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Evergreen School District to return to in-person instruction August 18

The Evergreen School District (ESD) Board of Trustees has passed a resolution declaring its commitment to return to 100 percent in-person instruction beginning August 18, 2021.

ESD will utilize the same 180 days-a-year full-day schedules employed on March 13, 2020, prior to pandemic-related school closures and schedule changes, barring any county or state guidelines prohibiting it.



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Arianna Cao of Evergreen Valley High School wins bronze medal at the SA Fencing Junior Olympics

By William Bellou
Publisher

Arianna Cao, rising junior at Evergreen Valley High School, has won the bronze medal at the USA Fencing Junior Olympics Championships held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 4.

Cao won the cadet event (up to age 17) and also placed in the top 16 in the Division I event, which fencers of any age above 13 with a C rank or above may participate.

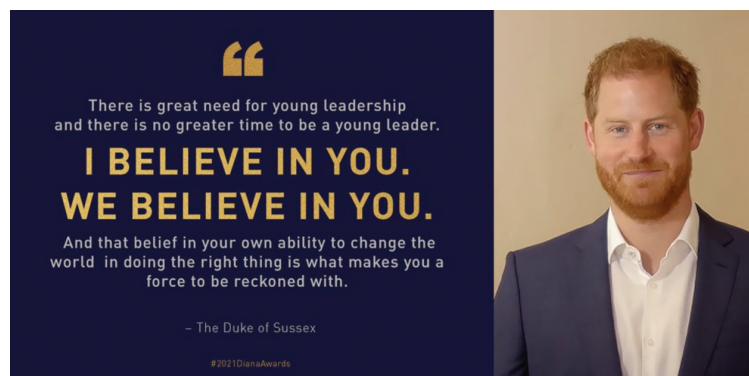
"In June, I competed in a smaller competition where I floundered," explained Arianna. "I feared that the shelter-in-place in California meant West Coast fencers lost out on training and chances to compete. However, my coaches believed in me and constantly pushed me to improve. This has been my best performance so far and I'm so excited to continue to compete as the world opens up again!"



Arriana Cao (right) wins a match at Juinor Olympics Fencing Competition, and received a bronze medal.

Arianna Cao trains in San Francisco at MTeam Fencing with US Olympic Fencing Coach, Greg Massialas.

"I owe a lot to my coaches," Arianna said. "I See FENCING, page 2



Young hero Apoorva Panidapu of Evergreen receives Diana Award

Apoorva uses her talents to help underprivileged children worldwide; Prince Harry surprises honorees saying "[My mum] would be so proud of you all"

Young hero Apoorva Panidapu of Evergreen Valley has been honored with The 2021 Diana Award for going above and beyond in her daily life to create and sustain positive change.

The Diana Award, established

in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, is the highest accolade a young person can achieve for social action or humanitarian efforts. The awardees have demonstrated their ability to inspire and mobilize their own generation to serve their communities through campaigning, volunteering, fundraising, fighting injustice or overcoming extreme life challenges. Although their causes and backgrounds are varied, what they all have in common is that they are changing their communities and

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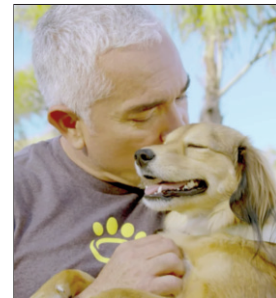
Pet adoptions rose dramatically during the pandemic.

Now that people are starting to plan a return to the office - what does that mean for your new furry friend who is used to having you around all the time? We have tips from dog behaviorist and Halo co-founder **Cesar Millan** (inset, right) on how to make this transition!

Cesar's top tips:

START SLOWLY!

Going from being around



all the time to away during the day is a big change for pets. Dogs thrive on consistency so if your dog isn't used to being alone, ease them into it with short trips away. You can gradually add more time to your time away from home. The good news is that like humans, dogs are able to adapt!

PREPARE BEFORE YOU LEAVE!

Dogs, like humans, are diurnal, so taking walks in the morning is ideal. I recommend setting aside thirty minutes to a full hour. Once your walk is complete, reward your dog by feeding them when you return home. By providing a meal after the walk, you have allowed your dog to "work" for food and water.

PLAN FREQUENT WALKS!

If you are going to be away from home for extended periods of time, it is important to plan enough exercise for your

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Above: Medal winners at the USA Fencing Junior Olympics Championships held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on July 4 are (left to right) **Gabrielle Gebala, Daniella Davia, Emily Jing, Katerina Lung, Ivy Zheng, Crystal Qian, Arianna Cao, and Ryanne Leslie.**

Fencing

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want to thank coach Dean for giving me such great confidence; coach James for the tactical tricks and strategies; and coach Greg for directing and advising me through critical matches and also giving me the con-

fidence to implement the tactical tricks and strategies at the tournament, often late into the night.

The Junior Olympics is an annual national tournament that takes place each July in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Nearly 1200 fencers arrive at the Pennsylvania Convention Center each day to compete.



Medal winners at the USA Fencing Junior Olympics Championships held in Colorado Springs, Colorado on July 4 are (left to right): **Ivy Zheng, Crystal Qian, Arianna Cao, and Ryanne Leslie.**

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'AMERICA'S GOT TALENT' GOLDEN BUZZER WINNER

World Taekwondo Demonstration Team has roots in Evergreen

By William Bellou
Publisher

America's Got Talent returned to TV last month and with the start of this season's auditions America got to witness one of the world's greatest Taekwondo performances ever caught on tape.

"This Olympic-worthy World Taekwondo act is the best I've ever seen!" stated Simon Cowell

Teammates Kelsey Ha, and Sean and Cassidy Wallace grew up in Evergreen.

When the World Taekwondo demonstration team took center-stage, the Athletes, including three team members from Evergreen Valley, captivated the judges and audience with a high-flying display of strength and discipline.

The team missed the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, but they did earn Gold on AGT (America's Got Talent) with a Golden Buzzer award bestowed by host Terry Crews.

The World Taekwondo Demonstration team includes three team members from Evergreen Valley. Teammates Kelsey Ha, 24, Sean Wallace, 23, and Cassidy Wallace, 20, all grew up in Evergreen. Sean and Cassidy trained with Team-M Taekwondo, joining

the team in Jan. 2018; and Kelsey also trained with Team-M Taekwondo, joining the team in Oct. 2009.

