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FOOD TRUCKS IN EVERGREEN 'Off the Grid' to open May 2 at Evergreen Village Square

By Sean Eastwood

Staff writer off the Grid, the Bay Area's most prolific network of street food markets, announced their next market joining the Bay Area line-up is Evergreen Village Square beginning Saturday, May 2.

Off the Grid's newest location at Evergreen Village Square is the first San Jose location and will operate every Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm. and free live music will entertain residents from 12 noon -2:00 p.m.

Off the Grid will offer a rotating lineup of eight food trucks including Los Tolucas, Brother Baby's BBQ, We Sushi, Dil Se, Hongry Kong, and Drewski's Hot Rod Kitchen. See OFF THE GRID, page 11

New Seasons Market donates \$5K to Evergreen School District

By Bill Bellou *Publisher*

ew Seasons Market (formally New Leaf) presented a \$5,000 check to the Evergreen School District at the April 16 school board meeting.

"We are extremely grateful to New Seasons Market for their donation to the Evergreen School District," said Kathy Gomez, Superintendent, Evergreen School District.

"This donation will enable us to conduct student wellness research within the Evergreen community, which is an ideal use of funds from an important community partner that values health and general well being," said Gomez. "Our community partnerships are a crucial part of our success as a District and we thank New Seasons for their support."

At New Seasons Market's grand opening event on March 14, 2015, New Seasons' CEO Wendy Collie announced that the store is partnering with and providing financial support to the Evergreen School District and Second Harvest Food Bank, and will donate a total of 10 percent of profits to local nonprofits each year.

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New Seasons Market's Envirotoken program encourages reusing grocery bags and See NEW SEASONS, page 4

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OPINION: SJECCD Chancellor and Board of Trustees opaqueness hurt students and community

The current SJECCD Chancellor, Rita Cepeda and the current Board of Trustees set the tone for any communications with students, faculty, and community. Is communication open and transparent or do they hide important information, such as their plans to develop the 27 acres of EVC land and safety information - sexual assaults, car break-ins, on-campus

robberies and assaults? The current Chancellor and Board of Trustees set the tone for the work environment at the colleges and how well or not so well each college is supported financially and structurally - internal processes. Do they help support both colleges equally so both colleges can offer a well-rounded education, or not? Do faculty at both campuses feel supported and are processes that help in the creation of curriculum the same at both colleges?

The plans to commercially develop the 27 acres, which were paid for with public money, was done in a vacuum. The 27 acres of EVC land is meant for educational purposes to provide a better college experience for our local students. The four Board of Trustees that spoke at the April 21, 2015 special meeting to accept the one and only received developer bid were: Dr. Jeffrey Lease, Ms. Mayra Cruz, Mr. Craig Mann, and Ms. Wendy Ho.

All four of the Board Trustees admitted they did a poor job of public outreach to alert our community in their development plans - for three and a half years - three and a half years of poor public outreach. We asked that they stop the process. They did not listen to community input. The District had worked toward the development of the land since March 2004 when it voted to declare the land surplus.

EVC/SJCC students and community members need to have real-time alerts when any crime happens at either campus. Instead, the

of all, not considering the need for expansion of education. The rumor is that they are shrinking the classes (great vision). After the homes are built on this acreage where will the kids go to for their education.

Wake up B of T and do the right thing.

Saddened, Ahsan Sajjad Evergreen Valley

So long, Megabyte

We three were once-a-week patrons of Mega Byte Pizza for the whole 14 years it was there at Canyon Creek Plaza. We are appalled at the callous closing of the doors, without warning to employees or patrons! For what defensible reason would anyone so abruptly close a business that has served this community so well for fourteen years?! No matter what the new owners serve, we will find it extremely difficult to patronize any restaurant that has shoved aside the one we've loved and visited nearly every Monday for all fourteen years! (Besides, being familiar with the mediocre offerings at Mexico Lindo, we're betting the food will not compare favorably with the fresh, creative cuisine of Aldo and his staff.) We will greatly miss Mega Byte! And so will The Villages!"

Marsha Conway Vikki Essert Dorene Vettel Evergreen Valley Chancellor prefers to keep sexual assaults at her campuses hush-hush because she is ashamed her District will look bad amongst her Bay 10 peers (21 community colleges that comprise the Bay 10 Districts).

The Chancellor's lack of attentiveness in reporting the campus' sexual assaults resulted in an investigation by a federal agency. Faculty on both campuses demand another federal investigation into the Chancellor's violation of the Clery Act. The Clery Act requires colleges to accurately report sexual assault and other crimes and to give timely warnings about campus threats.

Evergreen community members are not bullies. We are property taxpayers and want our contribution of funds to the District reflected on our campus, in a better curriculum and better college experience for local students and a safer campus for students and community members.

We are involved in our college District because this Chancellor and particularly this current Board of Trustees (Mayra Cruz, Jeffrey Lease, Hoang Nguyen, Wendy Ho, Craig Mann and Rudy Nasol) are unreceptive of public input, do not dialogue with their constituents and have no desire to see improvements made at EVC therefore, the community will improve EVC; that is the mission of Friends of EVC.

When a Chancellor creates unsafe campus environments for students because she opts to have five Vice Chancellors, all making high salaries and two extra executive team members, over adding more campus police, this gives a peek into her priorities, and it is not students. Each college, EVC and SJCC, has its college president with associated staff.

The Chancellor opts to balance the budget and lease off, piecemeal and for small gain, one campus' land. Evergreen Valley College campus land is necessary to expand the college and provide better facilities *See SJECCD, page 6*

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Opposed to development of campus land

Editor,

We are opposed to the commercial development of 27 acres of land on the Evergreen Valley College campus.

The revenue earned form the San Jose Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) proposal only earns 1.5% of a 90 million annual budget. There are better ways for the district to fund or cut costs instead of leasing this land for 99 years.

The SJECCD needs to build programs and buildings for students, not retail buildings.

This Board of Trustees needs to build open and true consultation with the community and Evergreen Valley College staff it serves.

There is only one bid for the commercial development received and it's from the same developer that wrote the proposal. This is a RED FLAG.

If a property owner pays \$10 K of San Jose City property taxes, \$735.00 goes to the SJECCD annually. The residents of City of San Jose are funding the Board of Trustees poor decisions.

