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Proposal to build hillside homes near Silver Creek Valley Country Club requires moving Greenbelt line

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

A controversial proposal to build hillside homes near Silver Creek Valley Country Club will require moving the Greenbelt line if approved.

Julie Hutcheson, Legislative Advocate for Committee for Green Foothills, addressed the 2,150 acre proposal at the District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) meeting held at the Village Square Library on April 6.

Hutcheson informed the community about her organization and their opposition to the Young Ranch proposed development. “We want to inform the community so they can be aware of this attempt at sprawl in our ecologically sensitive hillsides,” said Hutcheson.

The Committee for Green Foothills is against the project because of building an urban development in a rural area. Hutcheson says, “It violates the voter-approved green belt line and other long-standing fundamental policies.” “We are not supportive of the Young Ranch project because it is an assault on



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San Jose’s voter approved greenbelt and would set an alarming precedent countywide.”

Established in 1952, the Committee for Green Foothills is a nonprofit group that watchdogs and

protects the open spaces, farmlands and natural resources of San Mateo and Santa Clara counties through

advocacy, education and grassroots action.

Many Silver Creek Valley Country Club residents are concerned that traffic congestion with a new road intersecting Silver Creek Valley Road will be even more dangerous and believe the project will ruin the aesthetics and beauty of Silver Creek Valley.

Some Silver Creek Valley residents expressed their concerns about fire protection. They point out that the nearest County Fire Department is 13.5 miles away in Campbell which could pose a fire danger for Silver Creek Valley Country Club property owners, unless the City of San Jose agrees to offer fire protection for the new development.

The landholding company YCS Investments, an abbreviation for the Hong Kong billionaire family name Yeung Chi Shing who bought up the
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Evergreen students who are now representing Silicon Valley in Odyssey of the Mind World Finals are: Ansh Singhal, Lori Zhou, Parth Mehta, Rinisha Golani, Vedi Kanani, and Kunal Yadav.

Odyssey of the Mind Team (Division 1) at Matsumoto Elementary School advances to the World Finals

Odyssey of the Mind Team (Division 1) from Tom Matsumoto Elementary School have advanced to the World Finals.

“This is a proud moment for Evergreen Schools and our community,” said Preeti Vishwakarma,
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Evergreen Valley sixth grader wins NASA Centennial Art Contest

By William Bellou
Publisher

Apoorva Panidapu, a sixth grader from Evergreen Valley, is named grand-prize winner of NASA Langley Research Center’s Centennial Student Art Contest.

More than 800 artwork submissions were submitted for the contest from 40 states and Puerto Rico. The artwork was judged on originality, interpretation of subject matter/theme, creative techniques, composition and overall art appearance.

Panidapu’s vision of a wondrous star-filled sky ripe for exploration and discovery won over hundreds of entries submitted from across the country in a NASA student art contest. Children in grades K-12 were invited by
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Apoorva Panidapu

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Educational forum offered by District 8 Community Round Table May 4

The District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) invites the public to an Education Forum on Thursday May 4th from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Evergreen Village Square Library.

This will be a panel discussion on education identifying current and future issues affecting public education and is intended to provide an opportunity for the community to explore new solutions to a better future for public education.

The D8CRT expects five or six local school districts to participate in the panel discussion with the community including Evergreen, Mt. Pleasant, Berryessa, and East Side Union among the possible districts.

The moderator for the Education Forum will be Dr. Mary Ann Dewan, Deputy Superintendent, Santa Clara County Office of Education, and the general discussion for the panel will be centered on current and future challenges for local school districts and how Sacramento can and should assist our local schools.

Possible Topics for the May 4th Panel Discussion Include:

- How schools may adapt to declining enrollment in order to keep neighborhood schools open?
- How to reduce the cost and risk of creating magnet, accelerated learning, STEAM, dual language immersion, performing arts, or other special interest programs?
- Is the local funding formula fair to local school districts considered rural?
- How to keep "kids being kids" out of police handcuffs?
- How to keep land purchased for educational purposes from being sold for temporary gain?
- How to mitigate the increasing costs of health care and retirement benefits?
- What law/policy changes might help

school districts attract new teachers when the cost of housing is not affordable to young and single teachers?

Community Meetings are normally held the first Thursday of every month, 7 - 9 p.m. at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4001 Evergreen Village Square.

For more information, visit: www.d8crt.org.

Evergreen senior citizen property owners are eligible for Measure H Parcel Tax exemption

Evergreen property owners age 65 by June 30, 2018 or older are eligible to file for exemption from the annual \$100 Evergreen School District parcel tax for parcels they occupy as their principal residence.

For joint owners of a principal residence, only one owner needs to be age 65.

More information regarding the parcel tax exemption, including a form to request exemption, can be found on our District website at eesd.org/page.cfm?p=2896.

Forms are also available for Village residents at the Senior Resource Services office.

To complete the exemption, the form and supporting documents may be brought into the District Office located at 3188 Quimby Road, San Jose.

District representatives will be at The Villages Golf and Country Club Forum Room, located at 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA, to accept new exemption requests for Village Residents on May 5, 2017 and from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Residents must file for the exemption in person with documents to prove their home ownership, residency, and age eligibility.

Those who have previously been granted an exemption from the parcel tax, their exemption will be automatically renewed each year as long as you remain eligible for the exemption.

Resident unable to submit the application in person or for additional information, contact Pearl Casey or Janet Ayers at (408) 270-6863.

Youth basketball begins March 17th thru May 26th at Chaboya

Open to all 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th graders

Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, March. 17th, for all interested Evergreen-area boys and girls in sixth and seventh grade regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the 80 available slots are full.

This is a co-ed league with no more than ten players on each team. This is a "funpetitive" league and everyone receives 2 full quarters of playing time. Practices are usually no more than once a week and we are looking for coaches (most coaches practice right before their game). Cost for the league is \$130 which includes a game jersey, 6 games and play-offs, personal lanyard, participation medal, 1st and 2nd place trophies and gym rental.

For more information or to register, phone (408) 605-1513, John Franza. You can also stop by Chaboya, or e-mail E.A.S.Y. Hoops Basketball at easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form.



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Building assets in students while enhancing teacher collaboration

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

“We really appreciate the time to connect with our colleagues weekly, keeping each other accountable and having time built into our school day,” said the sixth grade team. “It has strengthened our team, by allowing us to support each other in a non-judgmental way,” stated the second grade team.

These, and other, positive remarks are being passed as Norwood and Laurelwood Schools in the Evergreen School District participate in the Project Cornerstone initiative started in 1999 with the purpose to promote social/emotional health in youth.

Norwood and Laurelwood Schools have chosen to call their program “Asset Building” which benefits both children and teachers. What are students doing while their teachers are collaborating? During the 50 minute session, the students are engaged in Asset Building activities. Project Cornerstone has identified 41 developmental assets that young students need in order to lead healthy productive lives. “The fewer assets a child has, the more likely he or she will engage in at-risk behavior,” Says Project



Sixth grade teachers **Samantha Lozano, Cheryl Baker, and Roger Griffith** work on the Asset Building program.

Cornerstone.

Teacher Instructional Coach, Lucy Hsu, states, “At both Norwood and Laurelwood School we have implemented weekly collaboration and coaching sessions for every teacher. What is unique about our model; rather than teachers collaborating only after school hours, the collaboration sessions are built into our weekly bell schedule. Many teachers cite time as one of the greatest reasons they don’t collaborate with their colleagues more. We addressed this by creat-

ing a time on campus during actual school hours.”

