Hundreds attend 11th Annual Senior Health Fair at Eastridge Center SEE PAGE 4





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Councilmembers release statement on violence against women following domestic violence fueled

murder-suicide

All five female City Councilmembers continue and extend their call to action for the city administration to address violence against women in San Jose

an Jose Councilmembers
Maya Esparza, Magdalena Carrasco, Dev Davis,
Sylvia Arenas, and Pam Foley
released a statement today
regarding the murder-suicide
that occurred recently in San
Jose.

The five female councilmembers have been working to address violence against women and children in San Jose, and reiterate the urgency and importance of the issue for the safety of San Jose families:

"We send our sincerest condolences to the families of the victims of the recent tragedy that has been described as, 'one of the deadliest See VIOLENCE, page 20

Banner summer for Involved Evergreen

Banner Ceremony, summer music and movie night: July 19

By Rose Herrera

Former Vice Mayor and President of Involved Evergreen

Some of you may have noticed something new along Aborn Road and along the roads leading to Evergreen Village Square.

We now have bright green and white ban-

We now have bright green and white banners hanging from light standards, announcing to drivers and pedestrians that they are approaching a hidden gem in Evergreen, Evergreen Village Square.

Village Square with its graceful palm trees surrounding a central square and fountain beckons the community to gather from morning until evening. The "Square," as locals call it, is home to the new Village Square library, many restaurants, services and shops serving our community, and most importantly the people who come there to make the "Square" a vibrant place to enjoy.

The location of Village Square has always created a challenge for those trying to find it. The need for signage was identified long ago by the businesses and community members See INVOLVED, page 18



Former Vice Mayor and Involved Evergreen President **Rose Herrera** speaks to the crowd at the Music and Movie event in June. *Photo by Steve Natale Photography*

Molly finishes her remarkable 3,000 mile run across America to raise awareness for Challenged Athletes Foundation





Upon completion and cool down of her run, **Molly Cuevas** took a walk to the Atlantic Ocean to complete her journey, since she started April 1 at the Pacific Ocean. *Photo by Jess Rapfogel*

Running through 13 states coast to coast

By William Bellou

Publisher

Surrounded by family, friends, Challenged Athletes Foundation leadership, and supporters, Molly Cuevas completed her more than 3,000 mile journey on Saturday, June 29, crossing her ultimate finish line in Montauk, New York and took a walk on the beach.

At the time of her finish, she had raised over \$44,000 dollars in support of CAF, nearly 88 percent of her original \$50,000 goal.

Molly, who was raised in Evergreen Valley, set a goal last year to

run across America to raise awareness for Challenged Athletes Foundation (CAF). She started her incredible run on April 1, 2019.

"We often take our bodies for granted, so I just wanted to bring awareness for those that are less fortunate than we are," Molly said. "CAF is definitely a good cause and the run was something I really wanted to do and I was fortunate to meet a lot of great people along the way who contribute to CAF or who are receiving funds from the organization."

The first month was the hardest for Molly. Heat was an issue in Arizona; she even passed out during See MOLLY, page 22

COMPLIMENTARY EVENTS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY ON THURSDAY THE 4TH OF JULY



Everyone loves attending the fantastic Rose, White and Blue Parade which we as Sikhs are so proud to participate in!

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History of the Rose, White and Blue Parade

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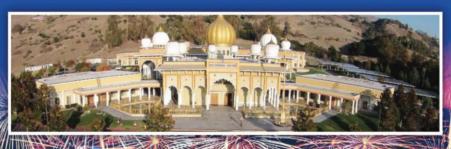
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Senior Health Fair nurtures at Eastridge Center

By Kevin Larsen

Times Staff Writer

Lastridge Center to gain healthy information, snacks, hear speakers, shake bodies and arms to "Gold Zumba" and more at the 11th Annual Senior Health Fair and Walk on the morning of Friday, June 28.

In a lively manner, this eleventh annual event was graciously hosted by Eastridge Center welcoming people of all races and backgrounds.

The focus of the event was on senior health and to inform everyone of the kinds of services and activities associated with it.

There were information booths, snacks, informative speakers, lots of music and instruction for all to shake bodies and arms to. Another important asset to the event was that many got the chance to meet and speak to each other which brought the community closer together.

More than 75 3'X5' folding tables were set up in neat spaces throughout the open spaces. Each table was composed of two people from various agencies who shared brochures and kind discussions centered on improving the quality of life. Also there were representatives from city, state and government agencies with lots of staffers to listen, take important notes and talk with seniors. Lots of caring key officials were there and easily accessible for speaking face to face, one on one and it was seen that the interactions were healthy and kind with lots of smiling faces. Questions and ideas were shared to better implement things in government.

Complementary Bags, Pens, Nick Knacks and goodies

Hundreds of visitors were treated to exciting freebies such as beautiful walking bags of



There were information booths, snacks, informative speakers, lots of music and instruction for all to shake bodies and arms to at the Senior Health Fair at Eastridge Center.



State Assemblymember **Ash Kaira**, San Jose City Councilmember **Magdelena Carasco**, and State Senator **Jim Beall** addressed a gathering of seniors at the recent Senior Health Fair.

all shapes and colors, pens, safety blinkers, hand health squeeze balls, healthy snacks, and more. With so many things given out free the event captured a caring family atmosphere of fun and collaboration for all ages.

Fresh bananas, plums, health bars and more

Keeping the tradition, as all went through the entrance doors of the shopping mall, fresh healthy snacks were neatly arranged for all to self-serve.

Senator Jim Beall

State Senator Beall arrived as an early bird in the morning and walked the booths to learn and interact with all. As he came first to the podium later in the morning he stated, "We are here to promote healthy living. Thank you Eastridge for hosting this event each year.

This is our 11th Senior Health Fair. Our goal is to help our community be more healthy!" Senator Beall also recognized many who contribute to the wellbeing of San Jose as a city and highlighted that this Senior Health Fair had a booth that would renew the driver's license for any who wished to take advantage of this opportunity. Many utilized the quick service with ease. Beall then introduced Ash Kalra.

