department there, being appointed the Chair of the Astronomy Department. She paved the path for more women to be given opportunities at Harvard College Observatory, which other similar institutions did not give at that time.

I hope you enjoyed learning about Cecilia H. Payne-Gaposchkin and her work investigating stars! I believe it's especially important to learn about the hardships that women and other minorities in the sciences have faced in revolutionizing our understanding of the world.

Thanks for reading! Feel free to reach out to me at anoohya@berkeley.edu with any questions or comments!

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Times Feature

SJ Police Chief finalists are named; some say too quickly

By William Bellou
Publisher

San Jose city officials have announced the four final candidates for police chief last week, raising questions whether there has been enough input from local groups.

San Jose's Police Chief position is open following former Chief Eddie Garcia's announcement last summer that he was retiring. Garcia has since become Dallas' first Latino Police Chief.

San Jose-Silicon Valley NAACP President Rev. Jethroe Moore, who participated in a panel last week to interview the initial selection of candidates, said "I have a real fear that nothing's going to change. The speed the city is moving in the hiring process does not provide the confidence that the community's preferences have been given any weight."

Moore was one of more than 50 participants convened to interview the first round of seven candidates. The interviewers were summoned from community groups, including Sacred Heart Community Service, SOMOS Mayfair, Black Kitchen Cabinet and La Raza Roundtable. Each selected their first, second and third choices for Police Chief.

The finalists include Assistant Chief Anthony Mata, Deputy Chief Heather Randol and interim Chief David Tindall—all from the San Jose Police Department. Larry Scirotto, a retired police chief of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is the only external candidate to make it to the final round.

Nobody knows how the community groups voted on the candidates, since panelists were required to sign non-disclosure agreements preventing them from revealing their participation.

Vice Mayor Chappie Jones said he believes the process has been transparent enough, however, he agrees that the city could share how community members' opinions will weigh in the decision.

The decision on the "Top Cop" position will be made between mid to late March.

Meet the finalists:

Anthony Mata – Deputy Chief of Police, San Jose, CA

Deputy Chief Mata serves as the San Jose Police Department's Executive Officer and has 30 years of police experience. He has been a Deputy Chief for over four years and is bilingual in Spanish and English.

Heather Randol – Deputy Chief of Police, San Jose, CA

Deputy Chief Randol has 23 years of experience with the San Jose Police Department. She currently leads the Bureau of Field Operations.

David Tindall – Acting Chief of Police, San Jose, CA

Acting Chief Tindall has 26 years of experience with the San Jose Police Department. For the past six months, Tindall has served as the Acting Assistant Chief of Police and was recently named Acting Chief of Police.

Larry Scirotto – Retired Assistant Chief, Pittsburgh, PA

Retired Assistant Chief Larry Scirotto served with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police for 23 years. He was one of three Assistant Chiefs and the youngest Assistant Chief in the history of the department. Assistant Chief Scirotto is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff & Command.



From left: Anthony Mata, Heather Randol, David Tindall, and Larry Scirotto are finalists for the Police Chief position.

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Drop out rate

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who learned English as a second language, said Cuauhcihuatl Trinidad, vice president of program operations for ConXion to Community, a San Jose nonprofit providing education, workforce, behavioral health and social services.

Parents who struggle with English can't provide homework help and access to teachers is more limited. In the 2018-19 school year, 156 English learners dropped out of high school. That number rose to 1,086 English learners in

the 2019-20 school year.

"Some find it hard to concentrate," Trinidad said. "... and will only participate if they have their parents or someone to make sure they do."

Corina Herrera-Loera, president of Alum Rock Union School District Board, said East Side youth face additional challenges to their education. As many have parents who are essential workers, they are charged with looking after their younger siblings and don't have quiet places to do their schoolwork.

"When I think of the youth in our East Side community, a lot of them are caretakers," she said. "I can't imagine the daily stress for a high

school student who is having to ... do their own work, oversee the younger children's needs and share the internet."

Herrera-Loera said this kind of stress along with connectivity challenges might lead teenagers to give up on school. They might decide that keeping their siblings safe, connected and fed while their parents need to work is the priority, she said.

Or students might feel compelled to join the workforce to make sure the family can pay their rent. Many also share a room with other family members, making it hard to concentrate.

The dropout rate for Latino students is

more than four times the rate for other students in some of the district's schools, officials said.

Chris Funk, superintendent for East Side Union High School District, agreed the coronavirus pandemic has disproportionately impacted Latino students.

To reduce dropout rates, the district decided last spring that distance learning wouldn't negatively impact students' grades. This semester, it changed all Fs to no pass. Students still have to make up for failed classes, but it doesn't impact their GPAs.

