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By Kirpal Atwal
Special to the Times

First, please understand that the inclement weather got in the way of us having our festival in March, so we had to postpone it.

We had to put safety first for if the ground was to be slippery, then people could get hurt, and for that reason, we postponed our uplifting festival to Sunday, April 30th, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and we hope you will be there!

As a director of the Sikh Gurdwara, I'd like to invite you to this festival and tell you about it, for this is our gift to the community.

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County pays Eastridge Little League to leave fields

By William Bellou
Publisher

The last inning of a year-long scuffle over a popular East San Jose Little League whose baseball players were compelled to leave the home fields they've used since 1972 has resulted in the league receiving \$225,000 from Santa Clara County.

The payment agreement, signed by Eastridge Little League President Johnny Cisneros last week, will inject money into the league's coffers for giving up the use of fields at Reid-Hillview Airport they've used for over half a century that the county claims are a public health risk because of the leaded fuel expelled by nearby airplanes.

The money provided by the county will be used to find future fields for 135 players including their equipment costs. However, the infusion of cash will last until 2025 when the county will reclaim any funds that the league hasn't spent.

Cisneros is trying to work a deal in resettling the league's three diamonds at August Boeger Middle School. Another alternative is a possi-



Eastridge Little League signs a \$225,000 deal to leave the fields they have used since 1972 at Reid-Hillview Airport. *Photo courtesy of Eastridge Little League.*

ble merging with the neighboring East Hills Little League.

The battle between Cisneros and the county started in February 2022 when the county informed him that he'd have to leave Reid-Hillview the following March.

Cisneros has ignored the order to leave and has continued to use the fields because he says, "I

question the lead hazard claimed by the county."

The most recent study that tested soil samples in the area found no elevated levels of toxins, leading some in the Little League to doubt the danger.

A specific date by which the players must officially leave Reid-Hillview has not been determined.

San Jose says yes to controversial Buddhist temple in Evergreen

By Joseph Geha
San José Spotlight

Controversial plans for a Buddhist temple years in the making are moving forward in San Jose's Evergreen neighborhood.

Following a three-hour discussion Tuesday, the San Jose City Council unanimously approved the development of the nearly 14,000 square-foot Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom Temple on a 1.86-acre corner lot at the intersection of Ruby and Norwood avenues.

"The Buddhist practice, like other religions, is about bringing peace, harmony, love, kindness and a healthy environment to their families and community," Councilmember Peter Ortiz said. "I'm confident that this new temple will

add value to the surrounding neighborhood, and create a sense of safety and harmony to the area."

In approving the temple, the council sided with supporters of the project, largely Cambodian immigrants and people of Cambodian descent, many of whom fled wars or genocide in Vietnam and Cambodia. Backers said the project will fill a need for a proper gathering and worship space, and serve as a point of pride for the local Khmer community.

The project is backed by the non-profit A Khmer Buddhist Foundation, led by Lyna Lam and funded by her and her husband, local tech billionaire Chris Larsen.

The council's decision disappointed some neighbors in the area,



Residents packed the San Jose City Council chambers on March 28 to either speak in support or in opposition to a plans for a Buddhist temple in the city's Evergreen neighborhood. *Photo courtesy of Birgit Johnston.*

who have opposed the temple since its inception and through multiple changes to the plans as the project worked through the city planning process over roughly four years.

Their opposition was built around concerns that the temple is inconsistent with the neighborhood character, that it's too big for its lot and that it will bring too many cars and people to the area. Some also worry about noise from large events that could span from early mornings through late evenings.

Damien Maker said he lives across the street from the proposed temple, and noted his opposition to the project isn't about acceptance of Buddhism.

"Our neighborhood is actually very diverse and very accepting, there is no racism, there's no hate towards a temple or church or anything like that. We actually welcome it," he said. "We are a very quiet neighborhood and we just want to maintain that, that's all