This Board of Trustees needs to be recalled if they move forward and approve the bid for non-educational use of this land.

This Board of Trustees did little to nothing to include and communicate to the community it serves. This decision was in the years in the making.

Please sign a petition to tell the district and city to save our college. Let them know there is a better vision needed to shape our college and community. http://tinyurl. com/friendsofevc

Contact us for more details: https://www.facebook.com/ friendsofevc

S. Randles *Evergreen Valley*

Property taxes should pay for expansion

Editor,

I just wanted to express my grief that the Board of Trustees opted to lease the land at Evergreen Valley College, for a measly 1.5 mil.

The amount the college receives from the property taxes should be more than enough to expand and become a better education model.

This act has been in planning for two years without informing the residents (how sneaky). No consideration as to how their lives will be affected, traffic and whatnot; most

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More than 30 members of the community expressed their strong opposition to the development during the public comments portion of the board meeting.

Board of Trustees vote to develop 27 acres at Evergreen Community College campus

By Larry L. Harris Special to the Times

gainst the flow of public opinion and public resistance the Board of Trustees voted to develop of 27 acres adjacent to the Evergreen Community College campus April 21.

At a standing room only Board meeting, the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District (District) voted to develop 27 acres of surplus land for an annual income of \$1.5 Million deposited into the district general fund.

The Evergreen community filled the board room voicing their dissent to the

proposal. Over 30 members of the community expressed their strong opposition to the development during the public comments portion of the meeting.

In addition to the public dissent, the Evergreen Community College and San Jose City College Academic Senates drafted a resolution against the development and many faculty expressed their opinions against the proposal.

After more than three hours of (sometimes angry and vulgar) community expression the vote was taken by the Board and the proposal passed with 6 yeas and 1 nay.

Issues at hand

The development project divides itself up into two issues.

The community expressed opposition based on the standard argument "Not in My Back Yard" (NIMBY) and a concern about the future growth of the college which might require all or a portion of this surplus land.

The Academic Senates (AS) provided a power point presentation depicting how future college programs (our automotive and physical education programs) might require additional land. The AS also presented an alternate use of the land as possible sports fields or separate development of the land as a for profit aquatic center.

The Board's main concern and objective is to create an ongoing source of income to give the district revenue stability during the down years of our economy. Their hope is this revenue would minimize any deep cuts to faculty or staff which was the district's experience in the 2008 recession.

Current proposal

"The San Jose-Evergreen Community College District ("District") entered into a long term ground lease with a developer for the approximately 27 acres of land adjacent to Evergreen Valley College ("Surplus Land").



The surplus land is adjacent to San Felipe Road and Yerba Buena Road.

The Surplus Land includes the old District Office site, the existing Police Academy as well as land which is currently not improved. The Surplus Land is adjacent to San Felipe Road and Yerba Buena Road. It is expected that the selected developer will, at its own cost, obtain land use entitlements for the Surplus Land and construct a mixed use project which will probably include, among other uses, multi-family rental housing and retail space. The selected developer will pay a substantial amount of rent to the District. Our goal is to ensure that there are additional (financial) resources, especially during economic downturns, to help our students achieve greater success.?"

Background

"The development of the 27 acres at the south end of the campus has been an item of study for many years. The District anticipates that it will receive millions of dollars in rent pursuant to the ground lease (1.5 million dollars per year). The exact use of the rent to be received by the District pursuant to the ground lease will be determined by the Board Trustees of the District in the future. The rent will be used to support the educational mission of the District and specific student success outcomes established by the State of California and the SJECCD Board of Trustees."

Process

In 2004, 27 acres of land adjacent to Evergreen Valley College was declared surplus. After three years of Board study, financial analysis, public discussions the Board decided to develop the acreage.

The initial bid with was opened at the Board meeting April 14 with Republic Urban Properties as the sole bidder. Due to the high energy and reaction from the community to the bid, the Board decided to hold the final vote on the development plan at the April 21 meeting.

Express your thoughts about this issue on the blog at http://sjeccd.blogspot.com.



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New Seasons

Continued from page 1 supports local non-profits working to protect the environment. Customers receive tokens worth 10¢ to give to local non-profit environmental organizations for each grocery bag they reuse. Customers place their tokens in the boxes that are marked with name of the organization they want to support.

During the month of May, New Seasons Market customers will have the opportunity to vote to determine which nonprofits will be the beneficiaries of the Envirotoken program for one year.

The organizations that are currently on the ballot are: Community Alliance with Farmers (CAFF), Family California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF), California Native Plant Rescue, FishWise: Sustainable Fishery Advocates, Organic Farming Research Foundation (OFRF), Our City Forest, San Jose Parks Foundation, Santa Clara County Open Space Authority, Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition, Silver Creek High School PTSA Campus Beautification, and Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley. Through the Envirotoken program in 2014, \$11,847.20 was donated by the Evergreen store to the following local organizations: Bat Conservancy of Coastal California, California Certified Organic Farmers, Our City Forest, Santa Clara Open Space Authority, San Jose Parks Foundation, and the Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley. Additonally, a total of \$100,119 was donated to 44 different organizations in 2014 by New Leaf Community Markets, a wholly owned subsidiary of New Seasons Market.

Expanded Product Offerings

To give customers a wider range of choices, 2,500 new products were added to complement the organic and natural lines, with more products to be added over time. These new products represent about 15 percent of all products offered.

New Seasons Market is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, the former location of New Leaf Community Markets, a wholly owned subsidiary of New Seasons Market.

The new store offers a wider variety of products than before. For more information about New Seasons Market Evergreen, visit http://www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen.



Chaboya Symphonic Band receives top award at CMEA Band and Orchestra Festival

haboya Middle School's Symphonic Band received the highest award of "Superior" at the California Association for Music Education (CMEA) Band Festival held April 18 at Evergreen High School.

This is the first CMEA "Superior" rating for Chaboya's band in more than a decade, according to the Chaboya's music instructor Karen Kolber.