Ash Kalra

California State Capital Legislative Assemblymember Ash Kalra's father is a senior and the crowd cheered when he was honored as a participant in the Senior Health Fair.

Kalra stated, "I work hard to focus on the needs of our senior community. We must all promote healthy living and share resources of our community, state, city and government. When you stay active physically your mind stays healthy and your emotions stay well. It is also good to be with your friends and people you care about too. Remember it's important to stay active!"

Kalra's website (a27.asmdc.org) gives information on his role as chair of the Aging and Long Term Care Committee for the State of California. He welcomes everyone to contact his office and offer input or contact him with comments questions and concerns. This important committee is gathering information on long term care resources available to Californians by listening to the public and experts providing stories on how long term care is working for caregivers and those being cared for.

Kalra stated, "I wish to complement Sylvia Arenas your District 8 Councilmember for she is a champion for the community and she digged right in and started day one to get things done in this area. I like the way she works!" He also thanked Eastridge for "allowing us all to use this space and come together as a community holding the annual Senior Health Fair here." After going over other goals his office is focusing on to help the community, Kalra introduced Magdalena Carrasco, San Jose City Councilmember, District 5, which See SENIOR FAIR, page 19

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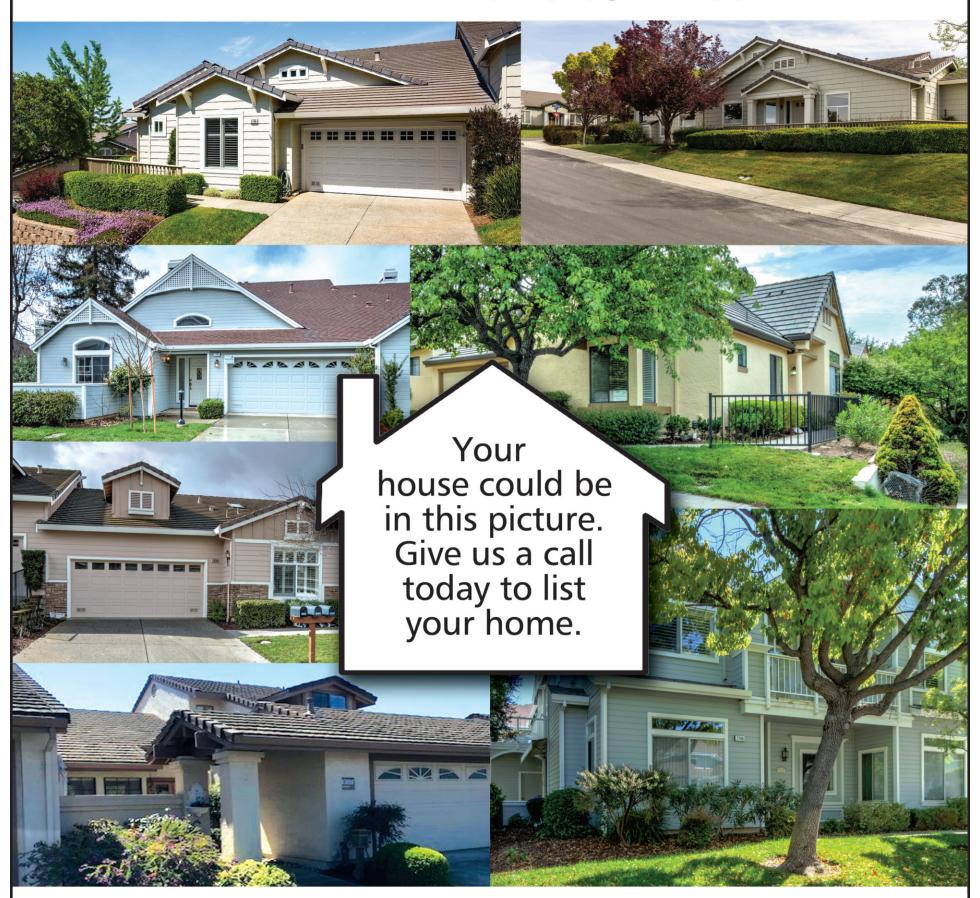
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How to ensure students don't fall behind this summer

School Report

By Chris Funk

Superintendent of the Eastside Union High School District.

Column courtesy of San José Spotlight had the extraordinary opportunity to attend six of our East Side Union High

■ School District graduation ceremonies last month. In fact, I also had the opportunity to attend my niece's high school graduation. It is an amazing time for our graduating seniors, their families and friends.

However, for an educator who oversees a large high school district, summer can exacerbate the opportunity gap in two key areas: "Summer Melt" and "Extended Learning."

In terms of extending learning, Linda Darling-Hammond defines the educational opportunity gap

as the accumulated difference to access in key educational resources — expert teachers, personalized learning, high quality curriculum materials and plentiful informational resources – support for learning at home and at school during the school year and beyond.

Summer Melt refers to accepted, collegebound high school graduates who end up not going to college in the fall.

Summer Melt

It is not uncommon to find high school students who graduate with college acceptances in hand, not end up going to a four-year college right out of high school because school and district leaders figure it is a forgone conclusion that their students will show up to college.

Summer can definitely be a time of significant attrition among college-intending seniors, especially for first-generation college

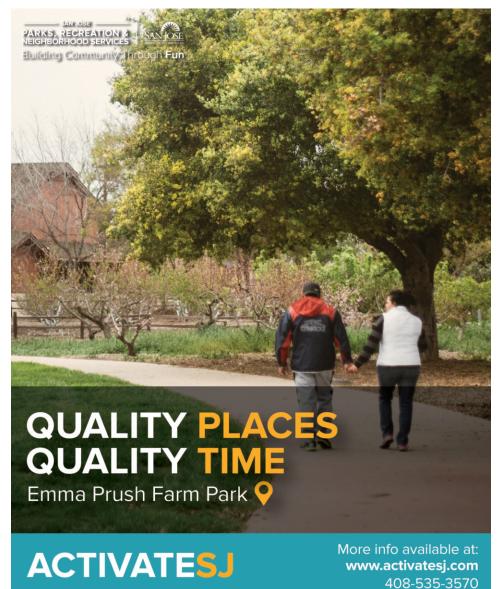
students — who tend to be low income. Anywhere from 10 percent to 40 percent of students presumed to be headed to college fail to matriculate at any postsecondary institution in the fall following high school.