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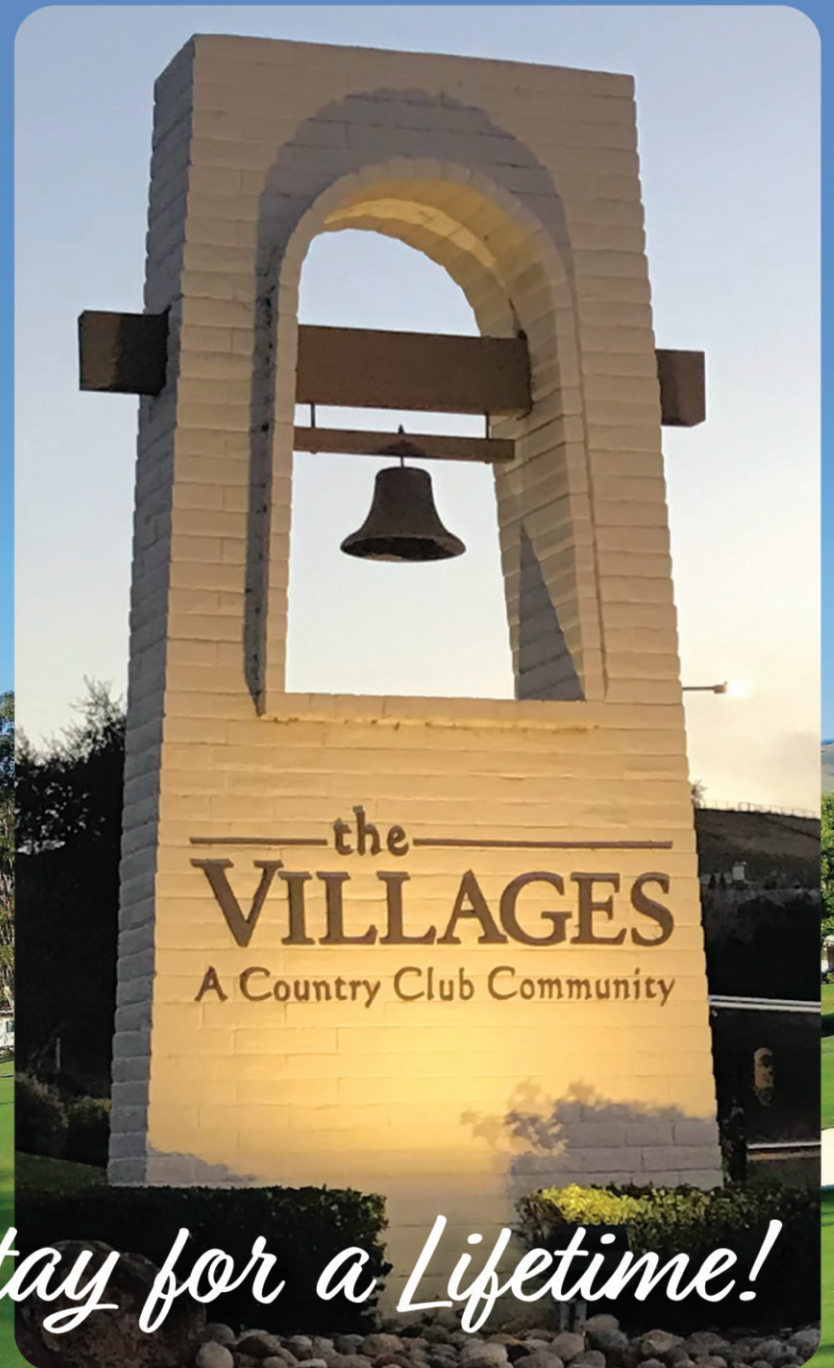
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Medical student Mimi Williams of Evergreen Valley participates in National Residency Matching Program



The University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine announced that Mimi Williams of Evergreen Valley (inset) participated in the 2023 National Residency Matching Program (NRMP).

Williams, who serves as co-president of Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, matched with Alameda County Medical Center, Oakland, CA for post-graduate training in Emergency Medicine.

Among this year's class, 39% (60 students) chose primary care specialties, which include family medicine, internal medicine, pediatrics, and obstetrics and gynecology. There were 19 matches in internal medicine, 18 in family medicine programs, 18 in pediatrics, and 5 in obstetrics and gynecology.

Among this year's graduates, 45 will remain in Iowa for their first year of postgraduate training, and 31 of these 45 students will train

next year at UI Hospitals & Clinics.

Geographically, the most popular state after Iowa for first-year training was California, with 14 graduating students receiving their residency training there.

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Premier hiking path planned to connect Montgomery Hill Park with Grant Ranch

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

Have you wished you could get to Grant Ranch Park from San Jose without the 12-mile drive by simply walking there?

What will be a premier hiking path in the South Bay is in the works and its trailhead will be right here in Evergreen.

The Santa Clara County Trails Plan Advisory Committee and

Evergreen Valley High Student, Kshitij Teotia is the winner of two prestigious science awards

By William Bellou
Publisher

Kshitij Teotia, a junior from Evergreen Valley High School, has recently won the Grand Prize Alternate in the Synopsis Science Fair and secured the first position in the category of biological sciences.

The science fair was attended by many talented students from different schools in the area, making the competition intense.

Despite the tough competition, Kshitij persevered and emerged as the 1st place winner in the biological sciences category. His research project focused on antibiotic discovery using machine learning.

"I am absolutely thrilled and honored to have won the Grand Prize Alternate and 1st place in the biological sciences category," said Kshitij. "This is a great achievement, and I am grateful for all the support and guidance I received from all my teachers and mentors."

Sangeeta Bhatnagar served as the mentor for this project, and Kshitij praised her for her continued support.

Evergreen Valley has shown a sense of pride for its youth, such as Kshitij and his groundbreaking accomplishment. This achievement not only highlights the student's exceptional talent and hard work but also reflects the high-quality education and commitment to excellence that Evergreen Valley strives to provide.

The Grand Prize in the science fair is a testament to the school's dedication to fostering a love for science and providing students with the necessary resources and guidance to excel in this field.

Kshitij's achievements helps inspire other students to pursue their passion for science and strive for excellence.

Anusha Vinta of Evergreen Valley honored on the Dean's Academic Honor List at Baylor University

Baylor University has named Evergreen Valley resident Anusha Vinta to the Fall 2022 Dean's Academic Honor List.

Vinta, who attends Robbins College of Health & Human Sciences, is seeking a career in Dentistry.

Students honored on the Dean's List earned a minimum semester grade-point average of 3.70 while enrolled in at least 12 graded semester hours.

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PHOTO OP Here we go down the Bunny Trail!



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Part of the plan that most affects and should delight Evergreen hikers is the planned trail between Grant Ranch County Park and our neighborhood.

The trailhead will be located near Montgomery Hill Park adjacent to Evergreen Valley Community College with its terminus along the Dutch Flat Trail in Grant Ranch Park.

Officially, the prospective trail is designated as C21 and C27. Additionally, the master plan is evaluating the Montgomery Hill trailhead area for installation of parking, toilets, and other facilities.

other officials recently held public meetings to discuss the latest refresh of the Countywide Trails Master Plan. Future meetings will be announced.

Grant Ranch Park is near Evergreen.

