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Piano students to perform by memory at Carnegie Hall



The 5th Annual Talented Young Musicians Competition will feature five talented students from Kaichi's Piano Studio who will perform at the new Zankel Hall, the newest addition to Carnegie Hall on April 22.

By William Bellou
Publisher

Eleanor Paul of Almaden Valley is among a small group of talented students from Kaichi's Piano Studio who have been selected to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

Eleanor will perform a very difficult composition, *The Serpent's Kiss*, by William Bolcom. "Eleanor has an amazing musical talent," said Zhu. "Her hard work has paid off and her dedication is second to none. She is looking forward to attending George Washington University, Washington D.C. where she has been awarded a music scholarship."

The 5th Annual Talented Young Musicians Competition will also feature four other talented students from Kaichi's Piano Studio who will perform at the new Zankel Hall, the newest addition to Carnegie Hall on April 22. Angelina Chen and Megan Auyeung will be performing at 2:30 p.m. Aidan Kwon and Jocelyn Horng will be performing at 4:30 p.m. Concertgoers for each performance will be near capacity at 600.

The invitation came from the International Music and Arts Society, a non-profit organization founded in 2010 with the mission of advancing musical and cultural relationships between teachers and students from all over the world. Piano soloists' performances are presented by memory for up to six minutes.

"I'm so very proud of our students who will be performing at

Carnegie Hall this coming weekend," said Kai Chi Zhu, owner of Kaichi's Piano Studio in Almaden Valley. "Performing at Carnegie Hall is a great honor and the experience will be something our students will treasure for their entire life."

Zhu's sons Alex and Robert played a duet at Carnegie Hall last year. Alex, who attends Princeton University, plays the piano and



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Robert, who attends Bellermine, plays the violin. "It was such a moving experience to see my sons playing together at Carnegie Hall," said Zhu. "I know our students' families will be so proud watching them perform."

All prize winners will receive a trophy with their names engraved.

Editor's note: Kaichi's Piano Studio, located in Almaden Valley, is dedicated to teaching and cultivating young Bay Area musicians.

Pros and cons of the Affordable Care Act

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

The country's debate on the viability of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), also known as Obamacare, was the timely focus of a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

"Our philosophy on healthcare goes back to our founding fathers, Thomas Jefferson and Alexander Hamilton, as to whether government should assist and provide a framework in delivering healthcare, or if it should be left to individual choice," says Dr. Al Banelos, a primary physician with Santa Clara Valley Medical Center. "Everyone has their own individual right to make a decision."

Supporters of the ACA believe it provides consumers with essential benefits and meaningful coverage, while critics say that governments shouldn't dic-

tate insurance benefits. "When Medicare was first signed into law, it was also controversial," says Banelos.

The ACA was created to provide greater accessibility to healthcare insurance and reduce the growth of cost. It expands the affordability, quality and availability of private and public healthcare insurance through consumer protections, regulations, subsidies and taxes insurance exchanges. It also requires insurers to accept all applicants and charge them the same rates, regardless of pre-existing conditions.

Although President Trump continues to seek a repeal of the ACA, his administration recently finalized requirements to bolster insurer participation in ACA markets. However, the rules outlined by the Department of Health and Human Services include

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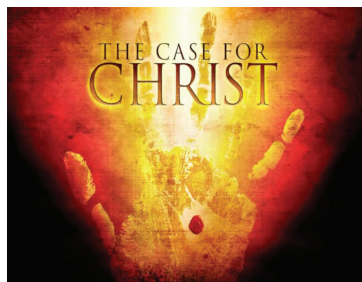
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Almaden Kiwanis club joins other Kiwanis clubs to raise \$60K for high school scholarships

By William Bellou
Publisher

Almaden Kiwanis and other local Kiwanis clubs met for the annual Turnaround Scholarship fundraiser dinner on April 2.

Members from clubs in the San Jose area convened to raise more than \$60,000 in scholarship money for high school seniors. The funds will be matched by the Leo M. Shortino Family Foundation.

The scholarships are directed to students who have struggled, whether it is related to homelessness, truancy, drug abuse or issues at home. The students, who are showing improvement in grades in order to make it to graduation day, are selected by high school counselors.

Each scholarship winner receives \$1,000 tuition payment for every year they maintain passing grades at a university, community college or vocational school.