All three teammates joined World Taekwondo earlier this year.

Kelsey attended Evergreen Kindercare, Norwood Creek Elementary, Quimby Oak Middle School, and Evergreen Valley High School. Sean and Cassidy attended Silver Oak Elementary and Chaboya Middle School.

Cassidy explained that the three of them were all friends living in Evergreen prior to joining the team. "When Sean and I first joined Team-M's Community Program, we were rather intimidated by the incredible skill and accomplishments of our new teammates," Cassidy said. "Some we had never met, and the rest (including Kelsey) we had only known as coaches at seminars. Over the past couple of years, however, our shared experiences at training and competition have brought the three of us very close. Sean and I both feel extremely lucky to call Kelsey one of our very best friends."

"We were invited to perform at the Olympics but unfortunately we could not do it due to COVID," said Kelsey, referring to the global pandemic that postponed the



Above left: Golden Buzzer winning World Taekwondo Demonstration Team members from Evergreen Valley include (L to R) **Kelsey Ha**, **Sean Wallace**, and **Cassidy Wallace**. Above right: The World Taekwondo Demonstration Team is introduced on America's Got Talent.

Olympics by a year. During the telecast, Simon Cowell responded, "So you could say you chose us over the Olympics."

The World Taekwondo team performed choreographed action sequences that could have created for a big-budget Hollywood action film. With intricate skill, they broke dozens of difficultly-placed song-pans (wooden boards). They ended their performance with a banner that read: "Peace is more precious than Triumph," and received

thunderous applause from the audience.

"Performing with the World Taekwondo teammates felt like a dream," said Ha, who joined the team in 2009. "Getting the opportunity to represent Taekwondo on the largest stage in the world (and in front of my favorite celebrities) made it all feel so surreal."

Ha said her heart has been filled with gratitude by all of the responses and over-

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Lia Ly of Evergreen named to Emerson College Spring 2021 Dean's List

Lia Ly, a native of Evergreen Valley, has been named to Emerson College's Dean's List for the Spring 2021 semester.

Ly is majoring in Writing, Literature and Publishing and is a member of the Class of 2024.

The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher.

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Thousands attend 4th of July 'Ice Cream Social' celebration at San Jose Gurdwara in Evergreen

Annual event brought more than 2000 people together

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

Something special and wonderful happens annually: The Sikhs of Evergreen hold their 4th of July complimentary Ice Cream Social and thousands came.

The event brought people together of all nationalities and religions for the first time after the pandemic.

So beautiful were the fountains and moon lit

twilight sky that many came simply to just stroll around at the Gurdwara, eat their ice cream and watch the fireworks happening throughout the valley.

The event kicked off with a beautiful prayer for all and that was followed by the national Sikh Anthem sung by young ones. Then a local resident sang the Star-Spangled Banner. She is well known and her name is Angela Tirado.

"People refer to me as the Voice of San Jose and tonight I'm honored to share my God given talent to sing and touch souls as a reminder that freedom is not always free and to honor those who fought for our freedom," Angela said. "This is a different kind of 4th of July, we are together with open arms and hearts to celebrate being united," said Tirado. She continued, "I cherish from the very beginning that I was a community advocate and welcomed the Gurdwara to be built here and serve all!"

Once the prayer and songs were sung, the ice cream line started moving and in the next three hours more than 30 large cartons of ice cream were scooped out for the crowd. Children were welcomed back for another scoop too!

President Dhillon of the Gurdwara stated, "America is the land of the free. Some lucky ones were born here. Immigrants come here to find Freedom, Liberty and Justice for all! An important thing our guests at this event might wish to know is that, Sikhs believe, it does not matter what your status, religion, background or cul-



Voice of San Jose, Angela Tirado, is pictured with San Jose Gurdwara President Bob Dhillon during the July 4th Ice Cream Social.



ture are, we welcome you to this beautiful Gurdwara on the hill. Tonight, as we celebrate the birth of America, we understand that it is a land of opportunity and those who seek opportunity are the true Americans and they follow their American Dream in their own way. Our ancestors fought hard to get themselves free from the British government and many laid down their lives and we are greatly indebted to them today."

Vice President of the Gurdwara, Dr. Gurinder Pal stated, "The values taught by the Sikh religion are in tune with the values of the United States of America."

Many people of all cultures commented, "Good to see things getting back to normal after the pandemic... 'I like the location for it is very beautiful up here'... 'I bring visitors here often and tell them as they look out below, 'this is the Silicon Valley, it all happened here!'"

The event went into the evening with beautiful night air, vista views, flowing water fountains, complimentary vegetarian dinners and the most delicious ice cream ever churned! More important than all those things was the building of community spirit and togetherness. People smiled at each other.

When complimented on the event and how much power it took to create it for the community, a leader of the Gurdwara said, "It's not power that allows us to have this, it's love."



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Coyote problem affecting The Villages Golf and Country Club pet owners hits the airwaves on ABC 7 news station

More than a dozen
pets killed, according
to residents

By William Bellou
Publisher

The coyote problem affecting pet owners of Evergreen's Villages Golf & Country Club, a residential community for people age 55 and over, hit the airwaves with a report on ABC 7 News.

The ABC 7 report quoted residents saying coyotes have been attacking and killing their dogs and cats. Villages resident Cheryl Genovesi said that more than some 12 pets died from coyote attacks in the last 15 months, plus a number of pets have been injured.

"This coyote came out of nowhere," resident Diana Holcomb told the TV news station, describing an attack in May, when she said a coyote picked up and killed her maltipoo as she was still holding onto the small dog's short leash. "We were ambushed when the coyote picked her up and punctured her and broke her neck. She was screaming, I was screaming, trying to get her pulled up into my arms. "She was already dead. She was dead instantly."

One explanation of the attacks is that drought conditions have made food and water scarce and they like the serene Villages community with its abundant water sources.

Coyotes seem to be approaching people and pets more frequently without much fear, but experts say the animals are naturally afraid of humans, but they may see small pets as prey, and if the coyotes lose their fear of people, that can spell trouble.

Villages residents are trying to defend their pets by taking bear spray and weapons on walks with them, as well as trying to chase off the coyotes — leading one man to trip and fall, sending him to the hospital. "I got it off into the bushes, but fell doing it," Nelson Frick told ABC 7 News.