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San Jose battles blight at statewide Clean California Community event

By William Bellou
Publisher

San José Mayor Matt Mahan took part in San Jose's Clean California Community Days, part of a state-led 11-day beautification program designed to engage communities and improve public spaces in underserved areas across the state on March 29.

"A clean city builds community. It builds civic pride. It transforms neighborhoods, increases safety, and fuels economic investment," said San José Mayor Matt Mahan. "And our partnership with Clean California helps us get there. I want to thank the Governor for investing in this cleanup

effort to create stronger cities throughout our state."

He was joined by Chief Service Officer for California Volunteers, Office of the Governor, Josh Fryday, Councilmember Omar Torres(D3), and Sean Nozzari, District Deputy Director of Operations for Caltrans Bay Area working with a team of over 70 volunteers to clean up and beautify Ryland Park in Downtown San Jose. Among the volunteers were members of the #CaliforniansForAll College Corps and Youth Jobs Corps, and San Jose's California Climate Action Corps.

"Clean CA has created an incredible partnership between the State and local communities



"A clean city builds community. It builds civic pride. It transforms neighborhoods, increases safety, and fuels economic investment," said San José Mayor Matt Mahan during a Clean California Community press conference.

to empower everyone to keep California clean," said California Chief Service Officer Josh Fryday.

The City of San Jose hosted 8 Clean California Community Day events with partners:

- Coyote Creek Trail and Creek: The City of San José Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services Department (PRNS) BeautifySJ program, Caltrans, and Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful collaborated to host a Clean CA Community Day cleanup event on Sunday, March 19. More than 160 volunteers registered to spend a few hours beautifying the trail and creek. They collected 6,420 pounds of trash, helping improve the environment and a healthy local creek.

- Cataldi Park: PRNS Volunteer Management Unit hosted a Clean CA event on Saturday, March 18 where 50 participants tended to the vegetation and raked tree debris to help keep the park healthy.

- Ryland Park and Parque de los Pobladores: Located in Council District 3, the events were initiated by the PRNS Park Maintenance team based on the park's Healthy Places Index (HPI) score. HPI comprises categories addressing education status, job opportunities, clean air and water, and other social health factors.

- Dumpster Event: The City hosted two dumpster events with BeautifySJ in Districts 7 and 8
- Litter Clean-Up: The City hosted two litter pick-ups with BeautifySJ in District 3.

At Ryland Park, Mayor Mahan, Josh Fryday, and volunteers re-seeded areas of the lawn in need of upkeep, maintained the park's garden, and disposed of trash throughout the park.

"It's important to keep our parks, creeks, and trails clean and beautiful for our wildlife and residents to enjoy the outdoors," said Councilmember Omar Torres. "I am grateful for the \$296 million to remove litter in underserved communities and transform public spaces. We hope to encourage others to help keep our City clean!"

"Our department is proud of our dedicated volunteers who go above and beyond to beautify our parks and trails," said Jon Cicirelli, PRNS Director. "As part of our 20-year strategic plan, ActivateSJ, PRNS staff, volunteers, and partners work hand-in-hand to take care of what we have and invest in the future for an active San José."

Clean California, a \$1.2B state beautification initiative led by Caltrans, aims to transform blighted California roadways and restore local streets and public spaces. The program recently kicked off the Clean California Community Days effort, an 11-day series of volunteer service events that saw California residents plant trees, dispose of trash, and learn about the impact of litter through educational entertainment events.

Since launching in July 2021, Clean California has disposed of 1.4M cubic yards of litter from state highways—enough to fill 367 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

Editor's note: Those interested in organizing a community cleanup or learning more about the Community Days initiative are encouraged to visit the Clean California <https://cleancalifornia dot ca gov community days>.

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Opera San José presents Puccini's Tosca April 15–30

By William Bellou
Publisher

Opera San José's 2022-23 season concludes with a vivid production of Puccini's thriller *Tosca* presented April 15-30 at the California Theatre.

With breathtaking music and some of opera's most celebrated arias, the work follows the tragic story of a tempestuous opera singer and her artist lover, whose illicit involvement with a political prisoner has made them targets of the chief of the secret police.

Opera San José Music Director Joseph Marcheso conducts, while OSJ's Resident Director Tara Branham makes her exciting California Theatre mainstage debut. Casting includes Maria Natale as Tosca, Adrian Kramer as Cavaradossi, Kidon Choi as Scarpia, Alexander Scheuermann as Spoletta, Robert Balonek as Angelotti, Igor Vieira as Sacristan, Joshua Hughes as Sciarrone, and Andrew Fellows as Jailer. *Tosca*, sung in Italian with English and Spanish supertitles, will be presented April 15–30, 2023 (dates/times below) at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose.

Puccini's *Tosca* premiered at the Teatro Costanzi in Rome on January 14, 1900 and has been a hit ever since, remaining one of the most frequently performed operas around the world.

Featuring a libretto by Luigi Illica and Giuseppe Giacosa, the work is based on Victorien Sardou's 1887 French drama *La Tosca*, which was set in Rome during the height of the Napoleon wars, and premiered at time of political unrest in Italy, with its first performance postponed a day in concern for potential disturbances. Although critics did not rush to praise the work, audiences were rapt, and its powerful score contains some of opera's most iconic music, including the breathtaking soprano aria "Vissi d'arte" ("I lived for art") sung in the second act by Tosca. The tender "Recondita armonia" ("Concealed harmony") performed early in the first act by Cavaradossi (like Verdi, Puccini occasionally enjoyed rewarding prompt opera-goers – or punishing latecomers) has been recorded by famed tenors from Caruso to Luciano Pavarotti and Plácido Domingo. One of the most famous arias in opera, "E lucevan le stelle" ("And the stars were shining"), is performed by Cavaradossi in the third act as he awaits his execution, with vocal pyrotechnics that include a range from F#3 to A4.