To donate to the Turnaround Scholarship fund, contact Michael Rubino: michaelrubino@sbcglobal.net.



There was a great turnout in support of the Kiwanis club's Turnaround Scholarship program which is celebrating its 50th year. Joining with the Willow Glen and Pueblo Kiwanis Clubs, Almaden Kiwanis Club recognized a number of students with \$1,000 renewable scholarships.

Board of Supervisors honor County 9-1-1 Dispatchers, Dispatchers of the Year

As part of "Communications Dispatchers Week in Santa Clara County," County 9-1-1 Dispatchers and two County Dispatchers of the Year have been honored for their critical role in public safety.

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors presented a proclamation to County 9-1-1 Communications Director Jason Bivens, and Dispatchers of the Year Pedro Yanez and Brie Silva, April 10, 2017, at the Board Chambers.

"This is an opportunity to honor the women and men who serve as our public safety dispatchers, and who are the voice at the other end of the 9-1-1 call assisting distraught callers," said Board President Dave Cortese. "I am proud to honor our County Communications Department and the Dispatchers of the Year."

The County Communications Department operates a consolidated (law, fire, and medical) emergency communications center that is staffed by 130 employees, including 99 dispatchers who answer approximately 42,180 calls per month, 59 calls per hour, 1,406 calls in a 24-hour period, and 506,164 calls per year.

"County 9-1-1 Dispatchers are an essential link between the community and first responders," said County



County Communications representatives and honorees (left to right): **Jason Bivens**, County Communications Director; **Brie Silva**, Dispatcher of the Year; **Pedro Yanez**, Dispatcher of the Year; and **James King**, County Communications Deputy Director.

Communications Director Jason Bivens. "Those of us working with them every day understand just how difficult their job is and we greatly appreciate their competency and professionalism."

Dispatchers are responsible for answering "9-1-1" and "Non-Emergency" calls for service in the unincorporated areas of Santa Clara County, and the contract cities of Saratoga, Cupertino and Los Altos Hills. They provide advanced pre-

arrival instructions to callers in distress and process emergency medical service calls for several contract cities throughout the county.

The Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Agency rely on County Communications as their primary dispatch center. It is also the regional coordinator for mutual aid, and acts as a backup to all other 9-1-1 centers in the county. The department has

been recognized by the International Academy of Emergency Dispatch as an Accredited Center of Excellence in Emergency Medical Dispatching since 2002 by providing callers reporting medical emergencies with appropriate physician-approved medical instruction while help is on the way.

Emergency Dispatchers are often referred to as the "first-first" responders, as they have the first contact with callers and are the voice behind the radio when police, firefighters and medical personnel are responding to emergency situations.

"If you've ever been the victim of a crime, been in a collision, reported a fire or needed emergency medical help, you've probably called 9-1-1 and been helped by a dispatcher," said Supervisor Mike Wasserman. "These courageous professionals are sometimes the forgotten component and unsung heroes of public safety."

Telecommunicators Week began in California in 1981, and 10 years later in 1991, Congress introduced a resolution recognizing the official name of the week as "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week." Every year, the second week of April marks a time to remember the critical role that 9-1-1 dispatchers play in helping to keep the community safe.

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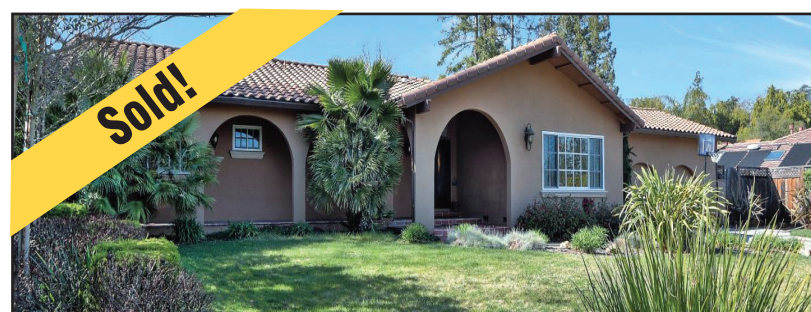
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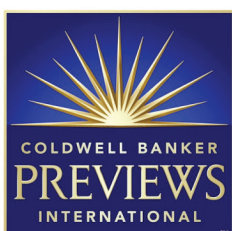
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Dr. Peggy O'Brien-Strain and Dr. Al Banuelos tackled healthcare insurance at a recent AVCA meeting.