"I think that will keep more kids in the game longer," Funk said.

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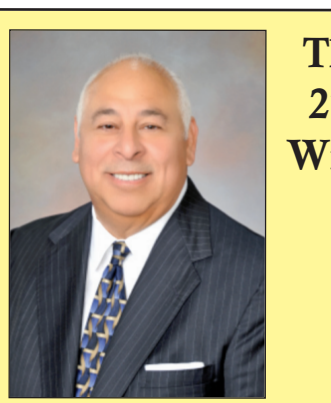
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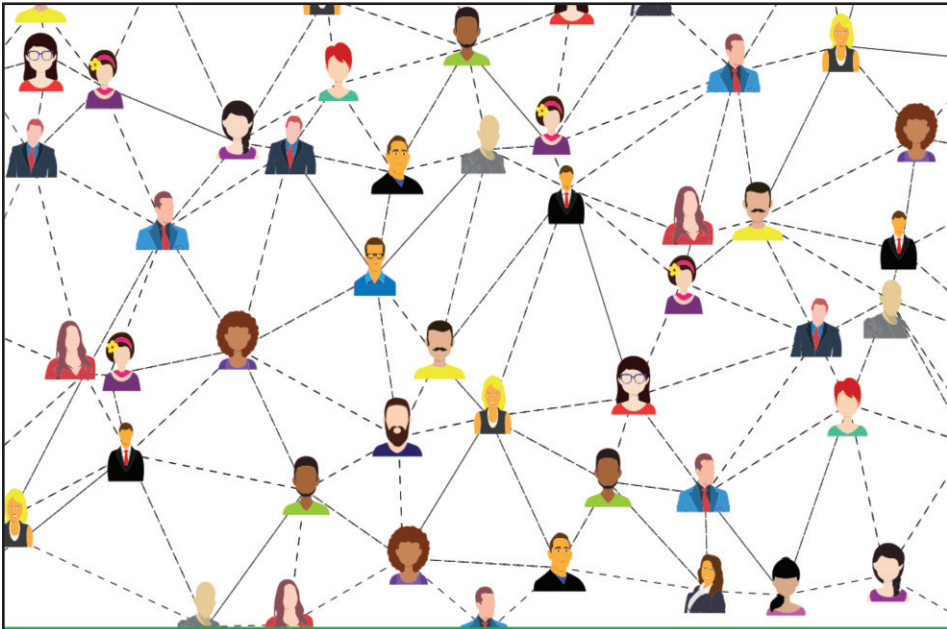
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well as preserves past and present histories, provides access to that information by way of teleconferences, SKYPE, events, free admission to and viewing of the Institute/Museum, tours, and Internships, which will also provide employment skills; excellent for research.

A whole new concept!

A nonprofit organization, J.E.W.L., and a community college operating separately yet collaboratively says to the world; Together we stand in an effort to promote education, social justice, equity, awareness, economic improvement, pride, empowerment and humanity.

J.E.W.L.'s objective

J.E.W.L.'s endeavor is to encourage the research, study, and preservation of the rich and extensive Black/African American history and its place in World History. A major goal is to make visible hidden and/or forgotten histories regarding Black/African Americans.

J.E.W.L. also provides information on "The First of Anyone" with focus on Black/African Americans who were, even under oppression/slavery and Jim Crow laws, the first of anyone to discover, develop, create, perform in most Fields of STEM and STREAMM long before the words became popular. (The second M is for Medicine).

Recap of the current annual 'Oral History' event

The J.E.W.L. event began with the music and song 'Mama Africa' by Peter Tosh. This song represents the fact that Africa is truly the "Mother Country" of the world. This musical group set the tone and enlightened all of the importance of African music and its profound



Millard Hampton, Technology business owner and Olympic Gold medalist.

influence in America and around the world. If you have a chance, go to YouTube and listen. The beautiful songs have a message about the Black/African American culture woven in their lyrics and sound.

The general public is welcome free of charge to all of our events, so just send an email asking to be informed of upcoming events. Here are the presenters and the important information they contributed.

Learning no longer confined to the classroom

David Hendricks is a historian at Evergreen Valley College and full-time faculty member. He earned his Ph.D. in American History at UC Davis in 1998 and worked with historians such as Clarence Walker, Ruth Rosen, Roland Marchand, and Michael Smith. Currently he teaches the American History, African American History and American Women's History courses. He states that the J.E.W.L. institute: "Does great work and had been an extraordinary resource for the campus and our students. "I had the privilege of being on the committee that recommended that J.E.W.L. be granted space on the EVC campus. It is very unusual for a community college to have an independent institute for research and social justice. Generally, such organizations partner with universities, so we are very privileged to host this partnership."