First-generation college students have never seen anyone close to them go to college and, thus, have limited experience with the application process, financial aid process and may easily overlook key letters and emails colleges send over the summer asking students to com-

plete financial aid forms, submit important health documents, sign up for orientation and more.

One can imagine that if a student misses any one of these steps, the college will assume the student is not enrolling or will simply move to the waitlist in order to get the proper fees paid. Students may be too embarrassed to reach out for help or even realize that the missed deadlines can really set back a student's college plans.

For the past two years, the East Side Union High School District Education Foundation has supported students who have been See SCHOOL REPORT, page 11





Times Community News



Everyone joined hands to dance the night away at InFUSE's first annual prom, held on May 18.

InFUSE hosts first annual All-Inclusive Prom

By Simrithaa Karunakaran

Special to the Times

lowers adorned the Foothill Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall as the sun began to set. Girls and boys of all ages and abilities were dressed in their finest, the sound of their laughter uniting everyone.

Graced with flower crowns and boutonnieres, these kids were ready to partake in a trademark high school tradition: InFUSE's first annual all-inclusive prom!

InFUSE, a 501c3 nonprofit organization, is the brainchild of a group of friends, namely Mrs. Selvi Pragasam, Mrs. Lavanya Gopal, and their respective families, who want to create a more inclusive environment for neurodiverse children and young adults.

Since April 2017, InFUSE has been providing personalized educational pathways and activities for the neurodiverse community via an afterschool program in order to uncover each of their students' unique strengths and abilities. InFUSE also offers bhajan classes and a peer interaction dance program. Its founders, Mrs. Selvi and Mrs. Lavanya, are also passionate about empowering the next generation with the tools they need to make an impact on their community.

As a volunteer at InFUSE, I am supposed to be teaching the students, but on many days, I feel like I am the one getting taught by all of the inspiring students. As humans, we are so quick to claim that we are stressed or something is too hard and that our efforts are futile, but spending just a few minutes with our friends at InFUSE shows us what true persistence is and how to live life to its fullest. We as humans are always running, running behind something or running towards it, running so fast that we don't stop to live in the moment, but at InFUSE, we can stop running for a few minutes. InFUSE truly has its doors open for everybody, embodying the saying 'stronger together' and together, InFUSE held its first all-inclusive prom on May 18, 2019.

As a junior in high school, I had attended prom with my friends a couple months ago. It was there that I realized that although prom is known by many as a high school tradition, there are many who cannot experience this enchanting event. The loud music, alternating lights, and crowded venue make prom an anxiety inducing experience to many neurodiverse students.

When talking to the parents of InFUSE stu-



InFUSE's Enchanted Prom was a night for the neurotypical and neurodiverse communities to come together and have fun. Pictured here is **Varun Gattupalli** dancing with his caretaker, **Suella Feggan**.

dents, many voiced similar concerns regarding their high school's prom. In order to provide a solution to this problem in our community, along with Mrs. Selvi, Mrs. Lavanya, and volunteer Nithika Karthikeyan, I led efforts to coordinate an all-inclusive prom catering to both the neurotypical and neurodiversity communities in the Bay Area.

Held at Foothill Presbyterian Church's Fellowship Hall, the prom had a theme of an enchanted forest while all kids came dressed as their favorite princes and princesses.

There was a photo booth, talent show, and parade for the kids to show off their outfits. Parents pitched in to provide a scrumptious, multicultural potluck while our local band, Gifted Connections, played the night away.

Paintings by the students of InFUSE were showcased in an art display as well. The goal of this event was to recreate the trademark high school tradition of prom in a way where kids of all ages and abilities could participate and have fun.

Mrs. Haritha, a mother of one of the kids who attended InFUSE's prom, stated, "Thanks so much Selvi, Lavanya, and the other volunteers for a fantastic event. Namit did not even know what a prom is. He got to experience it yesterday. Thank you so much for filling so many kids' hearts with happiness."

Vaibhav Gopal, Mrs. Lavanya Gopal's son and a high school senior from the neurodiverse community, said, "The InFuse prom was a great and lovely event. People of all ages could come and enjoy the entertainment and delicious food. It made me feel belonged to the group and I enjoyed the enchanted evening."

InFUSE is located in Evergreen at 2847 S. White Rd. Suite #209, San Jose, CA 95148. You can contact the organization at infuseteam. org or by calling 1(669) 223-1644. Middle schoolers and high schoolers interested in volunteering can contact InFUSE directly.





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Times **Education**

Reception for Dr. Emy Flores, new Superintendent of the Evergreen School District, held at Quimby Oak

reception to welcome Dr. Flores, the new superintendent of the Evergreen School District, was held at Quimby Oak Middle School on June 24.

Community stakeholders, district teachers, and staff attended the special welcome reception.

During Evergreen School District Board of Trustees regular board meeting, the employment agreement between the District and new Superintendent, Dr. Emy Flores was approved on June 13.

The hiring of Dr. Flores is an historical event. For the first time in Evergreen School District's history, a broad and extensive executive search process took place. The Board of Trustees wanted all stakeholders in the community to have a voice and participate in the search process. With the help and support of Leadership Associates, an executive search firm, the search process went smoothly. Community stakeholders were given the opportunity to give feedback on the qualities and attributes they would like for a Superintendent to possess.

Bonnie Mace, Board President, stated: "On behalf of the Board of Trustees, we are very grateful for all the input and feedback received from the stakeholders in the community through the search process. It was very important for the Board that the community have a voice and participate in the search process. This process brought the Evergreen community together! We look forward to the leadership of Dr. Flores, and we are confident that she will lead Evergreen School District to a better and brighter future!"

Dr. Flores added, "I am thrilled to join a dynamic learning community where parents, staff, and community come together to do what's best for students. I look forward to collaborating with all stakeholders as we maximize each child's potential through world-class instruction, programs, and opportunities. The future is very bright for Evergreen and I feel honored and proud to be part of that future."