AVCA Meeting

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shortening the health insurance sign-up period and limiting exceptions allowing people to join afterwards, possibly after becoming ill.

In March, the GOP drafted the American Health Care Act (AHCA), a replacement for the Affordable Care Act. Under the AHCA, an individual's age would have a greater impact on premium rates and/or subsidies than income, location or smoking status. Starting in 2020, federal funding for state Medicaid programs would be capped and states would be responsible for a greater proportion of program costs. The bill would end the ACA's Medicaid expansion.

Peggy O'Brien-Strain, Doctor of Economics and President of Mission Analytics Group, says that as 50 percent of long-term and nursing home care is paid for by Medicaid, a cap would significantly cut into patient's care.

In 2016, an additional 20 million people received insurance coverage due to the ACA. Congressional analysts believe that the House Republicans' proposal to rewrite federal health-care law would more than reverse the gains the Affordable Care Act has made in the number of Americans with health insurance.

"Republicans have their eye on the ACA and Trump is talking about doing a reconciliation, but it has to do with finance rather than regulations," says O'Brien-Strain. "Although exchanges wouldn't be eliminated under the AHCA regulations, it can make it moot by getting rid of subsidiaries."

The ACA provides an insurance exchange marketplace for people to buy private insurance if they can't afford it through their work, or don't qualify for Medicaid or Medi-Cal. "If dismantled, repealed and replaced, what will happen with those marketplaces and subsidies?" asks Banuelos.

In 2010, when the ACA was enacted, the country was facing a healthcare crisis. "Premiums were rising for health insurance faster than inflation," says Banuelos. "Healthcare spending was increasing in relation to gross domestic product and uninsured rates were increasing at alarming rates. People became bankrupt as a result of not being able to afford healthcare."

In addition, the United States paid the highest rate per individual for healthcare with the worst outcome among leading economic countries. "Something needed to change," says Banuelos, "and this was a first step."

The ACA's program includes Benefits and Rights. Under the ACA, young adults up to

age 26 can stay on family plans and insurance companies can no longer deny health insurance or make individuals pay more for pre-existing conditions like asthma or lung disease. Banuelos says that before the ACA, after being prescribed an inhaler, his patient's rates would increase and they could even be denied coverage. The ACA prevents gender discrimination, stops insurance companies from imposing unjustified rate hikes, provides the right to a rapid appeal from insurance company decisions and does away with annual and lifetime dollar limits.

"Before the ACA, if a young child had a disease that required a lot of attention, a condition requiring much therapy or drugs that cost \$5,000 to \$10,000 a pop, after \$500,000 insurers wouldn't pay for it," says Banuelos.

The ACA also improves Medicare for seniors and added coverage for flu shots, pneumonia, HEP B shots, colonoscopies and mammograms. Under the ACA, health plans sold to individuals and small businesses include Essential Health Benefits of Services including outpatient care, hospitalization, emergency care, maternity and newborn care, mental health services, addiction treatment, rehabilitation services, lab services, preventive services, chronic care, wellness visits, pediatric services (dental and vision below age 19) and prescription drugs.

O'Brien-Strain says that rather than premium increases paying for subsidies, the main payment for the ACA is through lower payments for Medicare, through hospital penalties for readmissions, surcharges for wages over \$200,000 and taxes on investment income over \$200,000. However, premium stabilization distributes costs to others.

Under the ACA, employer and individual mandates count for less than 10 percent of funding. The AHCA changes financing, repeals taxes and allows for higher contributions for savings accounts. "It protects income from taxes and is a benefit for high income individuals," says O'Brien-Strain. "The income can be put in and taken out pretax and after a certain age, doesn't have to go to healthcare."

The ACA could experience a death spiral if healthy people and plans leave the exchange, which would cause premiums to rise for those remaining, resulting in healthy people leaving. "Plans are not losing money now," says O'Brien-Strain, "but they're fragile. The AHCA would make it worse as older individuals would face higher premiums, which would affect enrollment." Plans have until June 21 to decide whether to continue in the ACA in 2018.

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Harker school student selected to represent USA at World Schools Debating Championships in Bali

The National Speech & Debate Association (NSDA) announced that Harker School student Aditya Dhar has been selected to represent the United States at the World Schools Debating Championships in Bali this summer.