For more information or to purchase tickets (\$55–\$195), the public can visit operasj.org or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00am–5:00pm).



Pictured (L-R): Adrian Kramer (Cavaradossi), Maria Natale (Tosca), and Kidon Choi (Scarpia) in Opera San José's vivid production of Puccini's thriller "Tosca," April 15-30 at the California Theatre. Photo by Kevin Berne

Cortese sponsored bill guaranteeing income to homeless high school seniors passes committee

Qualifying students would gain \$1,000 for each of five months

A bill by Senator Dave Cortese (inset) establishing a state-wide guaranteed income program for homeless students cleared its first policy committee on March 29.

In a unanimous vote, the Senate Education Committee advanced SB 333, which would give homeless high school seniors \$1,000 a month for five months to help them enroll in college or enter the workforce.

"When homeless students graduate from high school, a crucial piece of their support system is suddenly removed. Let's help these young people pursue their dreams – not end up back on the streets," said Cortese. "The no-strings-attached guaranteed income model will empower these students to use the funds as they see fit. The data shows that guaranteed income programs work – people lift themselves out of poverty when given the tools to do so. Instead of graduating kids into homelessness, let's graduate them into success."

State Senator Dave Cortese

SB 333 unanimously passed the Senate Education Committee with bipartisan support on Wednesday in a 7-0 vote. The bill now heads to the Senate Human Services Committee.

Approximately 270,000 students within California's K-12 school system are experiencing homelessness, according to a 2020 report by UCLA's Center for the Transformation of Schools. That number has grown by nearly half over the past decade. About 15,000 of these unhoused students are in the 12th grade.

"If it wasn't for funding, I would be part of the youth struggling to find a roof over their head. Instead,



I am in college pursuing my dream of becoming a detective," said Najarela Bell, a student at Chaffey Community College in Rancho Cucamonga. "SB 333 gives funding for other young people going through the same difficulties I went through," she said. "Giving them financial support will allow them to accomplish the dreams they had as little kids."

While federal and state law provide extensive financial aid to homeless youth attending higher education, the aid does not become available until the student enters college in the fall. As a result, many young people become subject to a phenomenon known as summer melt, where high school graduates are accepted into college and intend to enroll, but ultimately do not. In fact, a recent survey found that more than 90 percent of unhoused youth respondents described a career goal that required education beyond high school, but only 16 percent believed they would be able to attend or graduate college within the next five years.

SB 333 would establish the Success, Opportunity, & Academic Resilience (SOAR), a guaranteed income pilot program. The funding would be eligible to all 12th grade unhoused students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. Direct cash payments from SB 333 would be awarded from April to August 2025.

In 2021, that Santa Clara County pilot program was scaled statewide under Senator Cortese's SB 739. That legislation, known as the Universal Basic Income for Transition Age Foster Youth Act, was incorporated into the 2021-22 State Budget as a \$35 million first-of-its-kind investment called the "California Guaranteed Income Pilot Program."

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SJECED Bond Program continues to revitalize campuses

San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECED) has completed the sale of approximately \$238 million of general obligation bonds, which will fund the continued development and modernization of facilities, equipment, technology, and infrastructure at the District and its colleges, San José City College (SJCC) and Evergreen Valley College (EVC).

The \$200 million in Series C federally tax-exempt and \$38 million in Series C-1 federally taxable bonds represent the fifth and sixth issuance of bonds since voters approved SJECED's Measure X in 2016. While it will be several years before the proceeds are fully spent, this is the final funding available to SJECED from the \$748 million Measure X authorization.

"The future of our regional and state economies and the continued success and growth of Silicon Valley and California depend on a highly skilled and highly trained workforce. It is imperative that those workers are learning and training in safe and secure facilities and with up-to-date equipment and technology," said Dr. Raul Rodriguez, SJECED's interim chancellor.

"We are extremely grateful that our community understands the importance of investing in its local colleges and has provided us with the resources to develop our campuses into state-of-the-art colleges."

The SJECED bond program has been the driving force behind the modernization of the SJCC and EVC campuses, which have seen numerous new buildings and facilities constructed and renovated in recent years, including classrooms and

labs, physical education and athletics facilities, infrastructure and safety improvements, and technology upgrades, among other projects.

"We are deeply committed to responsible stewardship of the tax dollars with which we are entrusted," said Bob Livengood, president of the SJECED board of trustees. "The District has secured strong credit ratings of Aa1 from Moody's and AA+ from Standard & Poor's; both ratings are just one level from the highest possible credit ratings that these agencies issue, so investors know SJECED general obligation bonds are a strong investment."

These ratings reflect advanced financial planning combined with the support of local property taxes. Moody's Credit Opinion refers to SJECED's financial operations and reserves as "sound, improved reserve position supported by deep entrenchment in community funded status. The district has a healthy financial position that has further improved in recent years, which we expect will remain stable given its deep entrenchment into community funded status and management's conservative fiscal practices."

Both campuses have construction projects currently underway that will be flagship buildings once completed, including a new Career Education Complex at SJCC and Student Services, Language Arts, and General Education Buildings at EVC.