About Dr. Flores

Dr. Flores has been an educator since 1993. She has served as a teacher, instructional coach, assistant principal, principal, director, and Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services with a strong background in professional development, instructional technology, bilingual education and the Arts.

As Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services for the last four years with Fullerton School District, Dr. Flores has developed and implemented multiple awardwinning programs including Dual Immersion, Visual and Performing Arts, Speech & Debate, STEAM, Middle College, and Computer Science. She has been recognized for her

leadership at the local, state, and national level. She is the 2019 STEAM Educator of the Year for California 29th Senate District, 2017 and 2015 Woman of Distinction for the California State Assembly 65, 2007 Woman of the Year for California Assembly District 57, and an Apple Distinguished Educator.

Dr. Flores holds a Doctoral degree in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern California (2015) as well as a Masters of Arts degree in Multicultural Education from California State University Dominguez Hills (1996). She earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Law and Society from the University of California Santa Barbara (1993).



Dr. Emy Flores greets friends and community stakeholders at her reception held June 24 at Quimby Oak.

School Report

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accepted to San Jose State University under the Spartan East Side Promise. Our counselors work with SJSU counselors and have developed a summer curriculum to help with the transition from high school graduate to enrolling and at-

The Foundation also pays the intent to enroll deposit of \$250 for those students who need the support. Students who qualify under the Spartan Promise have a higher percentage of returning for their second year then students outside the program. Every student should be provided the support needed to get to college in the fall following their graduation.

Extended Learning

tending SJSU in the fall.

We know that students who start school at appropriate age grade levels end up progressing through school and graduating at a higher rate than students who lack the proper preparation at no fault of their own.

Students living in poverty are exposed to approximately 32 million fewer words when they start school. This impacts their cognitive development, as well as social skills and executive function.

The real question is what happens with students after school? There is a real difference between a student being supervised by an older sibling versus a student taking enrichment classes, attending Kumon tutoring, playing sports or learning an instrument. All of these opportunities impact the achievement cap

Research is clear: students living in poverty regress in their learning over the summer more than students in more affluent areas. Couple that with unequal schooling — access to high quality teaching, rigorous courses like Advance Placement and supports that scaffold the learning — extended learning is

critical in closing the achievement gap. Afterschool and summer enrichment opportunities are critical to stem the tide of summer lost learning.

Kids need to be in school longer during the day and the school year; not just for academic reasons, but also for enrichment reasons and long-term success. K-12 schools offer summer school, however, for high school students, it is usually for credit recovery and not for enrichment. Affluent families are able to pay for their children to attend math and science camps, athletic camps and music camps. This is not the case for low-income children.

In East Side, we offer both summer school for credit and grade recovery, as well as for enrichment, albeit there are less enrichment courses than we would like to offer. We partner with the Silicon Valley Education Foundation (SVEF) to provide Elevate Math and Science to allow students to take courses for advancement and/or that will allow students to take the next level course in the fall. SVEF also works with many of our feeder districts to help prepare students for higherlevel math and science.

The city of San Jose, through its SJ Learns program, provides summer grants that allows for K-8 districts to provide summer enrichment programs for students. This is part of Mayor Liccardo's goal of supporting education in San Jose, which is an enrichment resource for transition to high school.

If we truly want to improve the economic engine that drives Silicon Valley, we have to create opportunities for all students to extend their learning throughout the year. And when our students graduate from high school with an acceptance letter in hand, we must continue to follow them and support them until they officially land at their college of choice and begin taking courses in the fall of the year they graduate from school.

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Vehicle maintenance is crucial to your auto's health

By Art Ramirez SOS Auto Repair

Before we begin we would like to thank the entire Evergreen community for being so welcoming to us. We truly cannot thank you enough. Your acceptance means so much to us. We are so blessed to be here with you.

We would like to introduce our monthly

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column "Quick Tip." Each month will be different but will include one of the following; repair topics, Q&A's, discount offers, and shop updates.

This month's "Quick Fix" topic is Vehicle Maintenance and why it's so important.

Safety, safety and safety! That is the main reason why maintaining your vehicle is so important. Routine Oil Changes are vital! During an oil change our technicians perform a complimentary vehicle inspection to ensure there are no obvious underlying issues that can arise while you are on the road. If we discover any issues we will help

"Quick Tip" ly
By Art Ramirez

you address them accordingly.

Cha-Ching! It makes such a huge difference between a well maintained vehicle versus one that has been neg-

lected and is on its last put-put. If you plan on reselling your vehicle at some point, whether it is a trade-in or private party, your car won't sit on the market long if you've maintained it properly.

Money, money, money! Anyone who owns a vehicle can appreciate the value of car maintenance. If problems are found and addressed on time, it can save a lot of money, time and STRESS! Getting your vehicle

serviced regularly means you won't be the one running on low fuel, driving on tires with little to no tread left and/or running low on coolant (just a few of the things we look for during an inspection). These kinds of issues can and will increase the amount of money you put into your vehicle over time

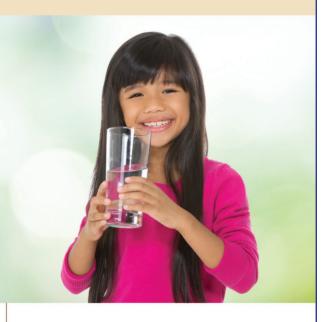
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Times Local News

Let's get the word out about parcel tax exemptions for seniors, people with disabilities

By Dave Cortese Special to the Times

disabilities who own

property may be paying taxes they don't have to pay, and they don't know it. Or if they do know it, they find the exemption application process challenging and over burdensome.

At the last Board meeting, I called for administrators to develop an outreach plan so that eligible homeowners know about the exemption and can get help in applying for it. I also asked for an analysis of how many homeowners in the County might be eligible and locations where we could provide

information to them. The Board unanimously approved the proposal by me and Supervisor Cindy Chavez, and administrators will bring an outreach plan to the Board on September

This parcel tax is paid by homeowners who live in school districts that have voter-approved measures that assess a portion of their property taxes to provide funding for schools, usually for a special initiative or to expand services. Homeowners are eligible to opt out of paying this tax if they are age 65 or older, receive Supplemental Security Income for disability at any age, or receive Social Security Disability Insurance benefits at any age and meet the income requirements.