The school band was the first to perform at 8 am and played three compositions followed by the sight reading secession at 8:25 am. The three selections played included Affirmation Overture by Robert W. Smith, An English Celebration by James Swearingen, and Lexington March by John Edmondson

Bay Section of CMEA mission statement:

The mission of the Bay Section of the California Association for Music Education is to promote the advancement of music education and to cultivate social and educational interaction among its members. Additionally the association assists its members in seeking individual and collective growth as musicians, educators, and conductors.

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Times Feature

For drought relief, every drop counts

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera Special to the Times

the midst of the worst drought in California's recorded history, it is important that we do everything in our power to conserve water. That's why I voted to approve the 30 percent water reduction recommendation last week at council.

According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture drought monitor for California, we have moved from a severe drought intensity to an extreme drought intensity. The need to

save water is not just a short term crisis. We live in a subtropical Mediterranean climate with little rain and about 300 full or partly sunny days a year. Encouraging residential lawn conversion and home gray water recycling addresses both short term and long term water needs. I've also called on the City Manager to utilize Santa Clara Valley Water District and Municipal Water rebate programs to create a lawn conversion program and to allow for gray water conversion in the most timely and inexpensive manner currently available.

San Jose residents have already shown they want to do the right thing when it comes to our environment, having already reduced their water usage by 12.8 percent. But we are in such a crisis that San José has declared a 30% emergency water shortage. We need to make water conservation a way of life in San Jose. The declaration calls for further water conservation to help address the effects of the past four years of severe drought. As part of the 30% emergency declaration, new watering restrictions have been established. However, if we want to meet our new goal of a 30 percent reduction in water use, we must evaluate what will give us the best value for our efforts. Lawn conversion incentives, gray water technology research, and supporting conservation legislation are all ways we can work toward water saving goals as we enter our fourth year of drought.

During this time of the emergency water shortage, San Jose residents are asked to reduce their water use by 30 percent. Outdoor water use accounts for about half of the typical water bill and may be the easiest place to reduce your water use. The following outdoor water use rules are in effect and apply to everyone in San Jose:

Water when it's coolest. Outdoor watering house are restricted to before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. and on two designated days when using the sprinkler system.

Odd numbered addresses – Mondays & Thursdays

■ Even numbered addresses – Tuesdays & Fridays

Use gray water to wash your car, take it to a commercial car wash, or leave it dirty.

Use community pools or the beach. No refilling residential pools/spas more than one foot and no initial filling with potable water, except when existing pools are drained to repair leaks.

Fix leaks on any pipes as soon as possible Don't let water flow into gutters or streets

Install and use automatic shut-off nozzles on hoses

According to the EPA, people living in drier climates can use up to 192 gallons per day on their lawn and outside landscaping. That is a total of 60 percent of total water use per day. Changes to how residents and companies irrigate their lawns will have a large impact on the



By Rose Herrera Vice Mayor

total water usage of a household or property. Under our current system, SCVWD offers a \$2 per square foot incentive to replace lawn with drought tolerant landscaping. San Jose Municipal Water (Muni) is in a cost-sharing agreement with SCVWD to provide an additional \$1 per square foot to this incentive for their customers. If you're interested in finding out about the rebate programs, go to http://save20gallons.org/. The benefits of high paying

incentives over large geographic

areas, similar to the ones offered by SCVWD and Muni, can be seen in our neighbors to the south in Los Angeles. Los Angeles, which has wrestled with water issues for much of its history, has provided landscape incentives to its residents for years. In light of the drought they stepped up the program, increased the incentive, and reached out to the private sector. This allowed for private companies to form around learning the rules of the landscaping conversion rebate, reaching out to residents, and relandscaping their property for free. The program was robust enough that after all this planning, outreach, and labor, both residents and the companies were able to keep a portion of the instant rebate. Just as Los Angeles was able to work with the private sector to bring their residents' conversion costs to nothing, we hope to work in conjunction with SCVWD and additional private partners to eventually expand the program both monetarily and in scope to achieve this same goal, pending the success of a trial.

Gray water systems have been rapidly evolving due to all the drought talk and we need to be part of that technology development. Gray water systems recycle water from bathroom sinks, showers, tubs, and washing machines to be used for other applications including certain types of irrigation and toilet water. Based on America Water Works Association estimates of average water consumption, gray water accounts for 40,880 gallons per four-person household per year. A household that installs a gray water system could see as much as a 22 percent decrease in residential water use by recycling the gray water. Residents have contacted my office interested in pursuing gray water systems for their home, but being a very new technology, what is safe and possible needs further investigation. We have not shied away from new technologies before as a City and we believe it is in our power to do the same for this as well.

There are some who will argue that water conservation incentives have run their course and a comprehensive shift towards enforcement of water usage is needed. Evidence has shown that there are still plenty of ways to provide creative incentives for creating a more sustainable water system for the end user. Due to the difficult nature of water enforcement, it is important that we exhaust all of these incentives to conserve water before we dive head first into playing the part of water police. The programs and incentives our neighbors around the state and our own residents have pursued are a good guide of where to look next.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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AND THEY'RE OFF

Runners get off to a fast start at the Middle School Track Meet held recently at Silver Creek High School, which included Chaboya, LeyVa, Ocala. Several students beat their best track times.

SJECCD

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for students. Rather than live within the yearly budget and spread that burden throughout the District, the Chancellor chooses to harm one geographical and socio-economic group of students by having them shoulder the entire load.

The District went down the route of leasing off a six-acre chunk of Evergreen Valley College campus land in 1999 and commercially developing it (the Evergreen Marketplace) for a return of \$524,000/yearly, used to pay for an unfunded liability. Chancellor Cepeda balances the District budget on the backs of Evergreen and East San Jose students - EVC has smaller course offerings and fewer facilities than SJCC. She does not spread the pain District-wide. Our local students bear the cutbacks and endure penurious (skinflint, miserly) treatment - only EVC. Why?

Further, in District F.A.Q.s they answer the question, WHAT WILL THE DISTRICT DO WITH THE RENT IT RECEIVES [from the 27 acre commercialization of EVC campus land]: the exact use of the rent to be received by the District pursuant to the ground lease will be determined by the Board Trustees of the District in the future

The rear of the college (eastern part of the campus next to the foothills) has two active fault lines that preclude construction of facilities there. Ground leasing the 27 acres for 95-years permanently reduces the size of the college forever. A rising population coupled with increasing higher education costs posit that an excellent, local community college would be well-attended by our local area students.