Ms. Hsu continued, “We created a schedule, whereby a grade-level team, consisting of three teachers, meets together for 50 minutes with the instructional coach. Then the next grade-level team meets for 50 minutes with the coach. These coaching sessions occur all day, every Monday, allowing every grade level team to engage in the following: designing lesson plans, discussing strategies to address students’ struggles, analyzing student

work and data, attending classroom observations both on and off-site.”

Every Monday at Norwood (and every Wednesday at Laurelwood) students engage in Asset-building activities. The weekly, 50-minute lesson plans are written by the Instructional Coach, Lucy Hsu, and taught by three well-trained substitute teachers.

“It’s less daunting to try something new when you do it together. There is so much sharing of new and great ideas,” Brenda Allen, first and second grade combo teacher.

“We set goals as a team, and we have a focused topic each week; it keeps us accountable with each other,” third grade team. “Our time spent collaborating has made me a better writing instructor,” Andrea Jaffa, second and third combo teacher, Laurelwood.

Loretta Toy (second grade teacher): “Our time is spent having student-centered conversations and brainstorming strategies together. We come up with solutions that apply to all of our classes. Gracie Wade said, “It’s helpful to have my colleagues see my student’s work with fresh eyes; sometimes they point things out to me and suggest

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OP ED: Land Use Master Planning Charrette necessary for EV College acreage

The District 8 Community Round Table has begun working with our new Councilmember, Sylvia Arenas to initiate, organize and conduct a Land Use Master Planning Charrette for the Master Planning of the proposed development of the entire 27 acre plot of Evergreen Valley College land.

A charette is a meeting in which all stakeholders in a project attempt to resolve conflicts and map out solutions.

The necessity for the Land Use Master Planning Charrette is because of the San Jose City Council action last December, prior to Councilmember Arenas’ swearing into office, which changed the General Plan Designation on the land from Public/Quasi Public to Neighborhood Community Commercial.

The District 8 Community Round Table very much appreciates Councilmember Arenas’ willingness to reach out to the San Jose Planning Director, the developer Republic Urban, the San Jose Evergreen Community

College District and the community to make the Land Use Master Planning Charrette happen.

It is desirable that City Planning oversees and conducts the Land Use Master Planning Charrette to assure a high quality, significant community engagement experience. A charrette process facilitated by land use planning and group process professionals will foster listening, feedback and shared conclusions, and help engender mutual respect between the various stakeholders. This should result in a much better outcome for our community.

The City Council Motion required that the entire 27 acres be changed to Neighborhood Community Commercial so that the entire 27 acres could be Master Planned and this Motion reflected the request of Republic and the San Jose Evergreen Community College District for Master Planning the 27 acres.

It is important that the Evergreen community is able to visualize the entire 27 acre development plan and that is why the Planned

Development Zoning and Planned Development Permit application should be submitted to the City after the Charrette occurs and at the same time for the entire 27 acres to avoid piecemeal development of the site.

The City, Republic, the San Jose Evergreen Community College District and the community are in agreement that there will be no housing on the site. The Charrette and the Master Planning for the entire 27 acres will ensure that there is no housing.

Republic and the San Jose Evergreen Community College District have stated that in addition to the proposed revenue-generating commercial land uses, the Master Plan for the entire 27 acres would incorporate numerous and significant community benefit land uses such as an Aquatic/Gym Center, an Education Center, ample open space, and playing fields.

It is important that significant community
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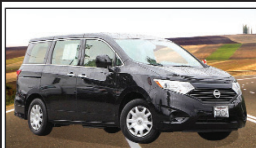
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Girls' and Boys' tennis teams with The Villages tennis players. Over the years The Villages Tennis Club also has supported the Silver Creek High School tennis teams by providing scholarships, racquets and practice balls and attending their matches.

Villages Tennis Club Scholarships awarded to Silver Creek High tennis team members

Once again The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee is pleased to award annual scholarships to Silver Creek High School tennis team members.

Since 2004 a total of \$42,000 has been granted to members of the Boys and Girls Tennis Teams. This year, two deserving students will each receive \$3000 bringing the grand total of scholarships to \$48,000.

The Villages Tennis Club Scholarship Committee is proud to be the largest donor of scholarships at Silver Creek High School.

Funding for the scholarships is a result of the commitment of The Villages Tennis Club members and their dedication to higher educa-

tion. Funds are raised through a variety of efforts such as the May Scholarship Tournament, a BBQ dinner, silent auctions, raffles, local merchant support and donations.

Highlights for the Villages Tennis Club are annual matches with Silver Creek High School Boys and Girls tennis teams.

The scholarship winners and their success on and off the courts continue to be a source of pride to the Villages Tennis Club Members. Wendy Ferguson, the founder and chair, has successfully fostered the vision of the scholarships.

Donations may be sent to Wendy Ferguson, Tennis Club Scholarship Committee Chair, The Villages, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose, CA 95135.

EASTER FEASTER 2017

APRIL 16 is Easter. We always have special music like members of the Evergreen Valley Youth Orchestra, Lunasol, and others.

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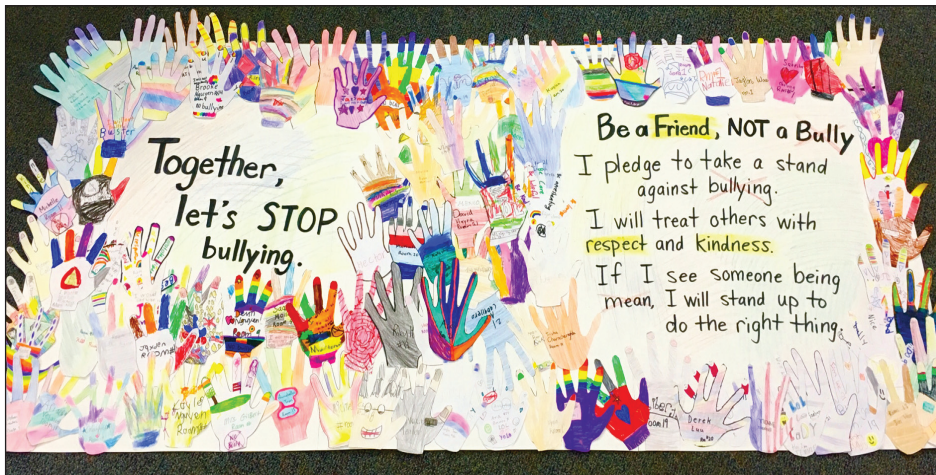
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Second grade teachers sitting at a conference table, collaborating: **Kathleen Vaughan, Christine Cantu, Loretta Toy, and Gracie Wade.**



Children's work and their goal to work toward stopping bullying.

Teachers

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what I can do differently."

The Second Grade Team especially found it useful to analyze students' work together. Studies show the regular assessment and feedback of students' daily work (known as formative assessments) is most impactful to teachers' instruction and students' learning. As Kathleen Vaughan says, "It's valuable having our coach, who not only facilitates our collaboration, but provides us with resources and tools we wouldn't otherwise have the time to gather and organize!"

"I'm glad my students are getting exposed to developmental assets that are essential. Our students enjoy the activities, and the teachers can collaborate at peace, knowing our students are getting valuable life lessons," Toni Wolfe.