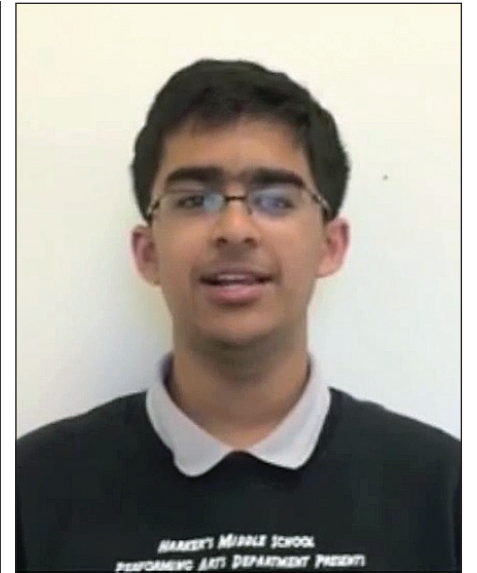
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Aditya Dhar has been selected to represent the United States at the World Schools Debating Championships in Bali this summer. *Photo: Harker / YouTube*

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Local residents shared their concerns about the ACA. "I didn't hear how with the ACA we're going to spend less," says a resident, "and I wonder if the reason is that we've convinced ourselves in this country we want Cadillac medical care, but if we're providing that to everyone, it becomes too expensive. In Europe, they limit care."

"We all want to control costs until we want the best thing in the moment when we're the ones who are sick," says O'Brien-Strain. "It's the bottom line for all of us."

According to Healthpocket, in 2016, ACA's popular Silver Plan had an individual deductible of \$3177 and a family deductible of \$6480. "Those kind of deductibles drive people from buying insurance," says a resident. O'Brien-Strain agrees.

"The out-of-pocket costs, deductibles and co-pays are big issues," she says. "They say that if only people had more skin in the game, they'd pay more attention to costs, but people don't want more skin in the game, they want less."

"A huge number of people avoid getting healthcare when they need it," says a resident, "as they can't afford insurance because of the deductibles." In fact, in an experimental study, even physicians who knew better in the face of a high deductible delayed care and ended up getting sicker and facing higher costs.

"The single payer system makes much more sense to me," says a resident. "Everyone would be on it automatically. The taxes would be high, but we'd get rid of premiums, co-pays and deductibles and help people who need it. We have examples around the world that this kind of system works and is more cost effective."

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"Other countries provide healthcare at lower costs with better outcomes," says another resident. "ACA doesn't do a very good job. Insurance companies take in over 30 percent of everything spent on healthcare for administration, marketing and profits. Medicare prohibits the government from bargaining fair drug prices. These things need to be corrected and the single payer system is the way to go. Better health care at half the cost; what's not to like?"

"Other countries have more regimentation," says Banuelos. "They standardize how to do certain surgeries and offer universal insurance with supplemental insurance."

O'Brien-Strain says that in the United States, doctors are paid a lot more than doctors overseas and citizens have more choices of providers. "We have among the best top-end care," she says. "People come from all over the world for UCSF, Stanford and the Mayo Clinic."

To reduce costs, the ACA created healthcare innovations like readmission penalties. It provided additional support to caregivers so Alzheimer's patients could stay at home longer, detoured hospitals' emergency care patients to their primary care physicians and suggested that patients with brain injuries should be cared for in their local hospital rather than heliported to specialty hospitals.

"We all want to see healthcare provided in a cost effective way with good outcomes," says Banuelos. "The question is whether we view medical care as a privilege or a right. I believe medical care is a right. Everyone should have access to medical care and receive it. We, as a society, are viewed by how we treat our disabled and disadvantaged. You have to make your own decision. We want to provide healthcare to the community the best way we can."



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Times Local News

Leland High School Chargers hold sporting goods yard sale to raise money to fight cancer

Here's a great opportunity to help fight cancer and get a great deal on used sports equipment.

The Leland High School football team is holding a yard sale of used sports equipment to raise funds for the American Cancer Society.

The fundraising event begins Saturday at 8 a.m. to noon, April 22 at 1288 Litmann Ave., San Jose, CA 95124.

Coyote Creek Visitor Center grand opening at Anderson Lake County Park April 22

There is a new wealth of information explaining and documenting the relationship between man and nature available soon to everyone here in Santa Clara County.

The information is just part of the exciting grand opening of the Coyote Creek Visitor Center set to open doors for the first time on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22nd.