Supervisor Chavez and I heard from residents and representatives from school districts at a special meeting on May 22 of the Children, Seniors and Families Committee. We called this meeting in response to a Civil Grand Jury Report that identified flaws in notifying residents about the exemption and in the application processes among some of the 24 school districts that collect a voter-approved parcel tax. Thank you to those of you who spoke to us at the meeting in May, and thanks to San Jose resident Don Eberhard who pushed us to see how the County can

Some suggestions we heard at that meeting included the County helping school districts receive information when property changes ownership, inserting a letter into property tax bills, and enlisting the Registrar

of Voters, the Department on Aging or the Social Services Agency to help with reaching housands of seniors and people with | underrepresented segments of the County's

older residents and residents with disabilities.

Our Finance Agency has already created a webpage with helpful information. Visit sccgov.org and type in Parcel Tax Exemption. Click on the first item in search results and it will take you to the Special Assessment – Parcel Tax page. Under Exemptions, you'll find a list of the tax measures, the school districts and links school district websites.

You can also call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org

about this topic or anything else.



Speed cameras may be on table again for San Jose

he Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force is possibly discussing a proposal to test automated speed cameras in San Jose and San Francisco.

The proposal to use speed cameras is being considered due to an increase in pedestrian. bicycling and auto fatalities.

Speed cameras would snap a photo of offending vehicles whose owners would get a ticket in the mail.

The Zero Traffic Fatalities Task Force will consider a variety of ways to slow drivers and that includes the testing of automated cameras on city streets in Santa Clara County may be back on the table.

Two years ago a proposal to conduct a fiveyear pilot automated camera project to catch speeders failed when needed legislation was not approved in Sacramento.

The Highway Traffic Safety Administration reports that fixed speed cameras reduce injury crashes by 20 to 25 percent, and mobile speed cameras reduced injury collisions by 21 percent to 51 percent.

More than 140 cities across the United States have automated speed enforcement programs, but it is not legal in California and a change to state law is required to use speed





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Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club: A group dedicated to helping develop communication and leadership skills. The group meets the first and third Tuesdays of each month from 5:15 - 7 p.m. at HGST, a Western Digital Co. and the second and fourth Tuesdays from 12 - 1 p.m. at IBM. For more information, go to www.adlibmasters.org or call Lorraine Myers at 1(408) 717-5552 weekdays or 1(408) 238-4580 weekends.

District 8 Community Roundtable: 1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. Location: Village Square" library (For information, visit d8crt.org)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization: Meets bi-monthly at various eastside cafes also conducts a variety of holiday socials/activities and scholarship fundraisers. Established in 1983! All teaching levels and others welcome. This organization supports the goals and purposes of the California Teachers' Retirement System. For more information call E. Paros at (408) 274-1609 or email parosej@ sbcglobal.net.

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 ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

San Jose East / Evergreen Kiwanis Club: The Kiwanis meet regularly 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 12:15pm at The Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA 95138. For 2nd Saturday community projects and 4th Thursday evening socials, consult www.rotarysjee.org

The Evergreen Business Assn is a 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 every month at 7:30 am at the Evergreen Village Square Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose, We also meet at Evergreen Coffee Company on the 4th Friday of the month for a more informal session at noon. Evergreen Coffee Company is also located at Evergreen Village Square. For more information, please refer to our website at www.ebagroup.org.

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 New Seasons 5667 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.

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

Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd. Wednesday of the month, from 3:15-4:15 EVGC (No meetings in July or August) Membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or (408)532-6602

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 Rotary Club
We are a local service club dedicated to
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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.sanjoseca.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
meet on the 3rd Thursday of January,
April, July, and October from 5:30p.m.7p.m. in the Community Room of the
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2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. For more

information call 408-808-3060.

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LeyVa Community Action Team Assn: 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-

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley: This local Lions group meets at the Red Lobster restaurant on Capitol at Aborn on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month. Dinner and fellowship start at 6 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7 p.m.

Since we often meet at other places, attendees should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

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.

The Norwood Neighborhood Association serves the neighborhoods from Norwood Avenue to Tully Road between White and Ruby. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at East Valley Church located at 2827 Flint Avenue. Please visit Next Door Norwood for more information.

Reid - Hillview Airport Assn: 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 Drying Shed Restaurant, 402 Toyon Ave., San Jose. (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 Assn: 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 4:00 pm in the Parent Center.

Silver Oak Educational Partnership: The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Assn: 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 Assn: This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at 0.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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Your dog might catch the flu

Br. Dr. Raj SinghSpecial to the Times

Just like humans, dogs can get sick with the flu.

Because dog flu spreads quickly in places where dogs congregate in-

side — like at doggy day cares, boarding kennels or the groomer — it's important for dog owners to watch for warning signs.

What is dog flu?

Dog flu, or canine influenza, is a respiratory illness caused by a strain of the flu virus that infects dogs. There are two types of flu viruses that can infect dogs: the H3N8 virus, which was discovered

in 2004, and the H3N2 virus, which was discovered in 2007. The H3N2 virus has also been reported to infect cats in some cases.

Can people catch it?

So far, no cases of dog flu have been reported in people, and there's no evidence that dog flu can spread from canines to humans. However, there's always a possibility that the virus could mutate in a way that would allow it to infect humans. Be-

cause of this, the CDC is monitoring dog flu viruses closely.

Where did dog flu come from?

The H3N2 strain was discovered in South Korea in 2007. It is thought that the virus originated when a type of bird flu virus adapted, and became able to infect dogs. Cases of H3N2 dog flu were confined to Asian countries until 2015, when the virus appeared in Chicago and

other parts of the Midwest. At that time, the virus caused a large outbreak in the area, affecting more than 1,000 dogs.

What symptoms does it cause in dogs?

Dogs with dog flu may sneeze, cough and have a runny nose. Dogs may also get a fever, have a decreased appetite and appear lethargic during the first few days of the illness.

Most dogs recover from the illness within a few weeks, but about 20 percent develop pneumonia, which can be serious and require veterinary care. If you think your dog has dog flu, call your veterinarian to discuss whether your dog needs to have a diagnostic test for the virus.