Can an educational consulting firm - Cambridge West Partnerships, employed by the Chancellor, paid for by the District (\$255,000 from November 19, 2014 to December 30, 2015 for each college for a total of \$510,000) predict with such accuracy that in the year 2110 our area will not grow in population or higher education costs will become so onerous, our community college will not be in more demand?

District tries to make EVC, our Full-Time Enrolled Student population is equal to within a couple hundred students of SJCC, and sometimes exceeds SJCC. Can you imagine how high student enrollment would be if the District supported EVC? Right now, EVC is just a transfer college, an educational entity to be attended for one year or two max. Counting each concentration, EVC offers 33 degrees and 23 certificates. SJCC offers 61 degrees and 60 certificates. The faculty of EVC would offer more to their students and as a community, we want our local students to have more degree and certificate choices.

West Valley College - Mission College District serves twice as many students per year and has nearly the same number of employees, yet that Chancellor has only one vice Chancellor reporting to him and a smaller overall administrative staff (one assistant, one Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services and two college presidents). The West Valley College-Mission College District spends money in the classroom and on safety.

We need better representation for our local Evergreen and East San Jose students and faculty. Several things need to happen to facilitate that representation including stopping the development of EVC's 27 acres and communicating with the public. The public was not informed for three and a half years that the District planned to develop EVC land (November 2011 to now).

The current Board of Trustees (Mayra Cruz, Jeffrey Lease, Huong Nguyen, Wendy Ho, Craig Mann and Rudy Nasol) need to be replaced with community members that think critically, question the District on the behalf of the community and make decisions for the benefit of all of the students. The public needs to provide input to the selection of the next Chancellor and we wonder how we can do that when the current Board of Trustees ignore our community and our input. Evergreen Valley College needs to be given the support to thrive and provide a larger breadth of degrees and certificates to our local students.

Brenda Serpa Friends of EVC

Times Community News



Members of the San Jose Conservation Corps are currently performing a turf conversion at the County Roads & Airports Maintenance Office on Shallenberger Road in San Jose.

Santa Clara County to replace green lawns with drought-resistant plants

By Ken Yeager Board of Supervisors

In an ongoing effort to address California's water crisis, Supervisor Dave Cortese joined me in proposing a new policy to reduce the impact of county landscaping on the local water supply. On Tuesday, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to replace decorative lawns and other water-intensive landscapes with drought-tolerant plants.

Currently, there are numerous green grass lawns on Countyowned land that require regular maintenance and watering. Those properties include the Civic Center and the Main Jail as well as the office buildings at Berger Drive and Charcot Avenue in San Jose.

The new policy requires County staff to identify such properties, including those along County roads, and create a xeriscaping—or sustainable landscaping—plan that utilizes drought-tolerant or native plants instead. Lawns that are maintained for recreational purposes such as parks and sports fields will be exempted from the policy.

There is no time to waste in mitigating the effects of this drought. The federal Environmental Protection Agency estimates that up to 50 percent of landscape water use goes to waste because of evaporation, wind, or runoff caused by overwatering. Converting to a sustainable landscape through careful plant selection and design can eliminate that lost water. This new policy is great way for the County must lead by example when it comes to water conservation.

Some of the new landscaping standards will be incorporated into existing capital projects. The County will also seek state and local water conservation grants to fund the cost of other landscape conversions. County staff will also seek opportunities to collaborate with the Santa Clara Valley Water District, the California Conservation Corps, and certified community conservation corps to achieve mutually beneficial goals.

In addition to converting existing lawns, the new policy places a 10year moratorium on installing any new water-intensive landscaping at County-owned facilities. This would include grass lawns that are heavily reliant on water and decorative fountains that use water.

Recently, the Board adopted an ordinance establishing permanent mandatory conservation for residents in unincorporated areas of the County. A similar measure for businesses will be considered soon. Additionally, all County Departments are currently putting 25 percent water reduction plans into place.

The County's new lawn conversion policy is in line with other recent water-saving efforts, some of which have been recognized with Silicon Valley Water Conservation Awards. Those projects have included utilizing recycled water for landscape irrigation and installing low-flow shower heads at County detention centers.

While the new policy was instigated by the drought at hand, it is being implemented with an eye toward systematic and permanent changes. The long-term effects of climate change across the region are being considered as well. We are entering a new era of mindfulness in water consumption. Conservation and smart resource management have to be the new normal.

As always, I encourage you to contact my office if you have any concerns or are interested in additional information. You can reach me at (408) 299-5040 or via email at Supervisor. Yeager @bos.sccgov.org.

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Amy Do, fifth grade student at Cedar Grove Elementary School, was part of the high energy performance.

Taiko performed by Cedar Grove students

Taiko was performed by several groups including students of Evergreen's Cedar Grove Elementary School at the Haru Matsuri Festival in Morgan Hill on April 19. Taiko is an ensemble drumming a broad range of Japanese percussion instruments.

Cedar Grove School's Taiko group is called Hinoki Daikol. At the end of the day, the group wrapped up the entertainment roster with one of its usual high energy performances. Hinoki Daiko began ten years ago at Cedar Grove and is comprised many talented young drummers. The group put on a great performance, holding its own with other adult Taiko groups from around the Bay Area.

In addition to Taiko, the Haru Matsuri Festival also included martial arts demonstrations, food booths and other cultural and fundraising activities.

For more information about Hinoki Daiko Taiko, contact Rebecca Shingai (408) 460.5659.



The drumming ensemble performed on a broad range of instruments. Below: **Melan Penglin**, sixth grade, demonstrates her skill.



San Jose sets 30 percent water conservation target to address severe drought

The San Jose City Council initiated a 30 percent emergency water declaration to comply with the State Water Resource Control Board mandate for water conservation throughout California.

The city's action also calls for further water conservation to help address the effects of the past four years of severe drought. The new rules take effect immediately through March 31, 2016. The water restrictions only apply to drinking water, not gray water (used water from baths, sinks), or recycled water.