The lessons usually involve a monthly book study covering topics such as: healthy friendships, honesty, tolerance, empathy, self-control, and more. A big goal of Project Cornerstone is to promote a caring environment at school that addresses bullying, teach students to be up-standers, and give students life skills for success.

"I try to keep the activities both fun and developmentally appropriate. Aside from reading and discussing the lesson and themes from the book-of-the-month, the activities also include: writing, poetry, creating artwork, active listening exercises, meditative breathing exercises,

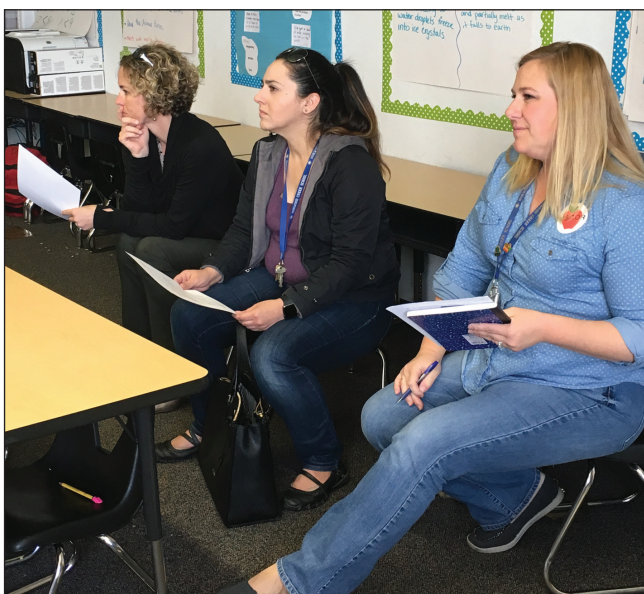
and more," said Lucy Hsu.

"We carefully selected three subs who would be available every Monday. We wanted to make sure they understood our vision, valued asset-building, and are committed to forming a positive rapport with our students." She also stated.

Martha Hernandez, substitute teacher, "The students enjoy the opportunity to express themselves, talk about their feelings, and sharing about their culture."

The three substitutes stated, "We appreciate the comprehensive lesson plans and having everything prepped for us. I go in every Monday knowing that it's going to be a fun day."

This program has been a success this year, thanks to the principals, Hong Nguyen and Nanette Donohue, who had the vision to provide teachers with the invaluable collaboration time. Without their vision and support, the program would not be sustainable.



Principal **Nanette Donohue** (Norwood) and fourth grade teachers **Michelle Walter** and **Laura Jarvis** are attending a classroom observation at another school.

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Mortgage applications rise 1.5 percent, as interest rates fall to 2017 low

Investors are moving to the bond market due to geopolitical concerns causing interest rates to drop to their lowest level this year, while mortgage applications are up.

Total mortgage application volume rose 1.5 percent on a seasonally adjusted basis from the previous week. Volume was 21 percent lower than during the same week a year ago, according to the Mortgage Bankers Association.

"Mortgage rates dropped over the course of last week as global tensions increased surrounding events in the Middle East and the

Korean peninsula," said Mike Fratantoni, chief economist for the MBA.

The average contract interest rate for 30-year fixed-rate mortgages with conforming loan balances (\$424,100 or less) decreased to 4.28 percent from 4.34 percent, with points increasing to 0.38 from 0.31 (including the origination fee) for 80 percent loan-to-value ratio loans. Mortgage rates took a big leap following the presidential election, and while they have since moderated, they remain higher, leaving fewer borrowers to benefit from a refinance.

Odyssey

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OOTM coordinator for Tom Matsumoto Elementary School.

Odyssey of the Mind is an international educational program that provides creative problem-solving opportunities for students from kindergarten through college. Team members apply their creativity to solve problems that range from building mechanical devices to presenting their own interpretation of literary classics.

The Evergreen Odyssey of the Mind Team participated in Silicon Valley Regional Tournament in February and they advanced to California State Level.

"The team again did an awesome job at State Tournament, and now have advanced to the World Finals, which will be held in May 24 -27 at Michigan State University, said Vishwakarma.

Odyssey of the Mind World Finals brings teams from all over the world. Evergreen students who are now representing Silicon Valley in World Finals are: Ansh Singhal,

Lori Zhou, Parth Mehta, Rinisha Golani, VEDI Kanani, Kunal Yadav.

Each year Odyssey of the Mind teams astonish audiences all over the world with their extraordinarily creative solutions to our original problems. Teams advance in competition until the champions meet and compete at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals. Opening Ceremonies takes place on Wednesday, and teams compete from Thursday through Saturday.

In addition to the competitions there are many other creative activities taking place, including a Creativity Festival, an International Festival, a Coaches & Officials Competition, NASA-sponsored events, and a lot of pin trading. The World Finals will culminate by crowning the World Champions of Creative Problem Solving during the Awards Ceremony.

To help the Odyssey Team with expenses, a Gofundme account has been set up at: gofundme.com/oortm-world-final-evergreen-sv

More details on the Odyssey of the Mind program are available at odysseyofthemind.com.

Chaboya Middle School seventh grader wins medals at Santa Clara Science Olympiad

Tejas Prabhune (right) was recently awarded three medals at 2017 Santa Clara Science Olympiad Regionals.

Tejas is a 7th grade at Chaboya Middle School and is a member of the Chaboya Boys White Team.

Tejas and his partner Nemerjit Singh won medals in all three events they participated in winning silver in Optics and Bottle Rocket and a Bronze in Meteorology.



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OFF THE SHELF: Celebrating spring at the library with volunteer appreciation

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

Celebrate April!

April is a month of celebrations. We are celebrating National Library Week, Earth Day, National Volunteer Appreciation Week (Apr. 23-29) and El Día de los Niños/ Day of the Young Child. Look ahead to these two highlighted events on Saturday, April 29, and save the date now! Evergreen's Wee Play Date, 11 a.m. will have special play activities directed at children ages 5 years and younger! Join Village Square's Jump For Joy Music performance, the same day, at 1 p.m. Join in a cooperative learning experience that also introduces musical instruments. Celebrate National Poetry Month by checking out Evergreen's display of poetry books for all ages, and a Poetry-Writing Station with supplies available for children.



Wee Play on April 29 will offer children ages 5 and younger a safe, fun play time with great activities.

Volunteer Appreciation

We want to give special recogni-

tion to both libraries' Volunteers of the Year. Evergreen Branch

Volunteer of the Year Divya Shenoy joined teensReach in May 2016, immediately showing resourcefulness by repairing several library puppets. She wanted to share her love of sewing by teaching children, so used our program proposal process to create "Sew Easy" workshops. Divya identified a target audience, wrote a class description, projected learning outcomes, and built an itemized budget. Her Teddy Bear workshop series for 8-13-year-olds filled so quickly, she added two "Penguin Pillows" programs. Her next class is a Sew Easy Puppet Workshop for 6-10 year olds on Tuesday, April 18, 2-5 p.m. at Evergreen. Divya's recruitment and training of other teens to thread needles and to sew on buttons in order to help children learn these life skills while having fun with crafts merits special recognition.

Evergreen staff members also wanted to give a "Shout Out" to some other volunteers for Superior Service in the past year: Carol Chivers, weekly Reader to Children and Friends' treasurer; Hardeep Takhar, cheerful, reliable, and flexible Library Services volunteer; Nancy Covington, Friends' Book

Nook volunteer; Christopher Robles (coordinator) and his hard-working group of Homework Club volunteers; and the new 2016-2017 Chess Club leadership who are training young players.