Ribbon cutting and opening remarks are set at 10 a.m. sharp, followed by an open house from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The center is located at Anderson Lake County Park, 19245 Malaguer Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA.

Open house visitors will enjoy the interactive exhibits, natural history and photography walks, along with family activities. On display will be a realistic creek diorama showing plants and animals living here and an opportunity to learn by looking into a tree, down into the water and inside the excit-

ing discovery drawers.

No visit will be complete without a stop at the, "Naturalists Nook" to read a book, play with wildlife puppets or enjoy a nature scavenger hunt. The Coyote Creek Visitors Center will be the perfect choice for families with young children to explore and learn together. Visitors can then recap their stroll down the trail by showing what they saw on a magnetic trail board.

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Movie Review: The Case for Christ

By Steven Leonard

Times Media Movie Reviewer

The Case for Christ is far better than I anticipated.

Most Christian movies are low budget, this one is well crafted with a compelling story and well-acted; the perfect movie for the Easter Season.

There are no out-and-out villains in this film; just plenty of people with flaws. It's with sympathy for all of them, perhaps, that Jon Gunn makes his best case for Christianity. The movie is captivating, tender, and a heartfelt spiritual journey well-worth taking.

Case for Christ, is an intriguing faith-based true story in which an investigative reporter, Lee Strobel (played by Mike Vogel), confronts his own beliefs about faith and religion. It stands among the best films yet produced by the Christian film industry.

Avowed Atheist

Things weren't going nearly as well at home where Strobel's wife Leslie's newfound faith in Christ went against everything he believed or didn't believe as an avowed atheist.

Utilizing his journalistic and legal training, Lee begins a quest to debunk the claims of Christianity to save his crumbling marriage.

Chasing down the biggest story of his career, Lee comes face-to-face with unexpected results challenging the historical, medical and legal evidence for and against the Resurrection of Jesus.

Strobel, former legal editor of the Chicago Tribune, cross-examines a dozen experts with doctorates who are specialists in the areas of old manuscripts, textual criticism and biblical studies. He challenges them with questions like; how reliable is the New Testament? Does evidence for Jesus exist outside the Bible? Is there any reason to believe the resurrection was an actual event?

Strobel's tough, point-blank questions make this movie feel like a captivating, fast-paced novel. But it is not fiction, rather a riveting quest for the truth about history's most compelling figure. What will your verdict be in "The Case for Christ"?

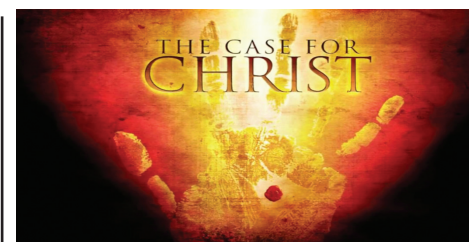
From the time the church was birthed on the day of Pentecost, the followers of the Christ have willingly sacrificed themselves. This is what makes the Christian faith different.

The apostles who loved the Lord to the end willingly followed the Lord down the path of suffering.

- John was exiled to the lonely isle of Patmos.
- Stephen was stoned to death by an angry crowd.
- Matthew was stabbed to death in Persia by a mob.
- Mark died as horses pulled his two legs apart.
- Doctor Luke was cruelly hanged.
- Peter, Philip and Simon were crucified on a cross.
- Bartholomew as skinned alive by the heathen.
- The apostle James was beheaded by King Herod.
- Little James was cut in half by a sharp saw.
- James, the brother of the Lord, was stoned to death.
- Judas was tied to a pillar and shot by arrows.
- Matthias had his head cut off in Jerusalem.
- Paul was beheaded by Emperor Nero.

The gospel grows through hardship. Truth is always truth. Nothing and no one can change that. It will always conquer. The dark side claims that it's the only side that can protect you from harm. They claim that walking in the light won't protect you. As reflected in other movies, Darth Vader turned to the dark side because the dark side promised to protect his family and friends while the light wouldn't make any such empty promises.

The movie "The Case for Christ" reminded



me on how to wait on Him, how to patiently endure hardship and how to love your wife and family in a more realistic way. God did not create us and then leave us behind. Our Father is involved in our lives every second of the day. To follow God is a call not only to live for him, but to die for Him also. Our purpose in life is to suffer, serve, save others and then to die!