Hendricks continues, "J.E.W.L. provides a unique resource for our students. Ms. James works closely with many of our students to promote social justice. She also has been generous with allowing students to access the Institute's library resources, which include numerous rare titles. In addition, the Institute hosts events that bring to campus some ex-



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traordinary speakers, including members of the Black Panther Party, judges, academics, authors, and others. The events that J.E.W.L. hosts provide an opportunity for EVC students to engage with a diverse array of perspectives and expertise, which helps illustrate that learning is not confined to the classroom. The Institute also has a museum on campus, and Ms. James has been very generous with her time by acting as a guide to students who visit it. While I am typically an enthusiastic audience member for the Institute's events, on occasion Ms. James will ask me to highlight a particular historical topic. In recent meetings, she asked that I give some historical perspective on California's experience with slavery. In recent years, a number of researchers have begun to highlight that while California was a free state, that its history with slavery was more complex. In fact, many early California politicians came from the southern states and helped to influence California's sympathy for slave holders."

California and slavery in the 1880's

Hendricks states, "While my talk did not have a formal title, if it were to have one, it would be: 'Sympathy for the Slave Owner: Slavery in California in the 1850s.' I wanted to highlight how even though California entered the United States as a free state in which slavery was illegal, that the state openly tolerated slavery and supported the interests of slave holders during its early history as a State. While a 'free state' in name, it operated functionally as a slave state. In my talk, I highlighted the case of Carter Perkins, Robert Perkins, and Sandy Jones. They were brought as slaves to California during the Gold Rush in 1849. Their owner abandoned them and returned to Mississippi with the agreement that after 6 more months of work that they would be free as of November 1851. After that point, the three men operated a lucrative business selling mining supplies, living as free men. Once California became a state, it passed a Fugitive Slave Law in 1852 that allowed people who were brought to California prior to statehood as slaves to be claimed as property. Their former owner claimed the three men as property and a California court ordered the men to be detained and shipped to Mississippi. In this case, we see the California legislature and courts supporting slavery and the interests of slave owners, despite slavery's illegality in the State." Mr. Hendricks presentation drew from documents."

Hendricks pointed out that the ACLU website has a number of stories and links to legal resources, including laws and court cases and decisions that influenced California's treatment of enslaved people. For instance, California enacted its own Fugitive Slave Law in 1852 that recognized the rights of slave owners in retrieving enslaved people from California. The way the law was written, it also endangered free African Americans who could illegally be claimed as slaves. While California was officially a free state, slavery was tolerated and legally sanctioned for a time in the state's early history. Even though slavery was technically illegal, there were announcements for slave sales and auctions in California newspapers.

Songs with a historical message

Presenter: Pastor Claudel Huey, retired, a member of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens and Organizations, which fights and deals with Social Justice Issues, a Veteran and singer, a supporter of J.E.W.L. He presented songs which enlightened and gave an uplifting message with regard to Black/African American history in the world around us. His songs presented a message of the struggle from Slavery all the way to the Civil Rights movement.

**Letter from MLK in Birmingham Jail**

Presenter: Professor Anthony Pino discussed "A Letter From A Birmingham Jail" written by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., while he was in jail. Professor Pino explained the content of, reason for, the letter and states that the letter is the most prolific piece of literature that exists today. This letter is important in the struggle but rarely discussed or taught. Usually the "Dream" speech is discussed.

New changes in Juvenal Justice law

Presenter: Nisreen Baroudi Younis, J.D., is the Supervising Attorney of the Juvenile Division at the Santa Clara County Public Defender's Office in San Jose, California. She's been with the Public Defender's Office since 2004. A first-generation immigrant from Damascus, Syria, Nisreen grew up in San Jose, California, attending Quimby Oak Jr. High and Silver Creek High School in Evergreen Valley. She received her BA from U.C. Davis, and her law degree from McGeorge School of Law. Nisreen works closely with other juvenile justice advocates, community members, and juvenile justice stakeholders on disproportionality in the juvenile system as well as ending the school-to-prison pipeline.

Younis states, "I met Ms. James and other members of J.E.W.L. back in late 2015 when I became the Juvenile Supervisor for my office. Since that time, I've either attended or presented at their annual M.L.K. Jr. Breakfasts or presented at their request at various events involving legal updates. With respect to the recent presentation, I was asked to provide a new laws update covering mostly statutes that went into effect in January of this year. The presentation was well received, and I was able to cover a lot of material including the Racial Justice Act, the elimination of excessive fines and fees, the expansion of the juvenile Miranda law (SB203) to include 16 and 17 year olds, the pending closure of DJJ (youth state prison), changes in record sealing procedures, and other issues."