Their efforts haven't met with the success they hoped, according to Holcomb: "Even if I had the bear spray with me — because I was just taking her out for a second — I couldn't have pulled it out fast enough, because it was there, and it was on [the dog] in seconds."

The residence community's general manager, Tim Sutherland, called it an "ongoing co-existence battle," saying the coyotes in the area have lost their fear of humans. The Villages is trying to educate residents on ways to eliminate food sources (like bird feed and pet food left outside) in hopes of giving the animals fewer reasons to come around.

"Coyotes that are fed in residential neighborhoods can lose their fear of people and may eventually test humans (and pets) as possible



prey," according to the Urban Coyote Research Project. "Intentional feeding, such as bait stations in yards or parks, should be strictly avoided. However, many people un-

intentionally feed coyotes by leaving pet food or garbage out at night or having large bird feeders. Coyotes are usually not interested in bird food, but bird feeders often at-

tract rodents, especially squirrels, which then attract coyotes." "I don't think there's enough bird feeders to attract all the coyotes that we're dealing with now," said Frick,

who said one of his dogs was also killed by a coyote in May. California Senator Dave Cortese's office said the lawmaker has been See COYOTES, page 9

Coyote Co-Existence – A “Whole Villages” Approach

(Association, Club, and Homeowners Boards working with Staff)

Control the Environment

- Continue to patrol & repair the fences
- Trim landscaping to reduce areas where coyotes can hide
- Publish where attacks have occurred

Continue contacting authorities

- Report all incidents
- Track problematic locations
- Continue to work with all government representatives

Continue to educate members on harassment techniques

Eliminate Food Sources:

- Stop feeding ducks & geese at lakes and golf course
- No pet food outdoors
- No bird feed on the ground
- Pick up dropped fruits & vegetables

Walk Safely

- Short, fixed leashes
- No dogs off-leash or outdoor cats
- Keep dogs alongside or in front of you
- Consider protective vests
- Avoid dawn and dusk time periods
- Carry an air horn or shrill whistle
- Carry a walking stick to defend against coyotes

Rules and Fines

- Education preferred to enforcement
- Club Rules, Association Rules enforced



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President's Day Break	Feb	21 & 22
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Santa Clara County to receive Reid-Hillview Airport toxicity report

Process begins to potentially close Reid-Hillview Airport

By Lloyd Alaban
Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Santa Clara County has started the process to close Reid-Hillview Airport, but its future—and the supposed danger of lead exposure to surrounding residents—hangs on an upcoming health survey.

The survey, conducted by the county, will be released to the Board of Supervisors on Aug. 17, according to county officials. It will examine whether residents in Reid-Hillview’s flight path—the Latino-heavy East San Jose—are exposed to lead from planes flying overhead, as well as give recommendations for land use and updates on potentially closing the airport.

The county will hold two community meetings to solicit input: one on Aug. 11 at 6 p.m. primarily for East San Jose residents and another on Aug. 12 at 6 p.m. for South County residents. County officials were not



Reid-Hillview Airport in East San Jose. File photo.

immediately available for comment about the airport’s closure.

Unlike cars, where leaded fuel is banned by federal law, some airplane fuel still contains lead, believed for decades to contribute to cancer. If Santa Clara County supervisors go through with a proposal to consolidate Reid-Hillview’s operations with San Martin Airport just outside of Gilroy, San Martin residents could be exposed to elevated lead levels.

“We’ve been seeing quite a few articles in regard to how San Jose residents feel about the closure (of Reid-Hillview),” said Sharon Luna, secretary of the San Martin Neighborhood Alliance. “Sometimes it’s for the closure, sometimes it’s not.” Luna said the alliance lobbied the county for months to be included in conversations about consolidating Reid-Hillview’s operations in San Martin.

They’re concerned that the county hasn’t consulted San Martin residents enough

about the consolidation and without knowing for sure if lead contamination is solely from planes.

She also feels that even if the upcoming survey doesn’t find lead exposure, San Martin could still be used for Reid-Hillview’s operations. Luna recounted watching a conversation Supervisor Cindy Chavez had with advocacy group Mothers Out Front in May. When Luna’s colleague, alliance president Stephen McHenry, asked Chavez if she was in favor of closing the airport even if the planes there switched to unleaded fuel, Chavez responded, “I probably would.” “But let me just say one thing about (unleaded fuel) as a possibility,” Chavez said at the time. “I think it’s very likely over the next 20 years we’ll see leaded fuel go away, but that’s an awfully long time for communities impacted by lead to suffer with it.”

Chavez introduced a motion in 2018 to stop accepting federal grants to fund the airport. The decision called for exploring

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helping seek solutions to the issue.

“Our Department of Fish and Wildlife has been working closely with The Villages management and staff over the past several months to monitor this situation and administer the best course of action,” the senator’s office wrote in a statement provided to ABC7 News. “My Office is also in regular communication with the Department of Fish and Wildlife and The Villages to serve as a resource and evaluate what can potentially be done on the legislative level to help to reduce these types of conflicts with coyotes in our community.”

Residents of the community shared a letter from Sen. Cortese in which he said that The Villages Homeowners Association has the authority to decide whether to trap and euthanize the coyotes.

Presidents’ Council Teams Up on Coyote Concern

At their June meeting, the presidents and vice presidents of the three Villages Boards (Club, Association and Homeowners’) focused on the coyote issue that is of such great concern. All Presidents’ Council members agreed that until the coyotes’ population or behavior can be changed; human behavior must change.

The Villages will be presenting a Zoom Town Hall meeting with coyote expert, Carolyn Whitesell, on Tuesday, August 10 at 10 a.m. In the meantime, the Villages has outlined a three-prong approach, which is illustrated in the chart on page 7.

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Racism and sexism in the music industry

By Sachi Uttarwar
"The Voice of Gen Z"

Music is universal. It is poetic, raw, tranquil, gut-wrenching, heart-racing, passionate, intoxicating, electrifying, and plain beautiful.

Music can move us and transport us into another place and time of our lives. While sitting in our homes, music can send us to a field of flowers and wild grass in the middle of nowhere or a high-energy party in the suburbs. Music has no bounds and can connect people who speak different languages and live across the world from each other.

We connect with artists who pour their truth into music and sometimes find a role model in them or relate to their background and experiences or struggles they've faced. While music may be straight to the point and simple, the music industry is not, and we're going to unpack how race and gender play a role in the industry. It should be noted that there are other ways the industry discriminates against people, like based on sexuality, but for now, we are going to focus on race and gender.