How do pets catch dog flu?

Dogs can catch dog flu from being around sick dogs or from being in an area that's contaminated with the

virus. When dogs cough, they can spread the virus up to 20 feet. The virus may linger on surfaces, including toys or people's clothes, for up to 24 hours, meaning dogs could become infected if they had contact with contaminated items before the virus dies.

Dogs are most at risk of becoming infected if they participate in events with other dogs, or are housed with other dogs, such as at boarding kennels, day care centers, shelters, veterinary clinics or grooming parlors. Dogs that simply stay at home and walk around the neighborhood are at low risk for becoming infected

What can pet owners do to protect their dogs?

If there are confirmed reports of the virus in your area, be careful about taking your dog to events or areas with other dogs. There is also a vaccine against H3N2, which makes infection with the virus less likely.

The best way to protect your dog is to get the canine influenza vaccine. Dogs who have had the vaccine are less likely to get sick and, if they do, their symptoms tend to be less severe and they recover more quickly.

If you have a dog that's a little under the weather, but mostly still seems healthy, apply the same common sense you would apply to yourself. Make sure your dog gets plenty of rest, and keep him quiet, warm

and sheltered.

In addition, if your dog is diagnosed with dog flu, you should keep your pet away from other dogs and cats for four weeks. Although dogs typically recover sooner than this, they can remain contagious for

about a month.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: forpetvet@yahoo.com; or call (408) 270-4600. Aborn Pet Clinic is located at 3286 So. White Rd., San Jose, CA 95148.









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150 students are taking part in a new summer learning opportunity for incoming 7th and 8th graders called LeyVa Enrichment at LeyVa Middle School this summer.

LeyVa Middle School alive with summer learning programs

By Annie Williams

Special to the Times

chool is out, and summer has begun; but that doesn't mean the learning has stopped at LeyVa Middle School.

The campus is abuzz with activity, as it hosts several free summer programs such as Elevate Math, the PEER Foundation's "Operation Blue Sky," and Robotics. In addition to those wonderful summer programs, 150 students are taking part in an exciting new summer learning opportunity for incoming 7th and 8th graders called LeyVa Enrichment.

 $The \, Ley Va \, Enrichment \, program \, was \, started \, based$ on the fundamental belief that all students should have access to programs that can help them achieve academically

LeyVa's new Principal, Aaron Brengard, and veteran science teacher, Martin McKeown, wanted to provide a high quality summer program at no cost to students. Similar private programs offered in the area can cost upwards of \$1,000 to attend.

Most of the LeyVa summer program's staff has previously worked for one of the private programs. Those teachers are glad to be able to use their experience to provide a unique summer learning program for the LeyVa community.

LeyVa Enrichment focuses on enhancing the math, language arts, and reading skills of the students. The program is balanced with a number of non-academic activities such as arts & crafts, sports, and a wildly popular video game room. In addition, every week students can enter into a drawing to win a variety of prizes that were generously donated.

LeyVa Enrichment is brand new, and the hope is to continue being able to offer this opportunity to students each summer.

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undreds of Evergreen Valley residents will join more than 38 million people across the country that will be participating in National Night Out on Tuesday, Au-

National Night Out strengthens partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

The annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San Jose Police Department.

National Night Out is designed to:

• Strengthen neighborhood spirit

Registration

is now open and available online by visiting www.sjpd.org. Online registration with the San Iose Police De-

partment will close on Wednesday, July 24, 2019.

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to large block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, games, contests, food or clothing donations, plan a cleanup day to beautify a common area, discuss neighborhood issues or set neighborhood goals, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

Register your neighborhood for this year's event today! You do not have to be a current Neighborhood Watch group to participate. National Night Out is for everyone.

Registration is

free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

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Involved Evergreen has sponsored family movie nights, such as this one from June 2019, since 2007. Inset below: Bright green and white banners hanging from light standards announce to drivers and pedestrians that they are approaching a hidden gem in Evergreen; Evergreen Village Square. *Photo above by Steve Natale Photography*

Involved

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who support the "Square." There were many discussions about a gateway sign or some other permanent signage.

Involved Evergreen neighborhood Association, recognizing the need for a signage to create a community identity submitted a proposal to the Beautify San Jose grant program and received funds to design and install the neighborhood banners.

Currently there are 15 banners on San Felipe, Aborn, Ruby and Altamara leading into the Village Square, signaling to drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians that they are approaching a unique neighborhood retail center. The feedback from neighbors and local businesses has been positive.

Romy Gill, owner of Curry Pizza House and movie sponsor for the June 28 movie night praised the banners. "They guide people to the square and the more they see them the more it reminds them that the Village Square is here." Gill was very happy with his movie night sponsorship saying, "It was a hit!" He said movie night brought many new customers in addition to his regular customers.

Banner Ceremony

There are five additional banners scheduled to be installed in the next few weeks in the center of Village Square with a Banner Ceremony planned on July 19 at the summer music and movie night at Evergreen Village Square.

The banner was designed as a template to be able to be used throughout Evergreen. We've received requests from other neighborhoods in Evergreen to use the banner design. The Norwood Neighborhood Association will be the next neighborhood using the banner for a couple of intersections in that neighborhood.

Involved Evergreen is grateful to the City of San Jose and Mayor Sam Liccardo's office for their assistance in making these banners possible.

Involved Evergreen has sponsored family movie nights since 2007. The organization invites everyone to join the fun on Friday, July 19, beginning at 6 p.m. for music by Groove Objective, a wine stroll and a family friendly movie, Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse

The final music and movie night will be held on August 23, and will feature the music of Touch 'N Go, a wine stroll and the movie "The Secret Life of Pets"

Editor's note: You can volunteer at a future movie night by finding Involved Evergreen on Facebook.



Senior Fair

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Magdalena Carrasco

Carrasco addressed the crowd, "Good Morning, Buenos Dias, are we ready to start our walk?" I'm so glad to see everyone here and I wish to thank Jim Beall, Ash Kalra, Sylvia Arenas, and Maya Esparza." (Esparza is the newly elected San Jose City Council member for District 7).