New restrictions for outdoor watering include:

If using a sprinkler system, residents and businesses can water outdoors on only two designated days, and only before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m. Odd numbered addresses may water on Mondays and Thursdays. Even numbered addresses may water on Tuesdays and Fridays; if using a hand-held hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or a drip irrigation system, residents and businesses can water outdoors before 10 a.m. and after 8 p.m., without a designated day restriction. Watering in the cooler hours of the day helps reduce evaporation and allows plants and landscape to absorb more of the water.

The emergency declaration also prohibits residents from washing cars at home with potable water. Instead, car washing can be done with gray water or at a commercial car washing facility, which uses a recirculation system. The declaration also prohibits refilling residential swimming pools or outdoor spas more than one foot and no initial filling with potable water, with the exception of existing pools that are drained to make leak repairs.

New \$10,000 fine proposal Californians who waste water could face fines of up to \$10,000 per

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day under a new proposal announced by Governor Jerry Brown. The new fines would mark a dramatic increase from the current maximum fine of \$500 per day. The move is Brown's latest response to a drought that has left California in a state of emergency.

The regulation would rely on local authorities to collect the penalties, which would be a dramatic increase from the \$500 per day that water-wasting can currently incur.



State grant for San Jose Police is approved by City Council

The San Jose City Council voted Tuesday April 28 to accept a \$1.6 million state grant for the police department. Half of the money will go to new computers and servers including a new version of the mobile data computers for police cars.

The department currently uses an eleven-year-old system that crashed on the night Officer Michael Johnson was fatally shot. Police rely on the mobile computers for mapping locations, records searches and communicating with each other. But the system is prone to frequent outages.

The mobile data computers are used for mapping locations, record searches and communication between officers.

A portion of the grant will pay for body cameras. LaDoris Cordell, the city's soon-to-retire independent police auditor, has been pushing for officer-worn body cameras for years.

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Times Feature



Students walked to school to honor Earth Day.

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Earth Day Celebrations held at James Franklin Smith Elementary

arth Day was celebrated in a big way at James Franklin Smith Elementary School on April 22.

The PTA's Go Green team, led by uber enthusiastic parent volunteer, Sulu Pai, planned a series of fun activities for the entire week to promote the message of protecting the environment.

During the week long festivities, students took part in a Book swap. During the first half of the week, students were encouraged to drop off their gently used kids books. Later in the week, those same students were allowed to rummage through all the donated books and select books of their preference.

More than 200 students participated and donated more than 1000 books and 600 books were traded with the remaining 400 books packed up and donated to a local Evergreen elementary schools.

JFS Student Council sponsored an Earth Day poster contest and the two winners were 6th grader Thien Kim Dang and 3rd grader Stephanie Tran.

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In celebration of Earth Day, students were also encouraged to walk to school. A similar Walk-To-School event had been held in the fall and was such a great success with students and family, it was brought back for a second time.

The JFS students from kinder to 6th walked to school with their friends, parents and grandparents, enjoying the cool breeze and a beautiful morning. San Jose Police Department officers were present to direct traffic.

Although Earth Day is over, the theme continues as the JFS first graders are showcasing a hydroponics display to demonstrate a new way of growing food. Plants are grown in pods where the root system is submerged in nutrient rich water.



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World Computer Exchange program established in Evergreen Valley

Silicon Valley Chapter of the World Computer Exchange Program is being established in Evergreen Valley, according to Paul Cianci.

Cianci said the chapter is in the early stages of establishing our chapter and have already received support from several enthusiastic Evergreen Valley High School, Evergreen Valley Community College and San Jose State University students as part of our team. While we are off to a good start, we are very much in need of computer donations, storage space and additional volunteers.

The World Computer Exchange (WCE) is North America's largest non-profit supplier of donated refurbished computers to schools and youth organizations in developing countries.

More than 800 volunteers work to keep donated com-

puters out of landfills and to give them new lives in developing countries connecting youth to the skills, opportunities, and understanding of the internet.

Computers from donors that are refurbished by WCE volunteers help connect schools in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean or the Middle East to the internet. WCE has received the trust of partners that include the United Nations, Peace Corps Volunteers, Rotary Clubs, iEARN.org, USAID and World Economic Forum.

To find out more about the World Computer Exchange visit their website www.worldcomputerexchange.org. For more information about volunteering for the Silicon Valley Chapter, contact Paul Cianci by email: paul@cianci.org or call (408) 375.7165.

Times Community News



Silver Creek Academy offers alternative approaches to learning with a 6:1 student-teacher ratio.

Silver Creek Academy celebrates its eight year anniversary in Evergreen

S ilver Creek Academy is celebrating its eighth year sharpening students' skills and broadening their academic horizons in Evergreen at the Canyon Creek Plaza on Silver Creek Valley Rd.

Founded by owner and teacher Shelley Swircek in 2007, the Academy offers a wide variety of small group classes that focus on the individual needs of students in kindergarten through high school. Classes cover a variety of subjects including writing, reading comprehension, math, public speaking & debate, and HSPT and SAT Prep.

Voted the Bay Area's Best Learning Center by Bay Area Parent Magazine four years and running, and the Best of Evergreen voted by readers of the Evergreen Times, the Academy proudly offers its students alternative approaches to learning in a supportive and motivating environment with credentialed instructors and a 6:1 student-teacher ratio.

This year the Academy added courses in Competitive Debate, Logic and Critical Thinking, Typing, and Testing Well with Common Core Standards.

Swircek says her guiding principle to student success is this: "It is our passion, not just our purpose to inspire our students to learn and challenge themselves at the highest level."

The Academy is open year round and provides summer programs, as well. Along with classes, the Academy also offers one-to-one tutoring and homework help.

For more information about Silver Creek Academy, call (408) 839-5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.



Off the Grid

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Off the Grid will be collaborating with San Jose Made, featuring local makers with live demos and other special community programming as well as Evergreen Coffee Company.

Over the past year, Off the Grid has been working closely with Steve and Mary Natale of Shapell Properties to develop the Evergreen Area. Shapell Properties, along with Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, have made this area a priority.

Evergreen Village Square, located at 4075 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, serves the community as a premier retail destination, with a variety of community events including Sunday and Wednesday Farmer's Markets, Music, Art and Wine on Friday nights during the summer as well as holiday

events throughout the year.