With the 2021 Grammys came a lot of news of racism and xenophobia. The Weekend had a very successful past year with one of the biggest albums of the year, *After Hours*, and the most popular song of the year, "Blinding Lights." After his exponential success, his lack of Grammy nominations didn't make sense. He spoke out about the lack of transparency of the Grammys, to which many other artists added on their own experiences and opinions. Nicki Minaj spoke out about not winning the "Best New Artist" award in 2012 despite having seven songs on the Billboard Charts and having a bigger first week than any other female rapper with her album, yet she lost to a white male artist, Bon Iver. BIPOC artists have been snubbed numerous times, year after year while having the immense success that is well-deserving of nominations and wins. We saw a similar pattern with the well-known and loved K-Pop group, BTS. BTS had a great past year, along with the Weekend, and beat YouTube records while getting their first Grammy nomination for "Best Pop Group/Duo Performance."

What's unfortunate is that BTS only received some recognition from the Grammys and other award shows now, even though they have been killing it in the music world for years. What is also something to consider is that generally, when artists or groups are nominated for music that isn't in English, they are nominated in a separate category.

For example, Latinx artists are always nominated under categories like "Latin Pop" instead of "Pop." This makes it seem like their music is good but not good enough to compete with English-based artists, which is completely wrong. The music industry, including but not exclusive to these award shows, needs to actively broaden its coverage of music to include places outside the US and recognize non-Western artists for their talent and contributions to the music world. They also need to stop being racist and promote diversity instead of suppressing it and acknowledge the amazing BIPOC voices in music.



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But what about gender? We have covered some of the racism and xenophobia of the industry, but not the gender biases. Like every other field, inequality between men and women exists in the music industry. One artist who has faced a lot of sexism in her career is Nicki Minaj. Nicki Minaj is one of the most successful female rap artists since the late 2000s and what is most admirable about her

success is the fact that she is ruling a male-dominated genre. In 2017, she took to Twitter to talk about how many musicians in the industry were glad to work with male rappers like Drake, J. Cole, and Kendrick Lamar, but did not want to collaborate with her and other women. For women to succeed in the music industry, she mentioned that they have to work twice as hard as men to garner recognition, and even after doing so, they are still not viewed at the same level as men.

Taylor Swift is another artist who has faced immense sexism in her career. She is one of the most famous artists today and is highly applauded for her songwriting ability, but it's her songwriting that attracts the haters. Taylor writes about her exes like every artist, but she discussed in an interview that no one hates Ed Sheeran, Bruno Mars, or other male artists for doing the same thing. When women do this, they are villainized for it and given sexist labels.

People are always finding the smallest reasons to hate female artists while excusing the problematic behavior of male artists. There is also the fact that with working harder; women have to keep reinventing themselves to hold onto people's interests, while men can explore the same kind of music for years and still be successful. The industry should be encouraging more female producers and artists to pursue music instead of bringing in more sexist and misogynistic people.

In regards to all of this, while there is nothing we can do to fix the industry from the inside, we can still make small impacts. We can listen to music from artists that are female, BIPOC, outside the US, and part of the LGBTQ+ community to support artists who face discrimination by sexuality, gender, and race in this industry. We will be supporting their careers and everything they stand

for, which is fighting racism, sexism, and other types of discrimination in the industry. We can also spread awareness about these issues that plague the industry and educate ourselves more on the reaches of racism and sexism.

Make sure to use your VOICE for good! You can find the Voice of Gen Z on Instagram (@thevoiceofgenz,) on YouTube (the Voice of Gen Z,) and our website (<https://thevoiceofgenz.squarespace.com/>)! See you next month!

Editor's note: Sachi Uttarwar is a junior at Evergreen Valley High School and the creator of The Voice of Gen Z, a website and YouTube channel where she uses her voice, both literally and metaphorically.



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alternative land uses once funding runs out in 2031 and the airport closes. Supervisors voted in November to begin the planning process for closing the airport and repurposing the land. They also voted to explore the possibility of consolidating Reid-Hillview's aviation with the San Martin Airport, approximately 23 miles southeast of Reid-Hillview.

Chavez's response, combined with months of lobbying for the county to look for alternatives to closing Reid-Hillview, didn't sit well with the alliance. "We just feel like there is more to it than lead," Luna said. San Martin, with 6,803 residents according to 2019 estimates from the U.S. Census Bureau, has fewer people living close to its airport than the area surrounding Reid-Hillview.

Luna believes leaving Reid-Hillview Airport open will help with faster response to wildfires, like the one San Martin experienced last month. "Our recent fire in the hillside was handled by airplanes and a helicopter," Luna said. "What would happen if that happened to those in the hillsides of East San Jose? Where would assistance come from?"

But proponents of the airport closure say nearby residents are exposed to noise, lead levels and the dangers of living in a flight path. They point to the inequities already experienced by East San Jose residents and say the land could be used for much better

purposes, such as critically-needed affordable housing.

"The time to close Reid-Hillview Airport has come," Salvador "Chava" Bustamante, executive director of Latinos United for a New America, previously told San José Spotlight. "This (airport) is not only an environmental justice issue, but also a huge land use mistake. This 180 acres of publicly owned land could be put to better use."

A group of San Jose State University students surveyed residents in the vicinity of Reid-Hillview last month and found that a majority of the 40 respondents are in favor of closing the airport, which somewhat contradicts a District 5 United survey that found two-thirds of the 1,300 people surveyed are in favor of keeping the airport open.

The students, part of the university's masters of social work program, found that some respondents were unaware of potential lead exposure from plane fuel.

"It was just such a flawed methodology. Anybody in the world or us could fill it out," Maricela Lechuga, one of the students who conducted the resident survey, said about the District 5 United survey. "Not everybody in this community has access to the internet."

Luna says she doesn't want any rash decisions made. Instead, she's waiting on the toxicity survey to give her more information. "If the lead study shows there is lead from planes, then why would you move it down here?" Luna said. "Are we going to be sacrificed?"