Carrasco continued, "We include our beautiful seniors and we want to make sure we have a healthy community and healthy city. Connection to resources and services is for all of you. In order to stay active we've got to walk and this pumps blood through our bodies."

When Carrasco took a poll of raised hands and asked all how many times attendees walked each week everyone began to cheer-on those who were keenly focused on daily exercise. She exuberantly smiled and connected with the crowd. In addition, she awarded special pink shirts (her trademark color for her office) for those who were achieving their goals. Big smiles were seen as the coveted special shirts were doled out to winners!

"We must ensure that San Jose includes everyone and doesn't leave anyone behind, especially our seniors who have helped build this City; this Country, "said Carrasco. "It is our responsibility to pay homage and respect to our elders and that is also done through policy and budget. It's important to me, as I took care of my parents through their lives that Seniors remain active, healthy, and integrated as important members of our city."

Sylvia Arenas

"This event is just a small token of appreciation to say "Thank you" to Evergreen seniors for your continued service to the community," San Jose Councilmember Sylvia Arenas said. "From working with nonprofits across San Jose, leading litter pickups, offering mentorship, and in so many other ways you help to make our city a better place for us all."

Councilwoman Arenas continued, "I was sad to miss this year's event due to an issue that came up last minute with my family, but I hope to see you soon at Eastridge. I've brought the mall and our city Parks and Rec together in partnership, and we now have senior health activities every Wednesday and Friday, all year long. I hope to see you there!"

Cookie Albarran (The Gold Zumba Queen)

The entire audience was treated to the "Gold Zumba" style and sound of dancing led by local icon

Times **Feature**

dance instructor Cookie Albarran of the East Valley Family YMCA fame.

"Cookie is joyful, vivacious, and exudes happiness which has an almost medicinal effect on those hesitant to join in and Zumba dance," stated one senior.

"Cookie describes Zumba as simply, "a fun workout." She explained that this beat and sound is called "Gold Zumba" and many devotees from the YMCA joined her in their special team yellow shirts in unison to the beat of the welcoming rhythm of specially selected popular familiar songs that communicate an uplifting soul connection of joyful sounds and melodies.

When asked what makes Gold Zumba special, Cookie replied, "We have fun and when each person works out they don't even See SENIOR FAIR, page 21



"Cookie" Albarran, the Gold Zuma Queen

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Violence

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shootings in San José history.' Nothing can repair the loss you have experienced. We stand with you, and we are available to assist you and your families in any way possible.

The details of this incident are still under investigation. However, we are aware that three of the victims murdered are women. While we will refrain from arriving at conclusions without the benefit of a full and thorough investigation, we know that incidents like this do not arise overnight. Intimate partner violence is characterized by patterns of behavior that develop over time and result in women and their families being hurt by their male partner. It is more important than ever that we continue our work to properly fund efforts that serve to hold perpetrators of domestic violence accountable before their actions result in the loss of life.

Crimes like the one that occurred this weekend are only the most extreme examples of the violence that too many women in our community face. Domestic violence, sexual assault, and even human trafficking are often interrelated, and their victims often experience a ramping up to greater violence - too often with tragic final outcomes.

This problem is not unique to San José, but as the tenth largest city in the country, San José must provide national leadership and must lead the way in modernizing the re-

sponse we take to address the violence that so many women face. We cannot bury our heads in the sand or pass the buck. The fact that these problems are societal cannot be an obstacle to action

Domestic violence and sexual assault are crimes that chronically go unreported - especially in communities of color and in immigrant communities where households may contain family members with many different immigration statuses. This can be especially true within the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community.

We encourage every resident of San José experiencing violence to be confident in seeking help - whether that help is through Asian Women's Home, Nextdoor Solutions, the YWCA, or the San Jose Police Department. San Jose does not participate in any ICE investigations or enforcement activity, and you do not have to fear that you or your loved ones will be deported because of coming forward.

At the same time, we call for the City Administration to continue and expand on the work we have asked for, in order to identify the determinants of underreporting in San Jose, especially in communities where women are unable to report the actions of these perpetrators of violence against them. We reiterate our call for action and hope to see an additional response from the City Administration regarding a coordinated response to the problems of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking."

City agrees to settlement with family of student killed on Yerba Buena Rd.

he city of San Jose has agreed to a \$750,000 settlement with the family of Kiran Pabla, 24, who was killed four years ago in a hit-and-run accident by two drivers who were racing against each other on Yerba Buena Road in Evergreen.

The city is also pledging to evaluate and improve guardrail safety on the speedy thoroughfare, Yerba Buena Road. The city was accused in the lawsuit of "maintaining inadequate guardrails that failed to protect Pabla."

Pabla was out jogging around noon Jan. 26, 2015 on Yerba Buena Road toward Silver Creek Road in Evergreen, five blocks away from her home, when she was killed after two cars collided. The drivers were 19 year-old Gabriel Becerra Esparza and Manuel Maldonado Avalos. The two teens were racing, crashed, and Esparza's car hit a group of parked AT&T trucks which pinned Pabla to a tree. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Avalos and Esparza were both arrested and held without bail, on charges of vehicular manslaughter. Avalos was later acquitted in 2017



The city of San Jose has agreed to pay a \$750,000 settlement to the family of Kiran Pabla, the 24-year-old student who was killed by a pair of hit-and-run drivers on Yerba Buena Rd.in 2015. (Facebook photo)

by a jury. Esparza pleaded no contest to vehicular manslaughter and was sentenced to a year in county jail, three years' probation, and was ordered to serve 300 hours of community service.

"Every time I drive by her spot I think of Kiran," said an Evergreen resident. "I didn't know her or have any connection to her, but I am deeply upset by what happened. I don't think it's the city of San Jose's fault. It was the driver of the carsince this accident many more careless drivers have popped up even on the street I live on; speeding up crazily to get home."

Pabla was a graduate of Silver Creek High School and had been pursuing a degree in business at California State University, Hayward.

Senior Fair

Continued from page 19 know that they are exercising. That's the secret of Gold Zumba."