Off the Grid began in June 2010 with the simple idea that grouping Street Food vendors together would create an experience that would allow neighbors to connect with friends, and families to reconnect with each other. Since then, Off the Grid has worked hard to develop markets that are located in urban cores of cities, and that utilize spaces that are not easily activated effectively throughout the day.

Currently, Off the Grid operates over 40 weekly markets in the greater Bay Area, and works with more than 180 vendors weekly. At its core, Off the Grid believes in the power of a shared food experience to connect communities.

For a list of upcoming markets and more information on Off the Grid, visit www.OffTheGridSF.com or become a fan on Facebook.



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Community Calendar

Silicon Valley Bikes! Festival What: In honor of National Bike Month, History San Jose and the Silicon Valley Bicycle Coalition are hosting the First Annual Silicon Valley Bikes! Festival and Bicycle Show. Come celebrate the Santa Clara Valley's rich bicycling history and culture. The event will include food trucks, vendors, riding demonstrations, kids activities, a racing area, and much more. Free bicycle valet parking will be provided. The cost is \$5 at the gate. Children ages 10 and under are free

When: Sunday, May 3, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Where: History Park at Kelley Park,

1650 Senter Road, San Jose More Information: Email siliconvalleybikes@historysanjose.org.

Water-Wise Landscaping Course What: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy and Master Gardeners Dee Brown & Lisa Strand invite residents to learn water-saving landscaping techniques. Participants in this 3-week course will learn about the many beautiful low-water plants that thrive in our climate with minimal water usage. The cost is \$35 for GRPC members, \$45 for non-members. Pre-registration is required, and space is limited. When: Wednesdays, May 6-20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m Where: GRPC Visitor & Education

Center, 438 Coleman Avenue, San Jose More Information: Call 408-298-7657 or visit http://www.grpg.org.

History Happy Hour: The Peninsular

What: Campbell's Ainsley House is

hosting a discussion with Saratoga historian Ray Cosyn on the Peninsular, Santa Clara Valley's original public transportation system. For railroad enthusiasts, public transportation advocates, and anyone with a love of history, this lecture will be an entertaining and informative experience. The cost is \$15 per person, and attendees must be at least 21 years of age. When: Friday, May 8, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Where: Campbell Historical Museums, 51 N Central Ave.

Museums, 51 N Central Ave. **More Information:** Call 408-866-2104 or visit www.cityofcampbell.com/museum.

Willow Glen 5K Run/Walk

What: Willow Glen Elementary School invites serious runners and casual walkers alike to its annual 5K Run/Walk in San Jose's Willow Glen neighborhood. Following the event is a post-race festival, which will include a pancake breakfast, music, games, and much more. Proceeds from the race will benefit local after-school programs. When: Saturday, May 9 at 9 a.m. Where: Willow Glen Elementary School, 1425 Lincoln Avenue, San Jose Mare information: Visit www.wil-

lowglen5k.org.

Kids Tree Safari

What: Our City Forest invites children of all ages to join the Kids Tree Safari and discover the great urban outdoors of San Jose. In this expert-led tour, participants will learn about the unusual and wonderful plants living in our region's biggest city. RSVP is required. Bilingual services are available. When: Saturday, May 9 and June 20, at 2 p.m. Where: Our City Forest Community Nursery, 1000 Spring Street. San Jose

More Information: Email treetours@ourcityforest.org or call 408-998-7337.

Armed Forces Day Run/Walk and Fun Fest

What: The Veterans Support Services Agency presents a day of family fun in honor of Armed Forces Day. In the morning there will be a 5K run as well as a 1 mile walk, with award categories for each. After the race, the Family Fun Fest will begin, offering live music, a classic car display, local artists, food, and more. Pre-registration is required. Organizers are offering \$5.00 off the registration price with the code "newsletter". When: Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Where: Lake Cunningham Park, 2305 S. White Road, San Jose

More information: Visit www.vssainc.org/afd/.

New Seasons Market Events

Fridays, 5-7pm: Complimentary Wine Tastings and Cheese and Food Pairings. May 1: Gnarly Head wines (Lodi), May 8: De Rose wines (Hollister), Martin Ranch (Gilroy).

Tues, May 5, 3-7pm: Mother's Day Gift Extravaganza. Enjoy delicious brunch samples, chocolates, and sparkling wine as you explore the many tables of gift items such as gift baskets, bags, body care, jewelry and more. Free. RSVP at www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com Fri, May 8, 4-7pm: Free Skin Care or Cosmetic Consultation. With beauty expert Mariah Guinta, AcquaCures founder. Learn about the importance of blending natural and organic skin care into your lifestyle for ultimate health and beauty. RSVP: www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com

Sat, May 9: 11am: Community Mural Unveiling. Come see the beautiful, new mural in the café area made of tiles painted by children at the grand opening of the store.

Wed, May 13, 11am–12pm: Kick the Sugar Class. From agave to nector to xylitol, sugar can sneak into your diet behind a variety of aliases. Learn how to spot sugar on food labels, how sugar affects your body, and tips for taming cravings. Free. RSVP: www.newseasonsevergreen.event brite.com

Thurs, May 14, 4-5pm: Hands-On Kids Art Class. For 5 to 10-yearolds. With instructor Murphy Adams, who led the tile art project at the grand opening. Draw and paint with pastels, watercolors, inks, and more. Offered again May 28, 4-5pm. \$5 materials fee. RSVP: www.newseasonsevergreen.eventbrite.com

Sat, May 16, 10-11am: Gluten-Free Store Tour. Walk away with a great shopping list and valuable resources to help you navigate a gluten-free world. Free. RSVP: www.newseasonsevergreen.event brite.com

New Seasons Market is located at: 5667 Silver Creek Rd, San Jose, 408-513-8200, www.newseasonsmarket.com/our-stores/evergreen



Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley performs 'Cinderella' May 8-10

Ballet San Jose Silicon Valley is presenting popular family entertainment for Mother's Day weekend with a performance of "Cinderella," complete with fairy godmother, a pumpkin turned into a coach, and a shiny glass slipper.

Raymond Rodriguez, associate artistic director of the company, is taking on the task of staging the production, choreographed by Ben Sevenson, with music by Sergei Prokofiev. Rodriguez is a former principal dancer for the ballet company.