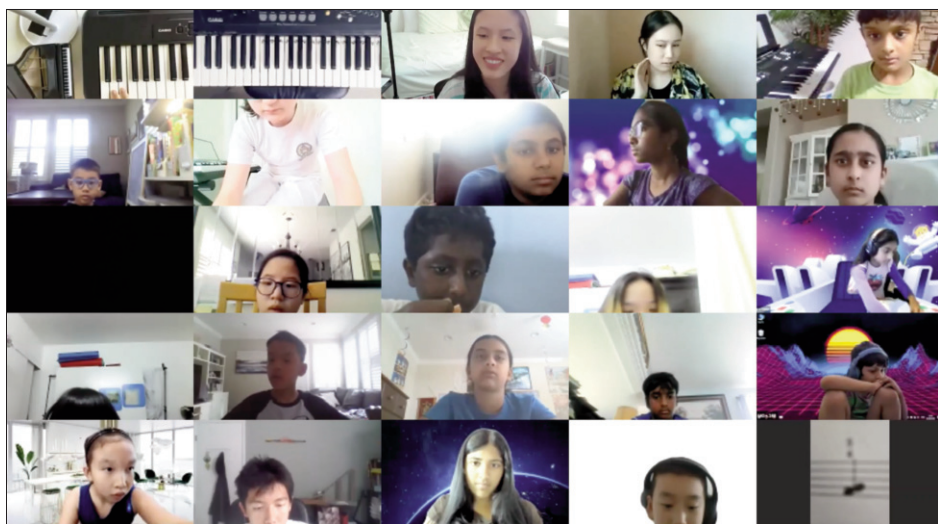

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Times **Feature**

Young Music Theorists are committed to teaching youth the power and importance of song

Jaimie Nguyen and Hailee Henny, two incoming high school sophomores at Evergreen Valley High School, have spent over nine years learning music and playing instruments.

From jamming out to songs on the radio to playing a classical excerpt on the piano, both Jaimie and Hailee developed a deep passion for music.

Wanting to create an environment where others could experience the same feelings, Jaimie and Hailee implemented Young Music Theorists throughout their community, where this organization committed to teaching young students the power and importance of song.

This summer, Young Music Theorists completed their first music theory camp, Camp Treble. Throughout this camp, they have taught their students the fundamentals of music that are needed to play any instrument and analyze music.

Although all students started as beginners, with some not having any musical experience, all Camp Treble students were able to compose their own pieces by the end of camp. Hailee and Jaimie aimed to foster a creative outlet for students to express themselves through music.

When asked about the reason that Jaimie and Hailee started this organization, Jaimie responded, "Through Young Music Theorists, we've been able to spread our love of music to young people the same way our own piano teachers have. I have always looked up to my piano teacher as a role model and admired him for sharing his knowledge of music with me in such an engaging way. I hope to be the same role mod-

el he was for me to our students and share what I know about music with more people."

Responding to the same question, Hailee stated, "We know firsthand how frustrating learning music can be. At the same time, being able to use our skills to play or create something beautiful is so rewarding. By encouraging our students to push through the frustration and hard work, we can share with them the rewarding feeling of being able to finally play that challenging piece, or understanding a difficult concept and being able to incorporate that into their own compositions."

Young Music Theorists' second camp, Camp Bass, is focused on teaching more difficult and advanced concepts in music theory. Students attending will learn more about the topics covered in the first camp, as well as many new concepts integral to the music learning process. At the end of Camp Bass, students will have the skills necessary to produce complex pieces and understand all of the components that go into their compositions.

Jaimie and Hailee hope to expand Young Music Theorists to provide their students more opportunities to perform their original compositions and become passionate musicians. They are excited to witness the musical development of all of their students in the future. With only one camp being completed so far and the organization being in its early stages, this is just the beginning for Young Music Theorists.

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Times Feature

Zero the hero

By **Apoorva Panidapu**
Special to the Times

Hi everyone! As a recap: this column is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too. This column will always be written to be fairly accessible, so you don't have to worry about not having background knowledge..

Now, what are we going to talk about today? Nothing!

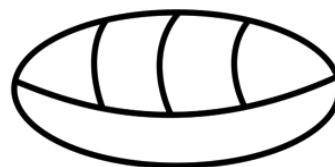
To be clear, today we'll be briefly discussing the fascinating history of the number zero. Now, using the term "number" is a little presumptuous, because it first came into play as a **placeholder**.

In particular, the first known appearance of this idea of zero was in Mesopotamia, around 5,000 years ago. The Sumerians used a counting system for practicality-- to count their goods and to keep track of things like wild horses and cattle. In writing, scribes used spaces to denote the absence of a number in a place (hence the term placeholder). Naturally, this idea eventually made its way over to the Babylonian empire around 4000 years ago, and they were the first to really use a symbol (instead of a space) to indicate this absence. Their symbol looked like the following:



For example, the number 808 means we have no tens, i.e. there is an absence of tens. But at this point, zero was just a symbol-- the Sumerians and Babylonians didn't know how to perform operations with it.

Independently, the Mayans also coined a symbol for zero around 350 A.D, using it as a placeholder in their (very confusing) calendar systems. Similar to the Babylonians, they never used it with operations or calculations. Their zero looked like this:



And now, the big moment when zero transforms from a sidekick (a placeholder) to a hero (a number)! This change took place in India, where zero ("shunya" in Sanskrit) became a mathematical concept. The concept of zero first appeared around 458 AD. The first example of a written zero was found in India, carved on the side of a temple wall. It dates back to the ninth century, and was thought to be the earliest record. However, researchers later recovered an ancient record called the **Bakhshali Manuscript**, which scientists also thought came from the ninth century. But, via carbon dating, it was discovered that it was likely written as early as the third or fourth century, making it the new earliest record of zero as a number! The Indian number system evolved into the one we used today, as they used nine number symbols with zero de-

noted as a dot. In 628 AD, Indian mathematician Brahmagupta was the first to formalize operations using zero, as he quantified it in addition and subtraction. He attempted to also formalize zero in division, but had a hard time with this problem (which will be addressed later).

As mathematics flourished and developed, these ideas started making their way eastwards to China, and westwards to Islamic and Arabic cultures. Zero journeyed with Arabian voyagers and arrived at Baghdad in 773 AD. The Arabian mathematicians started to base their number system on India's system, and started working their own magic with zero.

In fact, in the ninth century, polymath Mohammed ibn-Musa al-Khwarizmi was the first to develop the beginnings of algebra, solving equations equal to zero. He called zero "sifr," which the word "cipher" is derived from. By 879 AD, the symbol for zero looked like how we write it today-- as an oval. (But, at this time it was smaller than the other numbers.)