Village Square Branch's first Volunteer of the Year will be a group award. The Friends of the Village Square Library are the first honorees selected for this special recognition at San Jose's newest library branch! These Friends have done an outstanding job managing the book nook, conducting book sales, and raising money to support library programs. Read more about them, along with all the volunteers chosen for other SJPL locations at sjpl.org/volunteer. Village Square staff members also especially thank Rohan Viajar for his hard work and dedication managing the Homework Club. We salute the Village Square teensReach group for significant contributions to our customers by both running and assisting with programs after the new branch opened last spring.

Additional Events

Book Sales are a chance to stock up on books for all ages at bargain prices while supporting our volunteer Friends' groups to raise money for local library programming: Come to Evergreen Friends' book sale, April 22, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., and to Village Square Friends' book sale, April 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Browse all San José Public Library event listings at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary).

Edith Sutterlin is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. (408) 808-3060. Village Square Branch is located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square. (408) 808-3093. Both are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.

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Charrette

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benefit land uses be in the Master Planning and in the combined Planned Development Zoning and Planned Development Permit application submitted to the City.

The stakeholders have quite a daunting challenge in Master Planning to incorporate the community benefit and revenue-generating land uses into a scale and intensity of development which respects the immediately adjacent neighborhoods as well as the Evergreen East Hills Development Policy and the greater Evergreen and San Jose

communities.

The District 8 Community Round Table encourages the Evergreen community to get involved in the its General Meetings and its Land Use Committee as well as the Land Use Master Planning Charrette for entire 27 acres of Evergreen Valley College. Everybody is welcome to participate!

Please send comments, suggestions for community benefits for this college land to all4education@yahoo.com.

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NASA Contest

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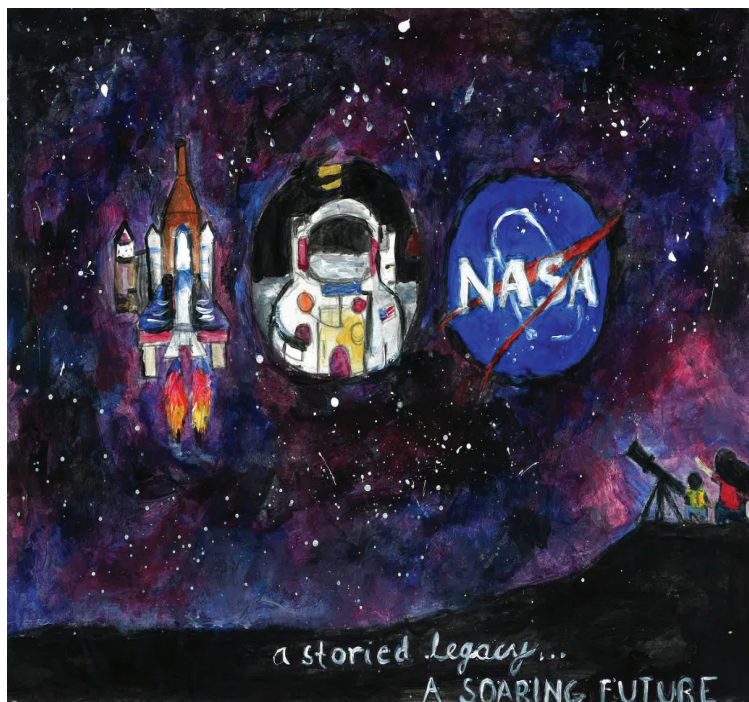
Langley to use their talents, imagination and knowledge of NASA to create original artwork for the art contest entitled, "A Storied Legacy, A Soaring Future."

Panidapu said she was inspired to participate in the national contest because "not only would I be able to create something, but also I would be creating it for NASA, an inspiring organization that represents the importance of science, technology, math and engineering in our society, using it to change the world: the embodiment of what I want for my future."

Panidapu's inspiration

Panidapu explained her inspiration in creating her artwork for the NASA contest:

"Writer Henry David Thoreau once said, 'The universe is wider than our views of it.' In my art piece, I have attempted to capture an extremely small part of our universe, a part that is still enormous to us as mere human beings. From a young age, my interests have laid within two subjects, math and art. While many other kids were playing outside with their friends, I would either be scribbling out math problems or doodling on a random sheet. When I heard of this opportunity, I was inspired to participate because, not only would I be able to create something, but also I would be creating it for NASA, an inspiring organization that represents the importance of science, technology, math and engineering in our society, using it to change the world: the embodiment of what I want for my future. In my piece, I started off by creating a landscape upon which there are two children gazing at the sky through a telescope. The older girl is helping the boy by pointing out intriguing constellations and objects in the sky. I then splashed the rich pigments of a deep blue merged with various amounts of crimson with dashes of pitch black paint scattered here and there to create the midnight sky. Adding the finishing touches, I sprinkled pure white paint across the painting to represent the millions of stars, as space is vast and full of enigmas waiting to be discovered. To celebrate the 100th Anniversary of NASA Langley within my piece, I created the number 100 out of three miniature illustrations. I portrayed a rocket as the number 'One (1)' to signify the beginning of every exploration. To depict the incredibly life-changing moment of the landing of Neil Armstrong, Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin, and Michael Collin on July 20, 1969, I painted an astronaut looking out on the moon, creating a 'Zero (0)'. And for the last 'Zero (0)', I drew the insignia of NASA, a common sight across the globe, to weave in the purpose I was even introduced to this opportunity. To finish it off, I painted the motiva-



Apoorva Panidapu, a sixth grader from Evergreen Valley was named the grand-prize winner of NASA's Langley Research Center's Centennial Student Art Contest with this artwork. Credit: NASA Langley Research Center

tional phrase, "A storied legacy... a soaring future," onto the earth background on which the children kneel upon. The beginning of the phrase, 'A storied legacy' symbolizes the incredible achievements that NASA has pioneered so far, discoveries that have led to evolutions in our modern world, and our "soaring future" represents forthcoming rapid advancements, innovation, exploration, research, a future where anything is possible as we soar across the sky into the vast unknown we call space."

Each grade had a first- second- and third-place winner, determined by a panel of NASA artists. Those winners became eligible for the grand prize, which was voted on via a nationwide online poll. The voters also determined honorable mention winners for each grade. There were 3,780 votes online from 43 states and the District of Columbia to determine the grand-prize winner.

The goal was to illustrate how NASA research and innovation pro-

pels science toward new discoveries that help generate new opportunities, technologies and ways to understand and protect our home planet.

Panidapu, who attends California Connections Academy, praised the work of NASA and expressed her appreciation for what the agency does, notably in creating this art contest to help invoke creativity in children.

"I'm grateful to be a part of this memorable milestone and the grand centennial celebration," she said.

Panidapu received certificates for her win: a NASA exploration package (posters, pens, stickers, patches and lapel pins) and her artwork will be publicly displayed at the Virginia Air and Space Center in Hampton, Virginia and at an upcoming Langley centennial exhibit at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center in Newport News, Virginia.

Panidapu enjoys playing the violin, sketching, painting and helping young kids with math and art.

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Kriyaa Dance Academy wins 1st place at Dance USA Dance

Kriyaa Dance Academy has won first place in two separate categories at the Dance USA competition.

They will be competing at a Dance USA Dance National level final competition at New Jersey on April 15 at Ritz Theatre & Performing Arts Center in New Jersey.