It was explained that anyone of any age or with any challenge is welcome in the classes to work out doing "Gold Zumba" for while dancing in front of everyone, she has the ability to lead different ability levels and encourages them during the song that plays aloud. This can only be described as masterful instruction done with lots of love and joyful inspiration to all.

It was stated by one bystander, "Ya know, I feel like I am getting a work out by just watching them and they seem to be having so much fun that I may try this out too in the future."

There is a nuance to this dance. The more a person works year after year after year exercising with "Gold Zumba," the more refined the simple movements of hands and shoulders become which can be comparable to ballet or Hawaiian luau dance. It is fun for all to watch the "greats" on the dance floor, the super dancers who do a kind of line dance orchestration of synchronized movement. It is like watching a Broadway show. This "Gold Zumba" element has been a mainstay of the annual Eastridge Senior Health Fair and the event closes with a wonderful walk and then the big "Gold Zumba" dance which many audience members joined in to participate in.

Here were some of the comments about "Cookie"

- "She's ageless, passionate and energizes us."
- "She attracts people to participate in classes because of her good attitude and passion for good health."
- "What can I say, she is the best and if you do not know how to do it she teaches us and if it is too hard for an individual she gives different options so all can participate at their own level.

It was simply understood by all that "Cookie" embodies the entire event from the meaning of this comment made by a smiling participant to the "Gold Zumba" dance off event of the Eastridge Senior Health Fair..."She brings out the youth in all of us."

Editors Note: To visit "Cookie's" Facebook account and see her dance, type in; FRMTHEBLOCK. Also, "Cookie" is a "Zumba Gold" instructor at the East Valley Family YMCA and this organization offers all a free three day pass upon visiting to explore their offerings of classes and facilities. This is a chance for you to meet "Cookie," for she brings so much joy to all!

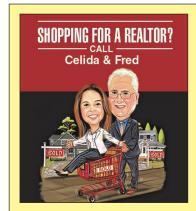
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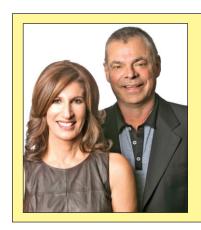


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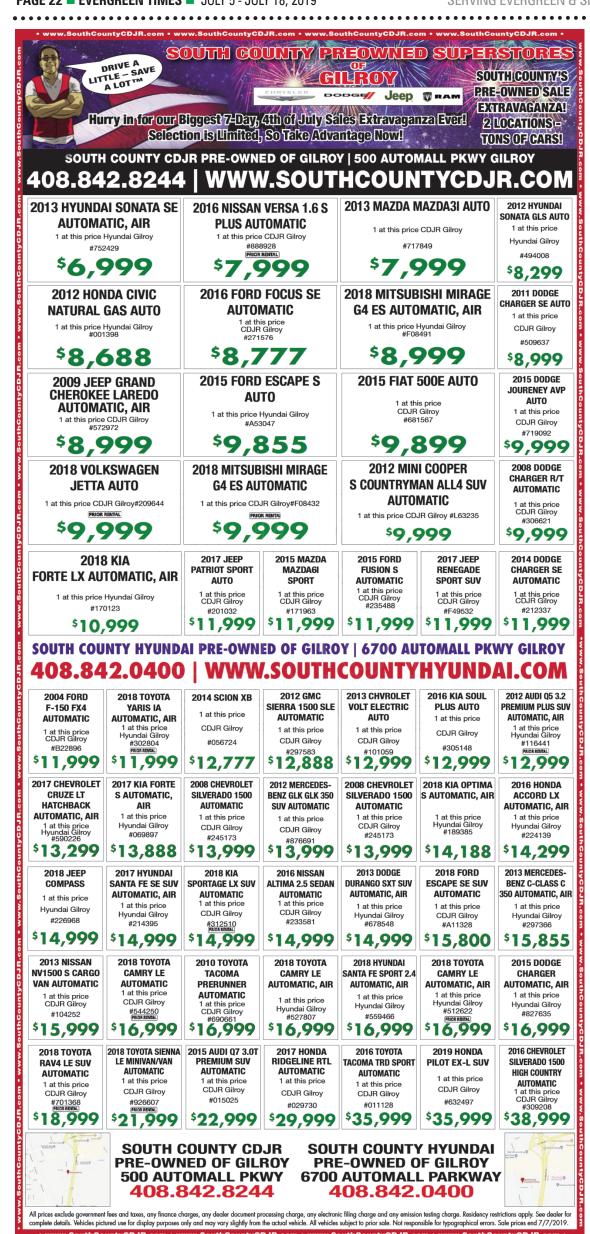


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The **Cuevas family** joined **Molly** at the beach to watch her 3,000+ mile journey come full circle as she started at the Pacific Ocean in Santa Monica, Calif. and ended in Montauk, New York at the Atlantic Ocean on Saturday, June 29. *Photos by Jess Rapfogel*

Molly

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one of her runs. Then there was a weather related scare in Missouri where two tornados touched down just two miles from where Molly was running.

Molly had a couple of runners join her for a few miles along the way but only one person is there with her the whole trip, her mom driving and RV with Miles by Molly and CAF logos decorating it. "It has been a lot of fun spending time with Molly," said Jillian Cuevas. "We've really bonded during the 3,000 mile trip."

"I've been doing this for three months so it definitely doesn't feel real yet," Molly said. "I don't think the whole thing will sink in right away."

Molly ran through 13 states: California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York.



Molly Cuevas places custom medal around her mom, **Jillian**, as she also completed the more than 3,000 mile journey, driving the RV cross country and arranging meals, recovery and accommodations throughout the trip.



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5867 Killarney Circle	\$1,600,000	4	3 0	2,413	6,156 sf
1263 Trestlewood Lane	\$1,310,000	3	2 1	2,091	4,161 sf
511 Hewes Court	\$1,200,000	4	2 1	2,123	4,200 sf
5315 Silver Point Way	\$1,110,000	3	2 0	2,332	2,755 sf
83 Palmwell Way	\$1,100,000	4	2 1	2,077	5,675 sf
7160 Basking Ridge Avenue	\$1,045,000	3	2 1	2,018	2,932 sf
7232 Basking Ridge Avenue	\$1,030,000	4	2 1	2,018	3,007 sf

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