At first, the idea of zero was viewed as a villain instead of a hero in Europe. In particular, the Roman Empire's established number system opposed the Hindu-Arabic system. But, in the 13th century, European mathematicians like Fibonacci celebrated zero (the hero) by using it in their works, in turn advocating for this new number system. Thus, zero became a part of Europe's mathematics.

In the following centuries, mathematics evolved from no longer being solely about practicality, but to a beautiful world of abstract concepts and beautiful structures. In this evolution, zero has continued to be a mathematical wonder. Yet, the problem of division by zero confounded many. Working with this problem formed the cornerstone of calculus. Calculus would allow anyone to break systems into smaller and smaller units that approach zero, meaning we wouldn't have to divide by 0. (Interestingly enough, researchers found earlier signs of calculus in India before Leibniz and Newton's works, likely a result of India being the first to champion zero as a number!)

Nowadays, it's hard to imagine our lives without our hero, zero. It's something schools take for granted to explain we have nothing of something. It helped create the foundation of computer programming-- the binary number system. It plays an integral role in physics, economics, and so many other fields. So it seems that something can indeed come from nothing. All hail zero the hero!

To end this, I want to give you a pick-up line that will definitely work on anyone:

Are you the number zero? Because I can't imagine my life without you.

If you do somehow end up with nada, zilch, zero results from this line, remember nothing is still...something?

Until next time!

If you found this interesting, make sure to check out the next column! Again, if you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoorvapwrites@gmail.com.



Gems in STEM
 By **Apoorva Panidapu**



Times **Local News**

San Jose residents defy orders, light fireworks

By Eli Wolfe

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

San Jose residents lit up the night sky on Independence Day, ignoring weeks of pleas and threats from city and county officials to not set off illegal fireworks.

The full scope of the evening's explosive festival is not available yet, but the first batch of data is a mixed bag.

The San Jose Fire Department responded to 20 fireworks-related incidents on July 4. For the month leading up to the holiday, residents filed 1,644 online reports about fireworks.

That's significantly lower than the 6,601 filed for the same period in 2020, but San Jose Fire Department spokesperson Erica Ray said this year's data is preliminary and subject to change. She added that no firework-related fatalities occurred on July 4, but the department doesn't yet have details on injuries.

"The breakdown of fireworks-related incidents still needs to be reviewed by staff and today is a city holiday," Ray told San José Spotlight on Monday. The initial figures suggest that some San Jose residents listened to the weeks of warnings to not set off fireworks over the weekend. But some offi-



Fireworks are illegal in most of Santa Clara County.

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cials were discouraged that the educational campaign by multiple agencies seemed to miss a large chunk of the population.

"I don't think anyone took heed of the warnings on illegal fireworks," said Matt Tuttle, San Jose fire captain and president of the San Jose Fire Fighters Local 230 union.

Tuttle told San José Spotlight that crews responded to several fires in Alviso, but he noted that firework use appeared fairly widespread throughout the city. Tuttle did not express much optimism that officials will have more luck curbing fireworks next year. "Perhaps a city sanctioned fireworks show could help, but people know the fines and know the risks but illegal fireworks still occur," Tuttle said.

Chelsea Burkett, a seasonal firefighter for the Cal Fire Santa Clara unit, did not have preliminary data on complaints. But she told San José Spotlight that county law enforcement only issued a couple ci-

tations. The big success was that firefighters were able to keep blazes contained to under .01 acres. "(It's) amazing, especially compared to last year's Fourth of July—it was quite a decrease in incidents," Burkett said. Sanctioned shows in Morgan Hill and Gilroy may have helped curtail some illicit firework use, she said.

Just how many fireworks went up in the sky on July 4 is unclear. But it was enough to cause a spike in air pollution in San Jose, worsening the air quality index from good to moderate overnight.

Videos shared on Twitter show dozens of multi-colored explosions across the San Jose skyline. On social media, some residents and officials vented against the display. "The fireworks are completely out of control," tweeted Assemblyman Ash Kalra. "There's no sympathy for veterans or others with acute sensitivity to sounds of explosions. And, the pets & wildlife. This is sheer torture for the animals. I've never heard it this bad before and that says a lot being in San Jose."



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The economic benefit of community colleges

By Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland
Chancellor of the San Jose - Evergreen
Community College District (SJECDD)

Community colleges have always been a sound financial investment, not only for the students who are able to obtain high-quality education and training at a fraction of the cost of most four-year universities, but also for the communities they serve.

A uniquely American idea, community colleges have been



Evergreen Valley College.
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called “the Ellis Island of the middle class” for their ability to serve students from diverse racial, ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds while being one of the nation’s key drivers of economic mobility.

Local economies benefit from community colleges in a number of ways, as colleges not only attract their own highly skilled and educated workforce, but also support local businesses through the procurement of millions of dollars in goods and services.

Locally, a recent economic impact analysis of San Jose-Evergreen Community College District—which operates Evergreen Valley College, San Jose City College, the Milpitas

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Times **Feature**

Above left: The World Taekwondo Demonstration team makes a high-flying synchronized kick. Above right: The World Taekwondo demonstration team may have missed the 2021 Tokyo Olympics, but they did earn "Gold" on the Olympics of talent: NBC's "America's Got Talent." Photo courtesy of Trae Patton/NBC.

Talent

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whelming support we have received. "I can't thank my teammates, coaches, friends, family, and community enough, and can only hope we make them proud in the future rounds."

Sean Wallace, said, "Getting to perform with my teammates alongside the World Taekwondo Demonstration Team already felt like a dream, but us performing on a stage as large as AGT in front of such large celebrities makes it feel even more unreal. I'm incredibly thankful for my coaches, friends and family for supporting me along this journey, and hope that we can put on a show that will make martial arts fans everywhere proud of the sport."

Sean's sister, Cassidy, 20, said, "I never could have imagined that my almost-sixteen years of martial arts training would culminate in this: representing taekwondo on one of the biggest stages in the world. I am so grateful for the unwavering support of my teammates and community, and can only hope to do them justice in the upcoming rounds."

Cowell called what they did "one of the most extraordinary things I've seen in all the years I've been on 'America's Got Talent.'"

The rest of the judging panel also agreed. Heidi Klum said the World Taekwondo demonstration team's act gave her "goosebumps" and Sofia Vergara called them "perfection."

"I've never seen anything like this in my life," Howie Mandel said. "The discipline that is involved, the message you have, amazing!"