Kriyaa Dance Academy of Evergreen Valley is a dance academy offering Indian Classical to Folk, Semi-classical to Fusion Bollywood, and Hip Hop to Jazz dance classes for kids and adults founded in 2010.

Dance USA Dance is a brand new type of contest that takes the world of Indian cinema, and Bollywood music to a whole new level. The most talented dance teams from workshops all across the country have a chance to win \$5000 in cash prizes.

Sub-Juniors Category: First Prize:

1. Aanika Ravi - Kindergarten - Carolyn Clark Elementary
2. Ayush Agrawal - 2nd grade - Carolyn Clark Elementary
3. Krithik saxena - 2nd grade - Carolyn Clark Elementary
4. Kavya saxena - 2nd grade - Carolyn Clark Elementary
5. Aarman Vidhani - 1st grade - JFS Elementary
6. Krishna Mistry - 1st grade - Norwood Creek Elementary
7. Krishnavijay Andra - 1st grade - Norwood Creek Elementary
8. Sneha Pidikiti - 1st grade - Challenger School- Berryessa

Moms Category: 1st Prize:

1. Uma Dhanapal
2. Swamini Bajpai
3. Shoma Sinha
4. Srividya Tadani
5. Aayushi Mehta
6. Keerthana Suresh

For more information, visit: kriyaadanceacademy.com



Bollywood choreographer **Saroj Khan** (second left to right) Kriyaa Dance Academy Director **Uma Dhanpal** (third left to right) with participants (l to r) **Krishna Mistry**, **Sneha Pidikiti**, **Aanika Ravi**, **Krishnavijay Andra**, **Aarman Vidhani** – **Krithik Saxena**, and **Kavya Saxena**. (Ayush Agarwal, not pictured.)





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Times Feature

New Evergreen Medical Center opens with help of caring doctors, business and city leaders



Dr. Kevin Dang, Mike Honda and Mitzi Dang celebrate the opening of the new Evergreen Medical Center.



By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

Nearly 300 local residents celebrated Evergreen Valley's new state-of-the-art Evergreen Medical Center's open house and grand opening held on Saturday April 8.

In addition to various prizes raffled, the medical offices provided professionally catered food. Tours were conducted throughout the center. Doctors were present to offer information about their practice and present the positive aspects of the new facility.

"We believe the residents of our community should not have to drive 15-20 minutes or more to receive the services they need," said Balaji Venkatraman, partner of the Evergreen Medical Center. "This medical center helps all, including those who live in the Villages and other nearby Evergreen neighborhood communities."

This 42,000 square foot building was created with the foresight to have 144 car parking spaces, eight furnished doctor offices, examination/procedure rooms, registration center, waiting areas, nurses' work areas, break rooms, and the best janitorial services.

The honorable Pastor Huey of the New Mission Community Church said, "I know the pharmacy has won awards and they are very courteous...just about anything anyone needs in health services is located in this building and it is first class and gives a warm atmosphere and feeling." Other visitors to the open house said, "This is great for the community. I can walk here and it is right next to the bus line so it is very convenient for me. Another visitor said, "This is a one stop shop and I like that there are lots of health services here."

Evergreen Medical Center Vision

In 2012, doctors and partners got together and bought this building with the vision and foresight to create a first class medical facility which would take most all insurance carriers offered by patients. Velnkatraman said, "The city leaders helped us... opening a business in California is a challenging process and the city helped us expedite the permit process, traffic abatement, and other necessary things to succeed in offering a medical specialty clinic where doctors can easily lease exam rooms and quickly set up satellite practices without too much startup costs and expensive permit processes. This is the vision of all the partners to fulfill the mission of providing easy and convenient top quality medical services here in Evergreen."

Radiology is located in the building

Silver Creek Radiology is located on the ground floor and offers a full

scale imagining center which does MRI, CT, Ultrasound, Mammography, Stereotactic Core Biopsy, Xray, and more. Dr. Lisa Wong, Director of Radiology said, "This is the mission for Silver Creek Radiology, to provide the highest quality services to the community in a spa like outpatient environment at our state of the art, brand new facility. We want to be the imaging center for all the community needs from children to the elderly. We have a dedicated insurance representative to connect with people and answer any questions." Many commented that the layout of the large spacious suite 100 was pleasing to the eye in that it was warm and welcoming with special care in its appealing design.

OBGYN on site

Dr. Mary Kilkenny said, "every person is unique and we are here to serve woman's individual needs. We take care of women and manage pelvic health (woman's menstrual cycle issues), birth control, pregnancy care, menopausal management and more. Please give us a call for we are here to serve you." Kilkenny has been providing obstetrics and gynecology in Silicon Valley since 1989. Thus, the Ventana Medical Group is now easily available for services to women in Evergreen.

Five Star Rated pharmacy on site

Evergreen Pharmacy, considered one of the highest quality pharmacies in Silicon Valley, is located on the first floor of the

new facility. Winner of Best of San Jose for the past four consecutive years, recipient of San Jose business excellence award and a five star Yelp member, Kevin Dang, (Pharm. D. Doctor of Pharmacy) said, "We are a family pharmacy and we take the patient situations into account and work with each person expertly to serve their needs." Other representatives of the pharmacy stated that in the Evergreen area there are a lot of corporate type of pharmacies and they often are run in a regimented way but here we take the extra time with the patients to know their names and individually help them as a "family pharmacy."

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Now open, the Evergreen Medical Center has many services to choose from

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Radiology, Evergreen Pharmacy, Evergreen Urgent Care, Evergreen Surgery Center, Quest Diagnostics, Evergreen Sleep Center, Nguyen Ky DPM, Medical Specialty Clinic, Ventana Medical Group (OB/GYN Obstetrics and Gynecology), John D Sargueza DPM, and Robert Verrette DPM. It is seen that both the offices and those who provide services are the best of the best! **"We care"**

This simple two word statement was stated by one of the partners who helped envision the center. It seems that with altruistic risk management wisdom, the business leaders, doctors and city governance have resurrected a previous vacant building into one of the finest medical centers in the world. This is the kind of thing that makes one reflect on the greatness of America for all parties come from various cultural backgrounds and they all work together as a friendly team to serve all in our community to make a positive difference in our lives.

Call to find out if your insurance is covered here

You may not realize that the doctors and the other services provided at this Evergreen Medical Center take vast selections of different insurance carriers so while each office works in its unique way, one practice expressed that they accept, Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Cigna, United Health Care, Health Net,

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The new Evergreen Medical Center welcomes you

Like a favorite melody composed of many chords, the health services pieced together in this building have the composition of doctors and related services to give song to our Evergreen community. The project was created with caring capitalism and those who invested continue to put forth their time and money with the purpose of offering first flight care in a location that was re-birthed from a non-occupied building into a new fresh beginning. This was all achieved through the dynamo of democracy and ignited by the fuel of the desire in making a positive difference in offering convenient medical care for all. Those who have moved into the new Evergreen Medical Center ask you to help the Evergreen community by using these local services.

Editor's note: The location of the Evergreen Medical Center is 2365 Quimby Road.

Services, reviews, photos and more can be found at the Facebook site: facebook.com/EvergreenMedicalCenterSanJose. For more information about leasing opportunities, send email to: vince@songsreality.com



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Times Feature

African-American Military History, Woman's History Month honored at Evergreen Valley College symposium

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

A symposium paying homage to African-American Military History and honoring Woman's History Month was held last month at Evergreen Valley College.