The ballet takes place at the Center for Performing Arts, 255 S. Almaden Blvd on May 8 at 8 p.m.; May 9 at 1:30 and 8 p.m. and May 10 at 1:30 p.m. The May 9 matinee is a special family-priced performance.

Non-subscriber tickets are priced at \$25-\$110; family-priced tickets are \$25-\$80. Youth, senior and family pricing and other special promotions are available. For information on tickets or season subscriptions, visit balletsj.org.

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Times **Feature**

Bike tour will visit five branch libraries

By Amanda Choi

Librarian alling all bike enthusiasts! Join us on Saturday, May 9th for the 2015 Gira • de Libro Library-Tour-by-Bicycle, the second annual San Jose Public Library bicycle tour.

The Tour is a guided community and staff bicycle ride that will visit five of San Jose's twenty-three branch libraries.

The Gira de Libro will start and finish at the Dr. Roberto Cruz-Alum Rock Branch Library (3090 Alum Rock Ave., San Jose, CA), visiting the following branch libraries: Evergreen, Hillview, Educational Park, and Berryessa. The ride stops at each library to regroup covering a total distance of 32km (20 miles).

Itinerary for the 2015 Gira de Libro Library-Tour-by-Bicycle

9:00am: Participants check-in at Alum Rock Branch Library

9:30am: Wheels hit the road

10:30am: Arrive Evergreen Branch Library Tour of the building and public art 11:30am: Arrive Hillview Branch Library

Tour of the public art 12:30pm: Arrive Educational Park Branch

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Tour of Tech Connect and public art 1:30 pm: Arrive Berryessa Branch Library Tour of the Seed Library and public art 2:10 pm: Arrive Alum Rock Branch Library Tour of the public art

Live band

Recycle bicycle inner tube activity 3:00 pm: Finis

We hope you'll be able to ride with us and enjoy the City of San Jose's libraries and bikeways. All levels of cycling experience are welcome to join. For safety purposes, registration is required. To register and for route information, please visit http://sjpl.org/ blog/gira-de-libro-library-bicycle-tour.

Off the Shelf Amanda Choi Librarian

Please Note: The bicycle tour will not be held in the event of inclement weather. As always, we have many wonderful pro-

grams coming up at the Evergreen Branch Library. Children of all ages are invited to

join us on Wednesday, May 6th at 6:30 p.m. for a Mother's Day Bouquet Craft. We'll have a special Mother's Day story time and then kids will have the chance to make a beautiful paper bouquet to give to Mom. On Thursday, May 7th at 11:30 a.m. we'll Make a Lei in May. Children ages 5 and up can enjoy a May Day storytime then use their creativity and the materials provided to create their own flowery lei to take home. Additional Events

You can view Evergreen

Branch Library's complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/sanjoseli-

brary) Parking

When the library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the Evergreen community.

Amanda Choi is a librarian at the Evergreen and Berryessa Branch Libraries. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. Berryessa Branch Library is located at 3355 Noble Avenue, San José 95132. The library phone number is 408-808-3050. Both libraries are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.

Annual Evergreen College **Poetry Festival April 29**

he annual Evergreen College Poetry Festival will be held on April 29, 2015 at Montgomery Hall.

Festivities are scheduled to begin with a reception at noon with refreshments being provided. At 12:30 pm, live readings will begin and will last about an hour, at which time there will be a short intermission with refreshments.

The new 2015 issue of Leaf by Leaf, the annual Evergreen College review of literature will be available for purchase as one enters the theater. This year's issue promises to be very exciting, to say the least.

After the intermission, live readings will begin again and at 3 pm there will be an open mike session for all contributors of the Leaf by Leaf to read or recite their works.

"Our festival promises to be one of the best ever and we encourage the general public to attend and participate" said Sterling Warner who is largely responsible for this year's event

Bike to Work Day coming on May 14

ational Bike to Work Day is coming. The Bike to Work Day is a community event that encourages local residents to try bicycling as their mode of transportation to help relieve traffic congestion and curb motor vehicle emissions on May 14. In the Bay Area, more than one million

miles

to Work Day.



There will be energizer stations throughout the County.

Register and pledge to ride at the official Bay Area Bike to Work Day website youcanbikethere.com to be eligible to win prizes and nominate someone you know as Bike Commuter of the Year.



Chaboya Boys' volleyball team wins section title

he Chaboya Boys' volleyball team defended their title as section champions against a tough team from Murphy on April 17.

The Chaboya Colts' win caps off three seasons in a row of not only winning the championship, but also being undefeated.

In the championship match the Colts raced out to an easy first game victory behind the outstanding play of Sahil Patel, who really stepped it up and had his best game when it mattered most. He would finish the match with an incredible 14 kills.

The second game was much tougher as Murphy just wouldn't quit. The team counted on Shubhankar Gaur and Amit Ahluwalia to make great decisions setting and at the net and the delivered every time.

Vincent Dinh, Zach Argao, Derek Tan and Derek Chan seemed to keep every ball alive with outstanding defense while Sahil, Niko Veroulis, Karan Dilawari and Piort Szarecki controlled the game up front. The match would go back and forth until Dilawari ended the match with a kill to give the Colts a 25-21 victory.

All season long the boys had great leadership from returning players Shubhankar Gaur, Derek Chan and Zach Argao who not only set the tone with their play, but their guidance with new players as well. The team would not have such success without the "1B" team of Daryl Dinh, Chetas Holagunda, TJ Ng, Alex Tran, Aditya Reddy, and Ishaan Singh pushing them every day in practice.



Times Community Notebook

OPINION: Less, not more traffic congestion needed on Yerba Buena Road

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer The area of San Felipe Road and Yerba Buena Road, witness to several automobile accidents recently, some fatal, has a few needs.

There needs to be less, not more traffic congestion. There needs to be less, not more businesses on the busy corner.

There needs to be double left hand turn lanes coming off Yerba Buena Road onto San Felipe Road.

Would building huge apartment complexes and businesses, on the twenty-seven "surplus" acres that the present Administration and Board of Trustees of the San Jose/ Evergreen Community College are alleging that they have solve these traffic issues?

In the opinion of local residents and some local employees, this is not the case. This is not even taking into consideration the taxing of our, already overused, sewage systems and the added pollution of the inevitable traffic that occurs. What about the drought in California? Can we afford the expense of an already dwindling supply of water brought on by adding more population to our area? We're already cutting back 25-30 percent.