When it came time to vote, Crews said, "No you don't," and came out to say "that was the most incredible thing he's ever witnessed, and because they weren't able to make it to the Olympics to get a gold medal, I'm gonna give you something golden right now," just before hitting the Golden Buzzer."

This was truly earned, and Simon's 100 percent right when he says it's a "great Golden Buzzer" choice on Terry's part.

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TENNIS TIPS

Drop shots

By Ken DeHart

Add another weapon to your game!

A drop shot is a ball hit short into your opponents court with "back or under spin" to make the ball stop or not bounce forward - thus bringing your opponent up to the net to make a response shot. This opens up some options for you to win the point by lobbing over their head or making a passing shot to win the point.

Drop shot is one of the three UNDER-SPIN Shots:

- ☐ Drop shot,
- ☐ Chip Shot and
- ☐ Slice.

Each refers to the depth you hit an "underspin" shot.

While you do not actually hit under the ball, you make the ball spin backwards or rotate under!

Who would use a drop shot?

* A player near the net with an opponent behind the baseline

* A player who has had to sprint to the net to retrieve a short by their opponent

* A player who wants to bring a pusher to the net so they cannot keep lobbying

* A player who wants to fatigue an opponent by making them sprint to the net then perhaps lobbing over their head to make them chase back to the baseline to retrieve the ball

What is a drop shot?

* It is a ball hit short into the service court of an opponent with back or underspin to make the ball die or not bounce forward like a top spin shot

* It should bounce at least twice in the service box to be effective

* It is not necessarily a winning shot, just one to keep an opponent off balance, make them move and help stop lobbying by the opponent

Where do you hit a drop shot?

* You would choose to hit a drop shot when you are at mid-court or near the net yourself

* You would not choose to hit a drop shot from your baseline - in most cases, unless you are particularly skilled at the shot and the opponent is near their back fence or out of the court

* Your shot should bounce at least two times in the opponent's service court to be effective

When do you hit a drop shot?

* When you have been drawn up into the mid court or to the net with an opponent back behind their baseline, off to one side or they are injured and cannot move well

* When you have practiced the under spin required to hit a drop shot and kill the forward momentum of the bounce

* To make your opponent move forward to fatigue them, stop them from lobbying you or to end a point

Why would you drop shot?

* Bring your opponent to the net to pass or lob them

* Change the momentum in a match

* Stop players from bringing you to the net and lobbying you

* Make your opponent change their game

* JUST BECAUSE YOU CAN

Short balls win points - deep balls cause rallies and lobs!

These are just a few options for you to add weapons to your game.

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BIPOC mental health the focus in July

By Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.

County Superintendent of Schools

July is Minority Mental Health Month, also known as BIPOC Mental Health Month. BIPOC stands for Black, Indigenous People, and People of Color. This month highlights a nationwide effort developed to shine a light on the multitude of mental health experiences within BIPOC communities.

The struggles that underrepresented groups face regarding mental illness in the U.S. are unique. BIPOC communities face disproportionate inequities due to systemic barriers and historical adversity.

According to the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ), "racial and ethnic minority groups in the U.S. are less likely to have access to mental health services, less likely to use community mental health services, more likely to use emergency departments, and more likely to receive lower-quality care. Poor mental health care access and quality contribute to poor mental health outcomes, including suicide, among racial and ethnic minority populations."

We can help. Together, we can raise awareness and bring change to community

care, self-directed care, and cultural care. Each one is an effective and vital option people can make for their mental health.

• **Community Care** highlights ways in which communities of color have provided support to one another.

• **Self-directed Care** emphasizes that people with mental health and substance use conditions have decision-making authority over services they receive.

• **Cultural Care** embeds resiliency and healing practices passed down through generations.

The late Bebe Moore Campbell, an author, journalist, and the co-founder of NAMI Urban Los Angeles said, "Once my loved ones accepted the diagnosis, healing began for the entire family, but it took too long. It took years. Can't we, as a nation, begin to speed up that process? We need a national campaign to destigmatize mental illness, especially one targeted toward African Americans. ... It's not shameful to have a mental illness. Get treatment. Recovery is possible." This month, be sure to share resources, like ones available from Each Mind Matters or the Office of Minority Health Resource Center specifically designed for people from diverse communities. Wear a lime green ribbon wherever you go and let other people know the facts about mental health and how it impacts your community.

If you or someone you care about is experiencing anxiety, depression or other emotional issues, resources are available. Take the first step and reach out for confidential support, counseling, and referral to resources.



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County takes first step installing new outlet tunnel for Anderson Dam

Groundbreaking ceremony kicks off \$576M project to restore Anderson Dam

U.S. representatives joined local officials July 7 at Anderson Reservoir in north-east Morgan Hill for the groundbreaking ceremony for the Anderson Dam Retrofit project, which is expected to take up to 10 years to complete.

The long-awaited \$576 million dollar project, which is expected to take up to 19 years to complete, will not only protect Santa Clara Valley residents and properties from potential flooding; it will also go a long way toward improving the region's water quality and storage capacities, according to those who spoke at the ceremony.

Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren—who repre-

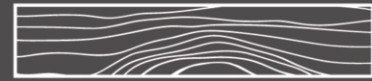
sents the 19th U.S. congressional district, which includes Santa Clara County—said a potential failure of Anderson Dam when the reservoir would be “catastrophic” for Morgan Hill and throughout the valley. A “wall of water” would engulf Morgan Hill within 14 minutes and the water would flood all the way to the San Francisco Bay in such a disaster, Lofgren said.

Lofgren was joined by Ro Khanna, D-Santa Clara to kick off the construction of a 1,700-foot-long outlet tunnel and then rebuild the 240-foot earthen dam, which first was constructed in 1950.

The project was ordered by federal dam regulators over concerns the dam could fail in a major earthquake. Because the dam had to be drained, water shortages in Santa Clara County have worsened this summer.



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PHOTO OP

This beautiful Cooper's hawk was photographed by local real estate broker Jeanette Campa earlier this week in Cribari Village in the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen Valley.

Apoorva

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the world. The Award is given out by the charity of the same name and has the support of both her sons, The Duke of Cambridge and The Duke of Sussex.

Apoorva was one of 25 students to receive the award in the United States and among 300 globally. She was recognized for her many talents to help underprivileged children throughout the world, and was nominated for the award by the Girls Leadership Academy Meetup (GLAM), for which she is a global ambassador, speaker, and mentor.