The event was sponsored by the J.E.W.L. organization led by Leslie James, President and Director. The organization resides at Evergreen Valley College campus and organized the event and many other informative events each year.

According to Ms. James, the J.E.W.L. designation pays homage to her parents and in-laws, Joe, Emily, Wilson, and Leona, with parenting, struggles, strength, dedication, and faith.

The event first focused on a historical fact confirmed by many scholars that Crispus Attucks was the first person to die for freedom and independence during the American Civil War. Attucks, a runaway slave, faced British soldiers and was the first to fall in Boston. Few are aware that an African-American run-away slave was the first to give his life for freedom and independence at the start of the Revolutionary War.

Shot by British Soldiers

On March 5, 1770 a fight happened between British soldiers and colonists. Attucks faced down the British as he led the charge against them. He was a rope maker and trader and an escaped slave. Shots were fired by the British and he was hit first and died with other colonists, thus, he is considered the first to set off the Revolutionary war as a martyr. His father was believed to be a slave and his mother was believed to be a Native American woman.

Women's History Month

The Honorable Andrea Flint, Superior Court of California judge took the stage and informed and inspired those in attendance explaining her quest and journey in becoming a judge. She is one of four African American women who serve among 74 judges in the U.S. She graduated from UC Berkeley and Boalt Hall School of Law.

She was a Deputy Public Defender from 1997-2007, then from 2007-2010 she served as Supervising Attorney at the Santa Clara County Office of the Public Defender. After all of that strong experience she took on the great weight of becoming a judge.

"It was not easy to grow up in a neighborhood where I was one of very few African Americans," said Flint. She went on to discuss that at that time in Orange County, residents were still learning about diversity. She stated that one neighbor asked her mother, "How do you keep your children so clean?"...and the neighbor did not think it odd to ask such a question.

Judge Flint said, "We did not come from money, I went to public schools." She went to public elementary, junior high and high school, and then continued with public colleges Cal State Berkeley and Bolt Law School. She stated in elementary school, "There were no African American teachers." She said that she ran track, played volleyball, got involved in drama club and got along with all people and related well to all the different groups growing up while attending high school. She considered herself well versed, a group joiner and a person with many interests and talents.

"I dreamed of becoming a lawyer when I was six years old...and it just stuck! Sometimes people who were to mentor her in high school would discourage her dream of becoming a lawyer by commenting, "thinking of becoming a lawyer... that might be too hard... why not start small," but she stated, she always knew in her gut at a very early age that she would become a lawyer and a judge too. Her positive



Third Grade Class, Warren "Pete" Miller (bottom left). Emmett Till (3 rows up and six over from the left).

attitude in expressing her view on life's dreams let the audience know that for her, the sky was the limit.

"Working helped me to know what I was doing and what I was working for," said Flint.

"I worked at a movie theater and sold tickets and popcorn. 'In college I made ends meet with a dream job as a dorm monitor and at the same time get my studies done. Working helped me to know what I was doing and what I was working for."

As she worked diligently in the public defender's office she found that one day she was asked, "Have you ever considered becoming a judge?" It made her think, said Flint..."I was asking all the wrong questions...instead of asking why me, I should have been asking...why not me...couldn't I be as good as a judge as others?" This led her to understand she could be as good as anyone else as a judge and thus in 2010 she got a call from the Governor's office saying she was appointed to be a judge.

Judge Flint commented there are many great women and men in history to read and learn more about. She discussed Charlotte E. Ray, who in 1872 became the first Black African American female lawyer. She expressed that this female lawyer used a newspaper run by Fredrick Douglas to advertise and publish items dealing with law.

Judge Flint tied in lots of history to give a bigger picture of the way our nation is progressing forward in ensuring there are more women of color in governance. She spoke about Ruby Bridges and others. She suggested that everyone see the movie called Hidden Figures about a team of African-American women mathematicians who served a key role in helping NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program. "Be sure to go out and see that movie," Judge Flint stated.

As she concluded her presentation as a keynote speaker, she made the audience realize the steps and kind of positive attitude one must possess to succeed in making dreams come true.

The meritorious Warren Miller next took the podium and presented thought provoking insights on Black/African-American Military History. A man of knowledge selected to serve as Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department

Engineering Science from Northwestern University, elected Fellow of the American Nuclear Society and co-author of textbook, Computation Methods of Neutron Transport.

With an upbeat style of presentation and a jovial way of connecting with all audience members, Miller used expert presentation skills of power-point photos while pinpointing certain key areas of photos projected on the large screen with a laser pointer. The photos helped to add thousands of unsaid words with each new camera shot which emerged as he spoke on various subjects. Revelations repeat throughout Black/African American Military History which mirror our society norms.

He began to help all of the audience understand that going back to America's history from the late 1800's with comments about Marcus Garvey, it was seen that there was a "black separatist" movement of some Black people believing that Blacks should go back to Africa. This was referred to as the Black Diaspora. This same kind of tension was seen in various wars of the United States. There was always tension with regard to what some movements were with regard to Blacks serving in the military.

Displayed photos helped tell the story

He discussed many key points of Black/African-American Military History. It seemed like the depth of what he discussed could be expanded in the depth of a yearlong class for it was of such great importance. Thus, the audience got just a very interesting caption-like lecture which was of such great interest it left all with a yearning and wanting to know much more.

Miller enlightened all that "the famous
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Times Feature

Greenbelt

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2,150 acre parcel in the 1970s. The investment company has filed initial permits for the \$90 million project with Santa Clara County approximately four years ago. If approved, YCS Investments must dedicate 90 percent of the land as a nature preserve. Hutcheson states, “the term used in YCS’ marketing materials ‘nature preserve’ will not be accessible to anyone in the community except the residents of the Young Ranch who can afford homes on an endangered species habitat.”

The proposal would build Young Ranch in two phases: 39 homes at first, the rest following later approval. It would need San Jose to relinquish two-thirds of the parcel to the county. The homes would lie on two-acre plots with strict landscaping rules. Homeowners would rely on septic tanks and water would come from wells or the privately owned Great Oaks Water Service.

Councilmember Sylvia Arenas responds

“Young Ranch is a project that has repeatedly earned strong opposition - including the strong opposition of city staff,” said Sylvia Arenas, San Jose City Council member, District 8. “While the question is currently in front of the County Board of Supervisors, there is a city component, which is why I’m currently gathering more information and meeting with city staff, community members, and advocates. As a new councilmember, it’s important for me to complete my research before taking a final position, but I do share the same concerns that our community is expressing.”

“County staff reportedly believes they have a viable project here,” said Hutcheson. “Whereas the city of San Jose believes the project doesn’t match up to what we have in our general plan. There’s a conflict of jurisdictions.”

Hutcheson stated that the project is controversial due to a proposed “clustering” of two county owned properties with four city properties. This would allow transferring of lots. “This tears at the fabric of what the city is supposed to do and what the county is supposed to do,” said Hutcheson. She also said that many other organizations are concerned about this proposal for it is precedent setting. (Voters previously approved Measure K for Greenbelt lines).

Several Evergreen residents attending the April 6 meeting expressed their opposition because the proposed development sets an alarming precedent and endangers sensitive hillside habitat species; scenic views, traffic safety, noise, and air quality. Animals and plants that are endangered include Tule Elk, turtles, plants, bats, etc.) Cultural resources are also impacted, with include: Ohlone graves, settlements and relics.