"Our strong credit rating and overall fiscal health starts with leadership from the board of trustees and includes great work from numerous individuals throughout the District," said Jorge Escobar, SJECED's vice chancellor of administrative services. "But I'd be remiss if I didn't mention our bond team, led by Associate Vice Chancellor of Physical Plant Development and Operations Terrance DeGray, who has four major

capital construction projects worth over \$400M under construction and continued the development of our colleges during the Covid-19 crisis."

Editor's note: San José – Evergreen Community College District serves approximately 30,000 students per year and countless other individuals, organizations, and community groups utilize its facilities.

Steinway Society to stream classical pianist Rustem Hayroudinoff May 20

Award-winning classical pianist Rustem Hayroudinoff makes his Steinway Society – The Bay Area "video" debut on Saturday, May 20 at 7:30 pm PDT.

The video performance was recorded exclusively for Steinway Society patrons around the world, who will be able to enjoy the concert from anywhere, at any time during a 48-hour window.

Hayroudinoff was scheduled to perform in person earlier in the season but visa delays forced the cancellation of the concert. Complimentary program notes are available at www.steinwaysociety.com

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The Program

J. C. Bach, Sonata in A Major, Op.17, No. 5

I. Allegro

II. Presto

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I. Allegro



II. Poco Andante

III. Allegro Assai

Chopin, Andante Spianato and Grande Polonaise Brillante, Op. 22

Rachmaninoff, Four Etudes, from Etudes-tableaux, Op. 39

1. No. 1 in C Minor

2. No. 2 in A minor

3. No. 5 in E-flat Minor

4. No. 8 in D Minor

Rachmaninoff, Four Preludes, from Ten Preludes, Op. 23

1. No. 4 in D Major;

2. No. 5 in G Minor;

3. No. 6 in E-flat Major;

4. No. 7 in C Minor

Rustem Hayroudinoff has performed to critical acclaim in Japan, the USA, Latin America, Canada, Russia and Europe. He has recorded for Chandos, EMI and Onyx Classics. His CD of the complete Rachmaninoff Preludes was selected by Classic FM Magazine as part of its 'Essential Rachmaninoff Collection' together with the recordings of Arthur Rubinstein and André Previn. Hayroudinoff's disc of the complete Rachmaninoff Études-Tableaux was hailed as a 'benchmark recording' and became BBC Music's Instrumental Choice of the Month, as well as being nominated for the Best Instrumental CD of the Year. A charismatic communicator, he enjoys engaging his audience in a light, yet informative rhetoric about the works he performs.

Photo of Rustem Hayroudinoff by Andrew Palmer courtesy of Steinway Society

Temple

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we're looking to do."

While regular worship services during the week and on weekends would likely only see between 20 to 50 visitors, the temple is allowed to have up to 300 visitors on site for special events, along with eight monks who will live on the property, plus event staff, city reports said.

Several neighbors said the size and use of the temple does not fit with the neighborhood, and tried to paint the temple as a commercial facility, because they fear it will be rented out for many special events, which the developer said will not be the case.

"Mr. Mayor, you ran on a platform of common sense, and it's just not common sense to have a large commercial facility in a neighborhood like this," neighbor Dan Rogy said.

Michael Gabler, president of the Norwood Neighborhood Association, opposed to the project being placed on that lot.

"It's a big project that has been shoehorned into this little plot of land to give them what they want," Gabler said.

Councilmember Domingo Candelas, who was recently appointed to represent District 8 where the temple is planned, said the city has placed roughly 40 conditions on the project to ensure it will be respectful of the neigh-

borhood, including some extra rules Mayor Matt Mahan and other councilmembers put in a memo adopted by the council.

They include requiring the temple to have traffic control and security staff on-site for any event with more than 100 people, as well as valet parking programs in place to help people park off-site easily, after the temple's 67 parking spaces are filled up.

The council also required the regular hours of operation to be set from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m., a reduction from the previously proposed 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. The temple, during events and holidays, would have hours from 6 a.m. to midnight, with events typically ending by 10 p.m. and cleanup occurring up to midnight, city reports said.

"It is time we do the right thing after four years of work, input, project changes, community discussions and give space for the community to worship and heal from the horrific trauma they've endured," Candelas said.

Mahan agreed, saying the conditions the city placed on the temple "sets a very high bar" while still allowing it to go forward.

"I would like to think that the desire to gather and have community and worship and pass on traditions can be compatible with a high quality of life in a residential area," Mahan said.

A spokesperson for the project said construction on the temple is expected to start in the fall and should take approximately two years to complete.



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Times **Community**

Annual Winter Creative Writing Contest hosted by Silver Creek Academy; students asked to write about winter

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Silver Creek Academy hosted its Annual Winter Creative Writing Contest for all students from first grade through eighth grade.

More than 125 creative writing submissions were entered into the contest. Students were eager to share their imaginative winter stories.

Students were asked to create an original narrative of their choice with a winter theme.

Entries must have included a clear beginning, middle, and end, as well as their unique imagination. Narratives needed to be a minimum of three pages and could be typed or hand-written. Some students even included illustrations and images to enhance their stories.

"We loved seeing all the hard work that students put into their short stories, and we are continuously impressed with the students' creativity," said Silver Creek Academy's owner Shelley Swircek.

Three winners were chosen for each grade level based on their originality, voice, word choice, fluency, and conventions. Each contestant was given a goodie bag and grade level book to take home. Winners collected



a gift card, a goodie bag, and book, along with a special announcement.