A math prodigy, Apoorva donates funds she earns through tutoring and through the sale of her artwork to help visually impaired and tribal schools in India, raising more than \$35,000 for global causes. She brings art and activism together, with her painting of George Floyd raising \$1,400 for BLM organizations. She also volunteers at 'Girls Leadership Academy Meetup' as a mentor and as a keynote speaker. To date, Apoorva has mentored more than 200 young people and continues to encourage girls to pursue STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Math). Apoorva's column "Gems in STEM" appears in the Evergreen Times and the Almaden Times.

"I'm so honored to receive this prestigious award," Apoorva said. "Ever since I was 10 years old, I have reached out to help underprivileged children across the world and I will continue to do so the rest of my life; especially through mentoring young girls and gender minorities to encourage them to pursue STEM."

Prince Harry

Prince Harry, Duke of Sussex, made a surprise video address for the ceremony honoring the latest group of young people getting Diana Awards for their humanitarian work and community action.

"I'm truly honored to be celebrating your work, your commitment to change making, and the vital role that you've taken on representing a new generation of humanitarianism," Harry told the winners. "Later this week, my brother and I are recognizing

what would have been our mum's 60th birthday, and she would be so proud of you all for living authentic life with purpose and with compassion for others." He went on to explain that, "Our mum believed that young people have the power to change the world. She believed in your strength because she saw it day in and day out and in the faces of young people exactly like you, she witnessed a boundless enthusiasm and passion." He added that his wife Meghan Markle is equally passionate about supporting future generations explaining, "Meg and I fundamentally believe that our world is at the cusp of change, real change for the good of all."

Tessy Ojo, CEO

"We congratulate all our new Diana Award recipients from the UK and all over the globe who are change makers for their generation," said Tessy Ojo, CEO of the Diana Award. "We know by receiving this honor they will inspire more young people to get involved in their communities and begin their own journey as active citizens. For over twenty years The Diana Award has valued and invested in young people encouraging them to continue to make positive change in their communities and lives of others."

Award recipients were nominated by adults who know the young people in a professional capacity and recognize their efforts as a positive contribution to society. Through a rigorous nomination process, these nominators had to demonstrate the nominee's impact in five key areas: Vision, Social Impact, Inspiring Others, Youth Leadership, and Service Journey.

There are 12 Diana Award Judging Panels representing each UK region or nation and a further three panels representing countries outside of the UK. Each panel consists of three judges; one young person, an education or youth work professional, and a business or government representative. The panels have an important main purpose: to determine which nominations from each UK region/nation/country will receive The Diana Award. Nominations are judged using the Criteria Guide and Scoring Guide which have been created to measure quality of youth social action.

Colleges

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College Extension and the Community College Center for Economic Mobility—conducted last year by Emsi, an international labor market analytics firm, found that the district contributes nearly \$900 million to the local economy each year.

The report concluded that not only does the school district contribute substantially to the local economy, but that students, taxpayers and society in general realize a great return on investment from their local community colleges. In San Jose-Evergreen Community College District's case, for every \$1 spent, students can expect an increase in \$6.10 in lifetime earnings, taxpayers gain \$2.30 in added tax revenue and society gains \$12 in added income and social savings.

The study also found that a worker with an associate degree from San Jose City College or Evergreen Valley College will see an increase in annual earnings of about \$10,000 per year on average over someone with just a high school diploma or equivalent in California.

This economic impact is realized through the cumulative effect of the district's operations, construction, student and alumni activities and is enough to support almost 7,000 jobs per year, according to Emsi. This amounts to a staggering overall impact that directly benefits many local small, minority-owned and women-owned businesses.

Breaking down the total contributions of San Jose-Evergreen Community College District to the economy, the study highlights the impact of the district's proud alumni, whose employment generated more than \$700 million in value.

As the study concludes, the community college district benefits Santa Clara County businesses by "increasing consumer spending in the county and supplying a steady flow of qualified, trained workers to the workforce."

Additionally, the study found that the district "enriches the lives of students by raising their lifetime earnings and helping them achieve their individual potential. The colleges benefit state and local taxpayers through increased tax receipts and a reduced demand for government-supported social services."

This confirms the indispensable value of San Jose-Evergreen Community College to our local region, but an analogous study conducted for nearly any community college anywhere in the country would arrive at similar findings.

When it comes to higher education, and public spending in general, you would be hard pressed to find a better investment than your local community college.

Community colleges work. They provide an affordable way for students wanting to improve their career options while providing the workforce needed to fuel a range of industries such as health care, hospitality, computer technology, manufacturing, construction trades and more.

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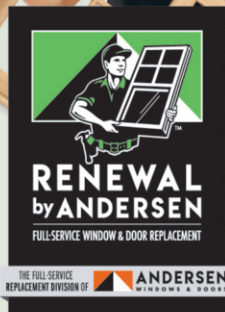
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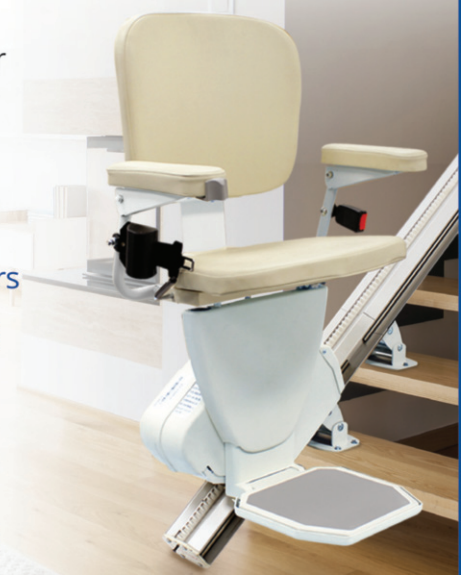
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6214 Paso Los Cerritos

Offered at \$1,899,000

4 Bed

2.5 Bath

2054 Sq Ft

9148 Sq Ft Lot

This meticulously updated home with stylish finishes is on a peaceful tree-lined street in Almaden Valley. New French white oak hardwood floors and wide baseboards throughout the main level. Solid Alder wood front door. Anderson dual pane, wood-framed windows. Vaulted ceiling. Totally remodeled gourmet kitchen. Amazing park-like backyard is an ultra-private sanctuary with mature landscaping, pool, wood-burning stone fireplace and an outdoor kitchen.



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