Hutchison said the applicant, YCS Investments, Inc., attempted a similar proposal in 2014. She said the Santa Clara County

planning commission has met with the developer who also wants to build a community center on the property.

“The applicant has also filed for a Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment to allow transfer of density from parcels located within the City’s jurisdiction to parcels located within the County’s jurisdiction, which would result in an additional 40 lots on County parcels,” said Hutcheson. “In addition, YCS Investments has also requested a density bonus, allowable under State Law, to enable an additional nine lots on the County parcels, bringing the total of proposed lots to 70.”

“The Evergreen community and residents of Santa Clara county in general, should be especially concerned about this proposed development, not only because of the potential development of 79 large units outside the long established green line, but more importantly because of its potential to unravel decades of hillside protections and preservation of green spaces,” said Evergreen resident Jim Zito, who serves as a board of trustee for the Evergreen School District. “Any such development would further exacerbate traffic impacts and tax our critical services such as flood control, water and police and fire services.”

Zito, who served on the San Jose Planning Commission for eight years, said the Young Ranch project “proposes to use questionable land swap and density credits to circumvent long standing preservation policy and voter approved safeguards of our hillsides.”

“I’m pleased the initial indication is that San Jose’s Planning department has recommended denial of this project and is preserving the fundamental policies that were followed during tenure on the planning commission,” said Zito. “That is to preserve the surrounding hillsides, and fully respect our Greenline policy. We knew then that any breach of this fundamental pri-

ority would open the floodgates to additional developments such as the adjacent Richmond Ranch and other hillside properties as far north as Fremont, and as far south as Gilroy.”

EIR for proposed development

The 445 page Santa Clara County Planning environmental impact report of the proposed development of the Young Ranch property can be read by searching the web: “Santa Clara County Young Ranch report 2017.” The report reads: “The 2,150 acre site is located southeast of downtown San Jose along Coyote Ridge, which runs along the eastern side of the Santa Clara Valley. YCS Investments, Inc. (the applicant) has submitted an application for a Cluster Sub division consisting of 30 lots and a 4,000-square foot community center on two parcels located in the unincorporated area of Santa Clara County.”

Hutcheson stated, “Those who wish to learn more about the project and its implications can contact Committee for Green Foothills or they can voice their opinion by contacting their County Supervisor (Dave Cortese is the Evergreen area County Supervisor and a representative from his office said residents can contact their office for any information, and input).

On April 24, the county Planning Commission will hold a fourth hearing on the matter to discuss whether the application complies with the general plan’s vision for unincorporated development.

Petitions have been signed with more than five hundred residents voicing requests to not allow the project as currently proposed. A copy of the petition is available online at: Change.org. Donations are accepted at: greenfoothills.org/ways-to-give

Comments regarding the proposed development can be directed to Dave Rader, Senior Planner Santa Clara County Department of Planning and Development@ David.Rader@pln.SCCGOV.ORG.

Symposium

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Tuskegee Airmen never lost an American bomber plane.” The take away was that a tremendous pride was felt and seen by all in what each military officer’s role was during all wars. The “Double V” for Black/African Americans in America was discussed. It was stated that often returning military vets were “mistreated,” upon coming home from wars. He spoke of the double “V,” which means “Victory at war and victory at home.” Wikipedia defines the Double V as follows; The Double V campaign was a slogan to promote the fight for democracy abroad and within the United States for African Americans during World War II. The Double V refers to the “V for victory” sign prominently displayed by countries fighting “for victory over aggression, slavery, and tyranny,” but adopts a second “V” to represent the double victory for African Americans fighting for freedom overseas and at home. This had to do with combating agents of racism at home.

Malcolm X plays role in shaping America’s history

In the Korean War it was noted that, “there was significant strife among newly integrated military units.” There were also Black separatist movements here at home with Malcolm X. It was stated by some that the duty was to fight racism at home not in Asia. This was a controversial time in our country and Miller enlightened the audience and continued to inspire all to know more.

The death that rocked our America and loss of his personal friend

He went on to say that in 1955 Emmett Till was his school mate in third grade who was murdered in Mississippi. Miller reflected fondly about his close friend growing up and how as the years past, when his friend was visiting a family member in Money, Mississippi, 14-year old Emmett Till, an African American born in Chicago, was brutally murdered with unspeakable acts. This historical event rocked our country. To learn more look up the name “Emmett Till” on a web search.

The closing of Warren Miller’s presentation left everyone upbeat in relating the honor that Mohammed Ali displayed when he was in the prime of his boxing career. He was asked to fight in Vietnam but decided it was against his religious practices. He could easily have gone to Canada and avoided the draft but he chose instead to serve in prison. This again was during the prime of his boxing career.

Miller served honorably in the Vietnam War and showed photos of himself on screen receiving accommodations and it was touching with how he also honored Mohammed Ali for his right to follow his beliefs in peaceful ways. Mr. Miller stated, “Fighting both within and outside the system contributed greatly to progress in our country.” He stated, “Discrimination faced each group of African American veterans and there were always arguments against Blacks fighting in White people’s wars.” To sum up the award winning keynote speech he quoted Dr. Martin

Luther King Jr. in saying... “the arc of history bends toward justice.”

As the event closed James said, “There are those who still do not want to accept that a run-away slave who did not have freedom is responsible for the freedom and independence of the same Country that had enslaved him, mostly due to racism...” The J.E.W.L. organization enchants all with exploring and presenting history in ways that are deeply thought provoking and it was stated by many at the event we need a national holiday to honor Crispus Attucks. His action is the fuse that created the blast of freedom & independence. James stated, “This is what became the freedom and independence for America!” (Scholarly researched).

For more information about J.E.W.L. Inc. and CCC&O, Call (408) 274-7900 ext. 6065 or email- lessie.james@evc.edu

Editor’s note: Sandra Ricks, CEO of Hometown Buffet, Capitol Avenue, San Jose, CA always helps promote these Black/African American educational events and provided lunch for the entire J.E.W.L. Team and others for the event.



Warren “Pete” Miller being decorated while serving in Vietnam.



Keynote speakers Judge Andrea Flint and Warren “Pete” Miller inspire Evergreen Valley College students at recent symposium honoring African-American Military History and Woman’s History Month.

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Times **Features**

The Gurdwara Sikh temple in Evergreen Valley has opened the first religious site with an electric charging station for electric vehicles.

Religious site in Evergreen opens first electric car charging station with 100% renewable energy

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

The Gurdwara Sikh temple in Evergreen Valley has opened the first religious site with an electric charging station for electric vehicles with a grand opening on Sunday, April 9.

Patrick Romano C.E.O. of Charge Point (electric car charging station), City Council District eight leader Silvia Arenas, San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, The Boy Scouts of America, Arvind Singh (Gurdwara Project Director of EV charger stations), Maumohan Singh Mohakm (Co-Director), Ken Mak (Bay Area Air Quality) and many more, came to the Gurdwara to dedicate the first use of the Gurdwara Sikh Temple's electric car charging stations.

Currently the Gurdwara is operating with 100 percent solar panels and has a surplus of extra energy which will now be used as charging stations for all the community to use," said Arvind Sing, Project director of EV charging stations at the Gurdwara.

Editor's note: Look for an extensive article on the event in the next issue of the Evergreen Times.

D8CRT Summer Information Fair slated for April 29

District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) is sponsoring a Summer Information Fair at Evergreen Village Square from 11 am. - 3 p.m. on April 29.