"I was very impressed with their amazing writing skills and ability to bring their stories alive. Students were excited to present brilliant narratives around the winter season." - Silver Creek Academy Writing Judge

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 2nd: "Special Snow Day" by Marcel Johnson
 3rd: "An Adventurous Winter Trip" by Chinmay Joshi

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 2nd: "Untitled" by Michelle Pham
 3rd: "The Winter Vacation" by Rishaan Bhargava

Grade 3 Division
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 2nd: "Fairyland" by Nikita Kandepaneni
 3rd: "Kiddo and the Trick" by Sanskriti Veeramachaneni

Grade 4 Division
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 2nd: "Snow and Tell" by Ellie Hu
 3rd: "My Snowman" by Zuneya Rahman

Grade 5 Division
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 2nd: "The Day My Snowman Came to Life" by Samantha Bolisay
 3rd: "Untitled" by Genevieve Vu

Grade 6 Division
 1st: "Untitled" by Janani Vijay Arumugam
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Times Feature

Tree planting bonanza at Evergreen Valley College

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

April 1st came in like a lamb; dawned clear with bountiful sunshine flooding the Evergreen landscape.

The first day of April was chosen to finish the planting activity initially started in November 2022.

Under the auspices of Evergreen Valley College Vice Chancellor, Jorge Escobar, who coordinated the event, approximately 75 community members, children, and students of EVCC showed up with smiling faces.

"I selected this location since this effort will enhance one of the main entrances to the campus while being an eye-pleasing addition to all



Professor Batalha explains the college's mission.



Lowell Berry explains planting techniques.

the individuals who visit the shopping center," Escobar said.

Recently appointed San Jose District 8 councilmember, Domingo Candelas, was also on hand to lend a "hand" to the activity showing the interest of the city in the beautification of the entire city of San Jose.

"Community activations where neighbors, students and organizations like Our City Forest and Evergreen Valley College can come together and plant trees, and beautify spaces, is what makes Evergreen and more broadly, San Jose, one of the best places to live and an even better community to represent; I'm grateful for both," Candelas. "I look forward to many more opportunities for our residents to volunteer and engage with each other for a stronger, healthier community!"

Professor Celso Batalha PhD, a distinguished faculty member of Math, Science, and Engineering at EVCC was present with a group of STEM students to assist in any way they could be of service.

"It was my pleasure to be here today. Basically, this semester we focused on keeping intensive tutoring efforts in math, to introduce circuits to middle school students, and introduce Arduino-robotics to high school students," Batalha said. "Our mission at Evergreen Valley College (EVC) is committed to promoting a culture of equity and inclusion that will increase the participation of people of different Races and orientations in advanced STEM fields. By doing so, it has developed the EVC - Citizen Science Initiatives (EVC-CSI) to tackle the lack of equity in STEM education. It supports pathways for middle school students from underserved and economically disadvantaged communities to Evergreen Valley College. Opening these bridges helps reduce the equity gap that, Historically, has kept representatives of these communities from achieving higher-paid technical jobs or receiving academic awards in physical sciences and engineering."

Our City Forest assisted the tree planting by providing technical guidance and advice to the volunteers. Under the guidance of Lowell Berry, Volunteer and Outreach Program Manager, the allotted trees were planted in soil prepared with new equipment by the EVC Grounds Team. This equipment was acquired to maintain the entire campus.

Vice Chancellor Escobar summed up the whole tree-planting activity in these words:

"Our college campuses, including the Evergreen campus, have been fortunate to welcome a large number of local

community members. Thanks to our proximity to many residences, our campuses have become a popular destination for people to stroll and explore. Visitors enjoy visiting the Observatory, and now with the addition of this new space local community members will have another reason to enjoy our College District. With a focus on preserving and enhancing the natural environment, we're planting new species, (including an eastern redbud tree) that will not only beautify the area but also create a thriving ecosystem that will attract even more birds and wildlife. I believe that this new addition to our campus will be a wonderful asset for both the local community and our students. We will see the results when the trees blossom and provide additional shade."

A good time was had by all who attended and as time goes on these volunteers will see the results of a great community effort designed to enhance the already beautiful landscape of Evergreen! The treats provided also helped to enhance the smiles!



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Times Feature

Tech Jargon of the week Digital Dystopia

By Shubhi Asthana



Have you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this “techie” word – and even after you’ve broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there’s no need to sweat it. Let me teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

Digital Dystopia

Tim Berners-Lee is the inventor of the World Wide Web, which is the service that runs the infrastructure of Internet. In a recent interview, he warned that the internet faces ‘Digital Dystopia’ if the world fails to tackle

threats such as disinformation and invasion of privacy.

Let’s first understand what dystopia means. The Merriam Webster definition of dystopia is an imagined world or society in which people lead dehumanized, fearful lives. So why does Tim Berners-Lee believe that the free and open web faces a grave risk?

Digital dystopia stems from the rise of online threats and abuse of rights digitally. Some people believe a few powerful entities are wielding control over all the digital serfs. Their belief also extends to data privacy of people, which could be compromised by the tech giants whose business models depends on harvesting and monetizing our data.

Even the governments are enacting laws that mandates abuse of mass surveillance and information control, while big internet companies and data brokers vacuum up as much data as they can for ever-more intrusive ad targeting.

The political parties are not behind. They are invest-

ing in manipulative advertising, on top of conspiracy theories to mislead people and replace fact with fiction on data of candidates.

The problem is – nobody seems to care about it. The web started as a promising, anarchic force but nobody said people with bad intentions couldn’t and wouldn’t turn it into a disturbing free-for-all.

To overcome digital dystopia, Tim Berners-Lee came up with a set of nine principles to turn the tide, three each for governments, companies, and web citizens themselves.