True power can only come from loving our enemies, dying for our enemies, and going to hell for our enemies. True power comes from the Cross and this reflects the meaning behind the film "The Case for Christ"!

Man, always tries to seek God, in the eras of Stalinism, Moldesvism and all other 'isms' seek some false god, even if God is taken away. Buddha said that he could reach the state of absolute nothingness only after long and hard exercise. Greek philosophers tell us how difficult it is for the mind to reach the idea of God and truth. Muhammad says he felt miserable before God. He felt like nobody, but God simply revealed Himself to him. Among these religious teachers, there is only one who says, "I and the Father are one." Among the great teachers of the world religions, nobody ever said anything like that. This is the only instance in history when God so fully revealed Himself through a man, Jesus Christ, the God-man.

Every religion is an attempt to reach god. But Christ is God's attempt to reach man. Jesus wasn't trying to seek and find God. Jesus said, "I came from Him." Great teachers of humanity such as Confucius, Buddha, Muhammad, Socrates, Plato, and others saw the truth as the mountaintop where you climb with great labor and hard work. It was indeed like a high mountain that you need to climb, panting, and working hard. In Islam and Pantheism, it's about climbing to search for God; but Christ didn't need to go up or climb anywhere. He was coming down and sent from God, and He didn't say that he needed to reach something. No, He came to the people to bring them something that He always had from the beginning of creation. He brought good news from His Father. He wasn't searching for something. He already had it. He was the only one delivering something unique to mankind. He brought a gift from God. He wasn't bringing something to God or looking for God. He came from Heaven. He didn't have the mysteriousness of Indian sages or political exoticism of Eastern philosophy. He spoke in plain everyday language. The illustrations for his sermons were taken from everyday life. This is a mystery, which he reveals to us in the Gospel of John. "Whoever saw me sees my Father."

The distance between the past, present and future is also the same in terms of measurement. So is the distance between life and death. It all depends on where the observers are standing and what the observers believe they're seeing in the form of images and sounds. Each scene, image and sound is simply a movement through time. Fast forward, stop, rewind, play, and edit all display the glory and power of God as in a masterpiece painting called images, or a maestro symphony called sounds, painted, and orchestrated by the hand of God.

We're just many characters in many scenes moving forward in time. We're simply here to observe and witness His glory and power. The only power we have is to observe witness and have hope, faith, and love in our Creator and in each other.

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Graystone Elementary fifth-grader serves up winning meal at cooking contest

Graystone Elementary School fifth-grader **Tasaria Kilpatrick** (pictured center, above) edged out 10 budding chefs who competed in Future Chefs Challenge last month at Gunderson High School, placing first place.

The chefs, students San Jose Unified School District elementary schools, beat out 140 other students to reach the district-wide finals event.

The Sodexo-sponsored cooking competition encourages elementary school students to think about eating healthy and channeling that mindset toward the kitchen.

Tasari's winning creation "Le Butternut Squash" turnovers edged out many classics such as quiche, deviled eggs, chili, macaroni and cheese and breakfast enchiladas. Kilpatrick's savory kid-friendly butternut squash, sweet potatoes, shiitake mushrooms and Swiss cheese stuffed inside buttery pastry dough was a favorite among judges and attendees.

Kilpatrick said she didn't think her

meal "would get this far in the competition." She wanted something that exotic "just to have some fun with a creation that pairs nicely with holiday meals."

All contestants won a gift bag filled with various prizes.

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Samrath Ahuja inducted into Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society

Samrath Ahuja, Almaden Valley, has been inducted into Lambda Pi Eta, the national academic honor society in the communication discipline at the University of San Diego.

Lambda Pi Eta recognizes outstanding academic achievement among undergraduate students in communication (major or minor).

Lambda Pi Eta was established in 1985 and is affiliated with the National Communication Association headquartered in Washington D.C.

Samrath Ahuja of San Jose, was inducted into the honor society having met the criteria of having a class standing of declared Communication Studies major or minor, and achieving an outstanding academic record at USD.

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Steve Wozniak (second from left) and friends welcome fans of Star Trek to this year's SVCC.

Silicon Valley Comic Con technology expo taking place April 21-23

Silicon Valley Comic Con (SVCC), Steve Wozniak's pop culture and technology expo is taking place the weekend of April 21-23.

This year the expo features robots, because automation and AI (Artificial Intelligence) are becoming more advanced – also, if comics, movies and TV are to be believed – robots will play a key role in the future of humanity.