The event will include food trucks and a variety of summer program providers will be available to answer questions.

Good Karma Bikes is providing safety checks and minor adjustments for bicycles. Good Karma Bikes is a nonprofit social enterprise full-service bike shop. The organization reinvests its earning into programs targeting at-risk and emancipated foster youth, as well as those whose bicycle is their

primary means of transportation.

D8CRT's purpose is to improve the quality of life within District 8 and the surrounding neighborhoods. It serves as a representative voice for this diverse district, functioning as a means to research important issues and provide communication for community views.

For more information, email info@d8crt.org.

YMCA Silicon Valley awarded grant from National Inclusion Project

YMCA of Silicon Valley has received a grant from National Inclusion Project.

The grant allows the Y to deepen their impact and inclusion efforts with Camp, After School and Youth Sports programs.

Diversity and inclusion continue to be an incredibly relevant topic in today's climate.

Creating an inclusive environment where children with and without disabilities can play, learn and thrive together has brought the YMCA of Silicon Valley and the National Inclusion Project together once again in 2017.

At YMCA Camp Campbell, the Y's resident camp in Santa Cruz, children of all abilities come together through recreational activities such as swimming, arts and crafts, physical fitness and more.

"These inclusive experiences help children with disabilities improve self-esteem, social skills and confidence; while children without disabilities improve their leadership, problem solving skills and empathy," said Shiel Brockbank, Director of Program and Community Development at the YMCA of Silicon Valley. "These programs help children feel a sense of belonging, preparing them for a rewarding future, as they advance in school and eventually the workplace becoming valued members of their community."

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Chaboya Excels at 2016 Regional Science Olympiad

By William Bellou
Publisher

Chaboya Middle School students excelled at the Santa Clara County Regional Science Olympiad, held at San Jose City College on March 19.

Chaboya's Red, Black and White teams comprised of 45 students, scored a total of 14 medals and 28 top ten wins. "This group of self-motivated students have strived hard to make their school, parents, and community proud," said program volunteer Kavitha Arunarthi.

The top five scorers won medals in each individual event. The medal winners include Anish Parmar (3), Megana Arunarthi (3), Meera Bhat (2), Isha Mukundan (2), Kavya Kotha (2), Preethi Edara (2), Nidhir Guggilla (2), Siddharth Das (2), Esha Dadbhawala (2), Tanisha Tol, Keya Kadakia, Kirthi Swamy, Michelle Nazareth, Pranjal Agarwal, Param Patel, Nikita Salunke, and Andrew Nazareth (1 each).

The events that the Black and Red teams entered and won include Anatomy and Physiology, Bottle Rocket, Crime Busters, Experimental Design, Fossils, Invasive Species, Meteorology, Picture This, Reach for the Stars, Road Scholars, Scrambler, and Write it Do it.

For a second year in a row, Chaboya's Red Team was one of the four Santa Clara County middle schools selected to compete at the State Science Olympiad to be held at California State University at Stanislaus, on



April 16, 2016. "This is a great achievement and a testament to students' passion and dedication, considering it is a fairly new program at Chaboya," said Arunarthi.

Science Olympiad soinc.org is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting science education in student curriculums and increasing student interest in science. The Science Olympiad competitions are analogous to academic track meets, consisting of a series of 23 team events in each division (Division B is middle school, and Division C is high school).

Each year, a portion of the events are rotated to reflect the ever-changing nature of genetics, earth science, chemistry, anatomy, physics, geology, mechanical engineering,

and technology. By encompassing events from many disciplines, Science Olympiad encourages a wide cross-section of students to get involved. Emphasis is placed on active, hands-on group participation.

Through Science Olympiad, students, teachers, parents, and administration bond together and work toward a shared goal.

The students' success would not have been possible without the encouragement and support from the Principal Mr. Watkins, Vice Principal Mr. Ventura, Science teacher Ms. Schaefer, and other Chaboya staff.

Chaboya parents, Rajesh Ananth, Arunarthi, and Supriya Salunke volunteered to coordinate the program, mentored the three teams, and supported the parents who coached their kids for the tournament.

Symphony Silicon Valley to feature Bach and Mahler May 6-7

By William Bellou
Publisher

Symphony Silicon Valley will present performances of Bach and Mahler May 6-7 at the California Theater.

Mahler's Fifth is an epic journey that begins with a funeral march, endures turmoil, dances with abandon, confesses deep love, and ends finally in glory. It is a great testament to adversity surmounted, expressed in luxuriant orchestral colors and unforgettable melodies.

The stage is set with an orchestral version of Bach's Chaconne (originally for solo violin), in which a brief musical idea undergoes a series of transformations to become a statement of monumental proportion.

Tatsuya Shimono will conduct the orchestra. He has guest conducted major orchestras in Japan and abroad. He received great acclaim for his debuts in subscription concerts with the Orchestra dell'Accademia Nazionale di Santa Cecilia and the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra in 2009, and then in March 2010, made his



Conductor
Tatsuya Shimono

debut with the Stuttgart Radio Symphony Orchestra.

Bach & Mahler

Saturday 8:00 pm May 6 and Sunday 2:30 pm May 7.

The Program

J.S. Bach: Partita No.2 in D minor, BWV 1004: Chaconne.

Arrangement for orchestra by Hideo Saito

Gustav Mahler: Symphony No. 5

For tickets call 408.286.2600 or visit: www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

The California Theater is located at 345 So. First Street in downtown San Jose

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Times **Feature**

Rubicon Recon Edition is a tougher Wrangler

While many four-wheel drives have taken a turn as luxury models, the Jeep Wrangler has not lost its charm as a capable off-roader.

Although the regular Rubicon can go just about anywhere, some hardcore enthusiasts want more. They want to know they can go where no other 4-wheeler can go.

The new Wrangler Rubicon Recon aims to cater for these buyers.

Recon has a tougher underbody making it less prone to rock and tree limb damage. The front axle has been upgraded with strengthened tubes and heavy-duty end forgings, while the differentials at both ends have been covered with cast heavy-duty covers.

There is now room for gigantic off-road tires with a 4.10 ratio on both axles, while Tru-Lok locking differentials are standard as well.

The new Recon is fitted with a

six-speed manual gearbox, the car has a crawl ratio of 73.1:1 for easy rock-crawling.

Jeep has given the Recon Edition some unique exterior touches and a fresh interior trim. The car sits on a half-inch lift kit, and the new 17-inch aluminum wheels are wrapped in 32-inch BF Goodrich rubber.

The standard front bumper has been replaced with a winch-ready unit with removable end caps and exposed red tow hooks, just in case the off-road upgrades can't keep you from getting stuck.

Recon's interior is fitted with black leather seats, an eight-speaker audio system, red accents on the doors, seatbelts and door pockets, are also standard.

For more information, contact Scott DePeralta or Adam Warduck at South County Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep; 455 Automall Drive, Gilroy, CA 95020; (888) 470-4578.

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District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit d8crt.org)

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East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhd.org

The Evergreen Al-Anon meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

The Evergreen Business Association is a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

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Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee

The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

Evergreen Valley Garden Club Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email chhaprahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjose-ca.gov/prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofevergreenlibrary.org or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

Hidden Glen Community To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact:

President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco, Phone: (408) 903-7526

LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

This group meets Tuesday evenings from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

McLaughlin Corridor

Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association

Meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

Reid - Hillview Airport Association

3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit rhvaa.org)

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

Meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association

Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting schedule will be posted in August.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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