Principle 1 – Governments will... Ensure everyone can connect to the internet

Principle 2 – Governments will... Keep all of the internet available, all of the time

Principle 3 – Governments will... Respect and protect people’s fundamental online privacy and data rights

Principle 4 – Companies will... Make the internet affordable and accessible to everyone

Principle 5 – Companies will... Respect and protect people’s privacy and personal data to build online trust

Principle 6 – Companies will... Develop technologies that support the best in humanity and challenge the worst

Principle 7 – Citizens will... Be creators and collaborators on the web

Principle 8 – Citizens will... Build strong communities that respect civil discourse and human dignity

Principle 9 – Citizens will... Fight for the web
He has managed to get 150 organizations to sign up for these principles including Microsoft, Google, Facebook and Twitter. Let’s hope that the efforts of the creator of the internet does not go futile.

Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at shub.saxen@gmail.com. Shubhi Asthana works as a Research Senior Software Engineer at the IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose.

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Cindy Chavez (r) and Marti Rimmell



On-Site Dental Care Foundation unveils new mobile dental van

By William Bellou
Publisher

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez joined Marti Rimmell, Board Chair of the *On-Site Dental Care Foundation* (OSDCF) to unveil their new mobile dental clinic at a ribbon cutting ceremony in San Jose, Saturday, April 1.

"It's such an honor to be with the *On-Site Dental Care Foundation* today at the unveiling of this amazing mobile dental clinic that will continue to heal people in our community ... even if they come in pain, they leave with a smile," Chavez told the audience.

On-Site Dental Care Foundation fills a void for those with health disparities by bringing oral health services and education to Bay Area locations. The clinic, led by Dental Director Dr. Osleydis Diaz, serves the homeless, LBGQT, migrant

workers and low-income families and seniors. Eighty-five percent of the 1,400 patients served each year are Latinx.

"We're are excite to celebrate 20 years of community health care and education," Rimmell told the audience. "This stunning new clinic will enable *On-Site Dental Care Foundation* to improve and expand its practices and programs. To do this, we need funding, and are preparing to launch a capital campaign we are calling 'Drive for Smiles.'"

Besides free and low-cost oral health treatments, the clinic also educates their patients about the importance of daily oral hygiene.

"I now get so many compliments about my teeth," Lavella Benton, an over 10-year patient of OSDCF smiled as she told the audience. "My gums used to be dark, and I learned that means you're not flossing enough or keeping your teeth clean. These folks taught me how to keep my teeth clean, and now my gums are pink!"

Dental Director Dr. Osleydis Diaz led a tour inside the mobile clinic. The equipment includes a panoramic X-ray system, three examination chairs with digital monitors for patient education, intra-oral cameras, and slide-out components that provide patients and dentists more space.

"It will thrill our dentists to work in this state-of-the-art facility, and our patients will be too," Diaz said. "I am especially thrilled that this new

van offers more area do more specialized dentistry such as implants and root canals."

The need for services such as those offered by *On-Site Dental Care Foundation* goes beyond serving individuals to affecting the community at large. Many individuals who lack insurance or have limited means find it difficult to pay for medical and dental treatments, leading them to go to the emergency room for dental problems, even though the emergency room doesn't offer dental treatments beyond painkillers and referral to a dentist.

The new clinic will go into practice in a few weeks. You might spot the bright blue bus-like clinic on the freeway heading to areas such as Sunnyvale, Mountain View, Gilroy, Hayward or South San Jose.

"With the success of our capital campaign, you'll find us in even more locations," said Rimmell. For more information, see www.osdcf.org.



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Hola Mahalla

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and your family and friends are invited to our place. All is complementary. We also have special booths where you can buy special goods from vendors. Remember, our site is a community asset so we have a temple and also help the community in many ways, so all are always welcome to visit the Gurdwara. We offer help to the community in so many ways for we are your brothers and sisters.

The festival is held outside on the big field and too, you are welcome to casually walk the grounds of the Gurdwara in San Jose. Out on the field you will be able to connect with all members of the community. You'll see so many events and the kids as well as adults are encouraged to run races.

History

More than 300 years ago in the country of India, the revered 10th Guru of the Sikh religion, Guru Gobind Singh Ji decided to create a new festival which would promote strength and courage. Also, beautiful words of poetry combined with traditional music were included with the court poet Bhai Nand Lal.

The Festival of Courage and Strength (Hola Mohala) is truly a unique kind gift to Evergreen Valley residents. Admission is free of charge and thousands of Sikhs and volunteers of other faiths organize the event which also offers large amounts of complementary tasty specialty recipes of delicious handmade food and beverages. The

kids love it and perhaps one reason is, it's a time and place where all cultures congregate with laughter and good conversation viewing fascinating events of skill and courage.

The festival continued year after year worldwide and was welcomed to Evergreen Valley over a decade ago at our community center open to everyone. Gurdwara on the Hill is the largest Sikh Gurdwara (Religious Temple and Community Center) in the United States.

Located all the way up Quimby Road in the Evergreen foothills, this is a day where all people of all cultures and religions are invited as guests of the American Sikhs in the Bay Area.

As American Sikhs we do not attempt to convert (proselytize). Instead we welcome all people of all beliefs to join as one in celebrating life and the spirit of strength and courage in living it! We believe everyone is very special and all of us are equal to each other. Men and women too! We Sikhs work with all churches, all people in the community and world-wide.

The Festival will be reminiscent of visiting India, with your opportunity to taste delicious Indian food offered by numerous vendor booths. This celebration highlights the joy of celebrating one's physical strength and too honors the mind with presentation of beautiful music combined with important and meaningful poetry as well as many other facets which help all people to reflect upon the importance of developing strength in one's inner self.