"Pop culture has shown us so many potential robots of the future – will they become friends and helpers like R2D2 or Rosie? Will they become threats like Ultron or The Terminator?" said Wozniak. "The potential is vast, and the robotic advances of today are exciting."

"Our event is curated by one of the forefathers of modern computer technology so a robotics exhibit is the perfect fit," added Trip Hunter, CEO of SVCC. "Rest assured, while these machines are highly intelligent, we've taken all the precautionary measures to ensure no AI takeovers will occur at the show!"

From NASA robots and humanoid robots to R2D2 builders clubs, attendees can expect to see the latest and greatest innovators in the robotics space.

Among the guests scheduled for one, two or three day event are: William Shatner, Adam West, Buz Aldrin, Nichelle Nichols, Jonathan Frakes and John Cusack.

To learn more about the event's robotic activities and purchase tickets, visit: www.svcomiccon.com.

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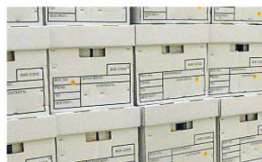
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Times **Community News**

AVAC is home site for San Jose State University Women's Tennis Team

By Ken DeHart

*Director of Player Development,
Almaden Valley Athletic Club*

When the tennis courts were taken out at San Jose State University the Women's Tennis Team needed a home site to practice and play nine of their home matches. AVAC stepped up and became the home for San Jose State Women's Tennis Team for 2016-2017.

The lady Spartans not only found a new home they became tennis members at AVAC. The team and coach Chad Skorupka have compiled a winning record this year at AVAC. With daily practices between 1-4 pm and weekend matches the Almaden area has been treated to major college Division 1 tennis.

SJSU Senior Day and AVAC Appreciation Day is April 22nd

During the last home match of the season versus San Diego State University. Any member and non-member is welcome to attend the match for FREE. The team will recognize the graduating seniors and have FREE pizza for all those spectators at the match. AVAC has two tower viewing decks which makes watching the match a



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Ken DeHart

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AVAC Hosts PTR (Professional Tennis Registry) Tennis Pro Training

Ken DeHart is the Director of Player Development at AVAC. Ken is the former Executive Director of the PTR, 2 time PTR international Pro of the Year and PTR National Clinician. He conducts courses for the Professional Tennis Registry for adult coaches and pros who want to become certified to teach tennis. There are a variety of courses offered for certification to teach Adults, 10 & Under Juniors, Juniors ages 11-17, High Performance Junior and Senior conducted by Ken for the PTR.

These courses are open to adults in the Almaden area and NorCal who want to learn more about teaching their children, high school coaches, current teaching pros who want to upgrade their teaching skills and those wishing to enter the tennis teaching profession. Dates times and locations are on the PTR website at ptrtennis.org or you can contact Ken at kendehart@avac.us.



Ken DeHart is the former Executive Director of the PTR, 2 time PTR international Pro of the Year and PTR National Clinician.

Leland Robotics Quixilver only Silicon Valley team advancing to World Championship

By Marisa Nakanishi

Special to the Times

Leland Robotics FTC Team 8404 Quixilver recently competed against 72 teams from 13 different states at the West Super-Regional Championship in Tacoma, Washington.

After being ranked in the top ten of their division, the team advanced to the World Championship in Houston, Texas. Of the 203 FTC teams in Northern California, Team 8404 Quixilver is one of only three teams that qualified to the World Championship and the only team to advance from Silicon Valley.

The team began their journey three years ago as a six student team from Bret Harte Middle School. Now, Quixilver has grown to twelve members, with students attending Leland High School and Bret Harte Middle School.

In the FTC program, teams are challenged to build robots that must fit within an 18 inch cube, as well as complete objectives during matches.

At one of their three Qualifying tournaments of the season, FTC 8404 Quixilver was awarded the Inspire Award, which is given to the team that provided a role model for other teams. The Inspire Award advanced Quixilver to the North California Regional Competition, where teams competed for the opportunity to qualify to the Super-Regional in Tacoma, Washington. After winning the Think Award at Regionals, Quixilver successfully continued their journey to the West Super-Regional where they made the top ten in their division. Now, they will be representing the Bay Area where they will compete at the World Championship.