It seems that several old buildings on the campus of Evergreen Community College are in need of rebuilding, or at the least, retrofitted for making them less subject to demolition in case of earthquake. The only way these buildings, on a fault-line, can expand is outward toward San Felipe Road. The present Administration and BOT have declared that the college has stopped growing and does not need the land. What would happen if affordable housing was built on the acreage and suddenly there was an

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influx of students at EVC?

How would building a retirement center on that corner benefit students at EVC? There are two existing centers already there in the area adding to the confusion as ambulances and firetrucks are busily coming and going. This tends to tie up traffic on this already overtaxed corner. Have you ever tried to hurry someplace at the time classes are scheduled to commence at the college?

It is alleged that the College District has more money in its coffers than ever before and the 1.5 million that the District would receive annually would be an investment in the EVC infrastructure. This money would probably be divided between EVC, SJCC, the District Office, the Workforce Institute, and the Milpitas High School Satellite. The District claims that the place to expand is Milpitas and not EVC. Is the District interested in investing in education? An interesting question could be asked, "Was this surplus land bought as a result of a local bond election?" If so, whose land is it? Can anyone deny that its purchase, any way one looks at the situation, was educational—not commercial?

The following is in the guidelines of the EVCCD bond elections:

Along with this opportunity, comes responsibility. (Bond measures) The district is committed to responsible stewardship of all bond funds. Measures G-2004 and G-2010 adhere to all accountability standards governing the management of a Proposition 39 bond program. A Citizen's Bond Oversight Committee, comprised of members of the community, provides Bond oversight. The oversight committee reviews all bond expenditures to ensure alignment with the ballot text.

Since when should a local College District be more interested in real

estate development than class room development? The old song and dance of any school district is that they are always in need of monies for expansion, rehabilitation of existing facilities, custodial services, maintenance services, etc. This is why they hold bond elections.

Gentle reminders seem to go unheeded in the SJECDC, BOT and Administration. Let me remind one and all that citizens pass bond measures to improve educational buildings and facilitate academic programs; they do not pass bond measures to invest in commercial real estate.

Donations for Nepal needed

By Supervisor Dave Cortese Special to the Times

n Saturday April 25, 2015, a magnitude 7.8 earthquake struck Nepal, with aftershocks still rocking Kathmandu, the country's largest city. So far, the death toll is nearly 4,000. Saturday's earthquake was the same magnitude as the one that hit San Francisco in 1906 and about 16 times more powerful than the 7.0 quake that devastated Haiti in 2010.

In times of crisis, our American spirit has moved us to help the victims and survivors grappling with the aftermath of a natural disaster. Please consider helping those in urgent need now.

Here are a few aid organizations active in the Nepal crisis.

- Sahayeta: A Bay-Area Nepalese Alliance
- Habitat for Humanity
- Oxfam America
- UNICEF
- Global Giving
- American Red Cross
- Doctors Without Borders
- Save the Children
- Mercy Corps

Santa Clara County residents concerned over the well-being and location of a family relative, friend or colleague can use the following platforms to track them:

- Google Person Finder
- Facebook Safety Check
- Restoring Family Links

As Californians living along seismic fault zones, the news reminds us of our own vulnerability and the importance of being prepared as reports forewarn us of the looming "Big One." Please check out the County Office of Emergency Preparedness website for information about earthquakes locally, what to do and how to prepare a kit.

- Governor's Office of
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If you have questions or would like more information, please call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org.

(This location is served by VTA Light Rail and Bus Line 58.) The public is encouraged to attend, but for those unable, written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 12 by email to: *board.secretary@vta.org* or by mail to: Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 N. First Street, Building B-1, San Jose, CA 95134-1927. Sign language and additional interpreter service will be provided upon request. If these services are required, please contact VTA Customer Service at least five days prior to the meeting at (408) 321-2300, TTY (408) 321-2330.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Citizens Watchdog Committee

(CWC) for the 2000 Measure A Transit Sales Tax

receive input from the community:

Program ("Measure A") is holding a ballot-required

public hearing on FY 2014 Measure A expenditures to

Tuesday, May 12, 2015, 6:30 p.m.

VTA Auditorium

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Copies of Measure A Program documents and reports are available for public inspection from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) offices at 3331 N. First Street, San Jose, CA in the Building B lobby. They are also available for viewing at local public libraries and at VTA's website: *www.vta.org* (which includes accessible versions). Questions on the public hearing should be directed to: Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, at (408) 321-5720 or to *stephen.flynn@vta.org*.

INDEPENDENT AUDIT: Fulfilling its ballot-defined responsibilities, the CWC commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and schedule for Fiscal Year 2014 (July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2014). Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP, independent certified public accountants, conducted the compliance audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. They issued an unqualified ("clean") opinion on Measure A Program compliance with the ballot. Copies of the audit results and other related reports are available at the locations stated above and at *www.vta.org*.



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Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day 2015

The Santa Clara County employees had a lot of extra help on Thursday, April 23, 2015, as children entered the workforce for a day to get firsthand lessons on what happens at the County Government Center in San Jose. Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day also featured a presentation of a resolution by Board President **Dave Cortese**, a dance-a-long warmup in the Board Chambers and activities for children. Supervisor Cortese was joined in the presentation by Supervisor **Cindy Chavez**, top row, left, and Supervisor **Mike Wasserman**, top row, right.

Smart Craft program promotes critical thinking, creativity

By Madhavi Gupta Special to the Times mart Craft is an after school program conducted at Evergreen Elementary by the school's PTA. The goal of the program is to enhance students' experience of the four C's of Common Core – Critical thinking, Creativity, and Communication and Collaboration.

Recently, Smart Craft students have been creating various utility products in teams comprised of students from different grades during the year with the help of dedicated parent volunteers.

For its grand finale event the team put together a "Market Place" for the school community to visit and purchase their handmade products held April 24. Students, wearing corpo-

rate attire, first made sales presentations to the audience including staff, parents and family.

Principal Steve Sweeney applauded the stu-





dents and presented them with medals. After the ceremony, students proceeded to the "Market Place," where in about an hour all products almost sold out.



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