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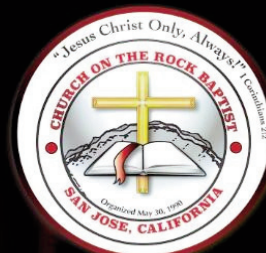


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With outstretched generous hands we welcome you, your family and your friends, this Festival of Courage and Strength (Holla Mohalla) is truly a unique kind gift to Evergreen Valley residents. Admission is free of charge. Thousands of Sikhs and volunteers of other faiths organize the event which offers large amounts of complementary tasty specialty recipes of delicious handmade food and beverages. The kids love it!

It's a time and place where all cultures congregate with laughter and good conversation viewing fascinating events of skill and courage.

There is so much to do and see. Some like to get there early arriving at 10 a.m. when the parking is light and easy. Also, as the day moves forward in the morning time, one can sample the food first with less lines on the large field. If you would like to purchase items, there will be various vendor booths that offer authentic items from all over the world.

The complementary items are bestowed with hearty smiles too and include fresh squeezed mouth-watering cane juice, husked ready to serve flame roasted corn on the cob, secret family recipes of tasty Indian fried foods, numerous side dishes, smooth delicious thick frozen ice cream and much more. The large stage presents music and more throughout the entire festival from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. while all around you is a buzz of sporting events.

Free pony rides

Pony rides are a big hit with the kids, as they get a chance to experience riding a real Shetland pony. This makes wonderful joyful memories for the little ones. Make sure you bring your camera!

Your sports team is encouraged to sign up for a challenge

If you wish to enter the sports team challenge such as basketball, or volleyball or other sports, sign up a week in advance by going to the Gurdwara website: www.sanjosegurdwara.org

Children and adults are encouraged to run races so don't forget to wear tennis shoes. The philosophy is for everyone to find ways to develop and be proud of each person's individual strength of mind and body.

Our hope is one day this event could be thought of as the Evergreen Festival where people will truly feel like that this field day of events truly belongs to them.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Sunday, April 30th *Holla Mohalla* (Festival of Strength and Courage) which celebrates the beginning of the Sikh New Year. Bring your family and friends and prepare to nurture your compet-



itive spirit. Just by watching you do yourself good. The strength and courage of sports will uplift

you. **Spread the word...** You are encouraged to bring

your friends and neighbors to introduce them to the joyous nature of how the Evergreen Valley celebrates diversity and promotes respect for all cultures and people!

Editor's Note: The best way to enjoy the festival is to park at Evergreen Valley High School or Carolyn Clark Elementary School which will have shuttles going and coming all day starting at 10 a.m. The event is free and food is complementary. All age groups are encouraged to

watch the sporting events and participate. Also, if one wishes to donate or volunteer to help with all the things the Sikhs do in the community during the year, the information is available on their website.

For more information visit: sanjosegurdwara.org or contact Kirpal Atwal at (408) 835-7712. The address of the Gurdwara is 3636 Gurdwara Ave, San Jose, CA 95148. Stay connected and download the San Jose Gurdwara App.



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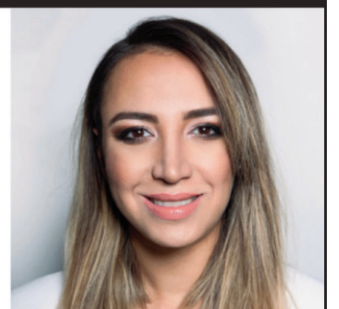
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 • Lighted Window Productions featuring uplifting concerts, thought-provoking theater productions, informative lec-

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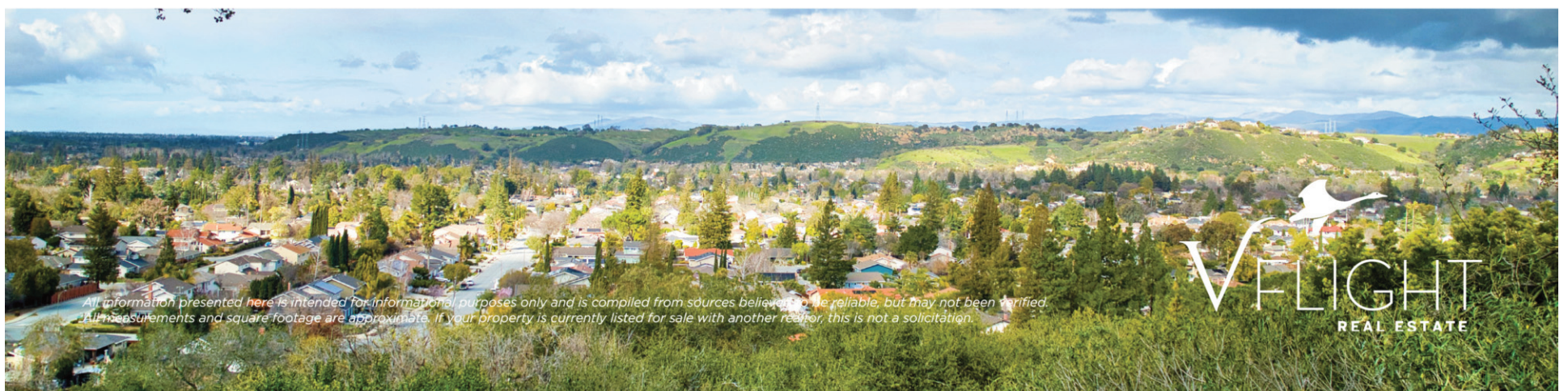
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