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The team is now raising money to buy additional parts, sensors, cameras, and tools, since they are working on enhancing the capability of their robot and fine-tuning the precision of their sensor detection. The team currently has a GoFundMe page where you can support your local team at: gofundme.com/Help-FTC-8404-go-to-the-World-Championship

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Times **Local News**

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

By Kevin Larsen
Times staff writer

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

Julie Hutcheson, Legislative Advocate for Committee for Green Foothills, addressed the proposal for the 2,150 acre proposal Young Ranch 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 it would allow urban development in a rural area. Hutcheson says, “It violates the voter-approved green belt line and other long-standing fundamental development policies between the City of San Jose and the County.” “We are not supportive of the Young Ranch project because it is an assault on San Jose’s voter approved greenbelt and would set an alarming precedent county-wide.”

Established in 19652, 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



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

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 Invest-

ments, an abbreviation for the Hong Kong billionaire family name Yeung Chi Shing who bought up the 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. While County rules allow for a maximum of 30 homes, the proposal is for 79 luxury homes which would lie on two-acre plots. 16 secondary units with strict landscaping rules and a 4,000 square foot community center. Homeowners lots would be a minimum of two-acre and homeowners would have to adhere to strict landscaping rules. The homes would rely on septic tanks, and water would come from wells or be provided by 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 YCS Investments believes they it 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 or its agreement with the County as to where urban development belongs. This project has created an unnecessary conflict between jurisdictions,” said Hutcheson.

Hutcheson stated that the project is controversial due to a proposed “clustering” of a Zoning Ordinance amendment and the use of urban services for what is supposed to be a rural development. The Zoning amendment would allow a transfer development rights coupled with a significant increase in density. Two county owned properties with four city properties. This would allow transferring of lots. “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.”

“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 in 2000 to establish Greenbelt lines).

Hutcheson said the applicant, YCS Investments, Inc., attempted a similar proposal in 2014. She said the Santa Clara County planning commission denied their previous application because it conflicted with the County’s General Plan.

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Times **Community News**

San Jose sister city in Japan celebrate 60 year anniversary April 21-23

San Jose and Okayama, Japan, will be celebrating the 60th anniversary of the sister city linkage between our cities later this month when a 115-member delegation from Okayama visits San Jose April 21 – 23.

The delegation will be led by Mayor Masao Omori and will include 18 members of the Okayama City Council, 20 leading business executives, former university exchange students, and community members.

The San Jose-Okayama sister city relationship, established in 1957, one year after the birth of the Sister Cities movement was founded by President Eisenhower, is the third oldest sister city affiliation among U.S. cities.

The City will welcome the Okayama delegation to City Hall with a U.S./Japan – San Jose/Okayama flag raising ceremony on Friday, April 21, 2 p.m.

The Consul General of Japan will be attending the ceremony and the famed San Jose Taiko will be performing. The ceremony is a community celebration and all are welcome to attend.

A dinner will be held at the Rotary Summit Center on Sunday, April 23, 6:30 p.m. to mark the 60th anniversary of the special San Jose-Okayama Sister City relationship.

The public is invited to attend the dinner and you may use this link to register for the Sister City dinner: tinyurl.com/60thPerformances. You may also use this link for a separate Saturday evening cultural program at the Hammer Theater that will feature performers from Okayama and San Jose.

Editor's note: At the time of printing the registration deadline may have passed, best to call and see.

Greenbelt

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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 like the Bay Checkerspot butterfly. Also, scenic views, traffic safety, noise, and air quality are also of concern. Animals and plants that are endangered include: Tule Elk, turtles, plants, and bats. Cultural resources are also impacted, include Ohlone graves, settlements and relics.

Jim 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 priority 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.”

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.

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Sixth grader wins NASA Centennial Art Contest

By William Bellou
Publisher

Apoorva Panidapu, a sixth grader at California Connections Academy in San Jose, 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 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.

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

"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



Apoorva Panidapu

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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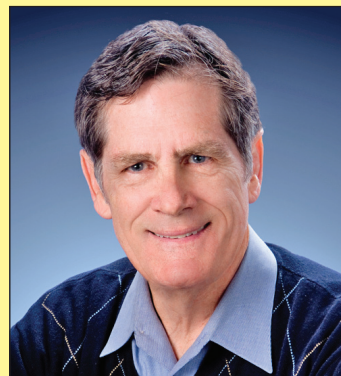
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