The Enslaved from Africa to Virginia 1619

Presenter: Sociologist Benjamin Bowser, PhD., Two key topics were presented in "The Enslaved from Africa to Virginia 1619." The Standard set in Santa Clara County against the N-Word, Resolution/See book "Gangster Rap and its Social Costs." Also he presented insights on the damages done by slavery and the "N" word in harming Black/African Americans and society as a whole.

Athletes participation in the struggle

Presenter: Millard Hampton, renowned legendary Track "N" Field Olympic gold medalist, Hall of Fame, business man, technology business owner, former African American newspaper founder/ editor, law enforcement, educator. Millard's experiences as a track star and as a Black/African American male were presented. Hampton presented how many athletes participated in the struggle for human rights and they did not just play ball, football, baseball, all of it. Athletes were rarely recognized

as they stood up for equality and justice. He also presented his experiences. The participation of many athletes for change helped shape our understanding of equality.

The Good Brothers-Speed City

Presenter: Robert (Bobby) Poynter; Legendary Coach, Track N Field runner, World Renowned Track N Field runner spoke about the The Good Brothers-Speed City, and what they did for San Jose State University as Black/African American Athletes and what they did for Civil and Human Rights. In addition, he presented the enlightening history of the athletes in their participation and the struggle which helped put San Jose State University on the map. Coach Pointer also presented first-hand knowledge of the brother of Jackie Robinson, Mack Robinson, who greatly participated in the struggle.

Warren, Pete, Miller, PhD.

He presented on Emmett Till, a childhood friend and classmate.

Curt Floyd's struggle to win free agency

Presenter: Walt Roberts,NFL, retired player presented how Curt Floyd led the struggle for all professional athletes to gain their right to be a free agent (see book, "A Well Paid Slave").

The meaning/difference between slave, spirituals, hymns and gospel songs

Presenter: Veronica Talton an Alum Rock Union Schools performing arts educator and arts education consultant provides training for students and organizations from a racial justice lens with an emphasis on social emotional learning. Having taught public school in rural and urban settings for over 25 years, Veronica specializes in developing creativity and promoting self-expression in youth and adults. Her recent presentation to the J.E.W.L., Inc community was on the evolution of African

American music. Topics explored were African slave's work songs, Negro spirituals and gospel music/hymns. The three part series of presentations trace the history of African music and sound to modern musical genres such as gospel, blues, jazz and rap showcasing visuals and audio samples. In addition, Veronica is a singer/songwriter and enjoys traveling, re-searching Black History and musical theater.

Black/African Americans first of anyone to create in the field of STEM to STREAMM

Presenter: Odila Peper graduated in Brazil. She spoke on the topic: "The First of Anyone to discover, create, develop, produce in the field of STEM to STREAMM," that happen to be African American. Even during Oppression/slavery and Jim Crow, African Americans are the First in most Fields of Medicine, Science, Technology and other. For example, Dr. Lewis Thompkins Wright, first to create in the field of medicine terramycin and aureomycin both used today.

Student Intern assists all in the J.E.W.L. organization

Student Gene Daniels, (intern at J.E.W.L.) states, "I'm a History major and I have learned a lot there (J.E.W.L.) as well for example, Hable's military campaign and I am a veteran (US ARMY) and I graduated from EVC and I am currently a student at SJSU working on my BA degree in History.

J.E.W.L. thanks everyone who makes our organization possible. This includes Evergreen Valley College, the District, Chancellor Byron Breland, and all speakers and volunteers.

If you would like to attend J.E.W.L. free events or get more information on Black/African American history, please send an email to: Lessie James, Director of J.E.W.L. at lessie.james@evc.edu.



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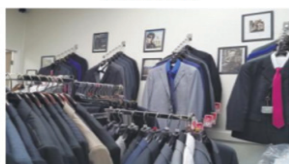
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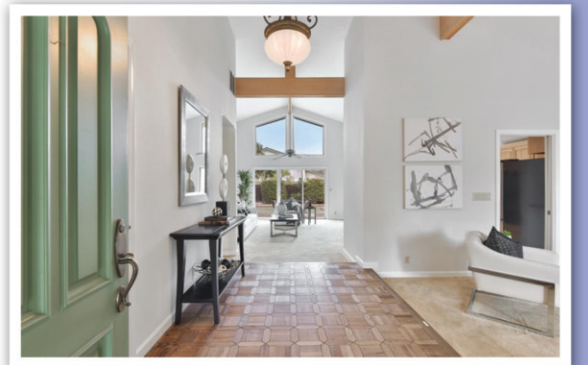


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