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Evergreen School District Board of Trustees approves timeline and process for school consolidation

Community Information Meetings begin Dec. 19

vergreen School District Board of Trustees approved the process and timelines for the district's school consolidations / closures at its Nov. 14 meeting.

The Board of Trustees recently approved the closure/ consolidation of two schools in 2020-21 school year and a third school in 2021-22 school year as a part of the district's fiscal stabilization plan, in order to close a \$12 million deficit that is the result of rising costs and declining enrollment.

Superintendent, Dr. Emy Flores, will soon be appointing a School Consolidation Committee, an advisory committee that will be comprised of parents, community partners, principals, teachers, and support staff. The district recently invited the community to apply for this committee, See CONSOLIDATION, page 21



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Santa Clara County supervisor candidates face off

By William Bellou Publisher

hree candidates faced off in Evergreen on Nov. 7 at the Santa Clara County Supervisor Candidate Forum held at Grace Church in Evergreen.

The forum was hosted by District 8 Roundtable and moderated by Scott Herhold, former SI Mercury News columnist.

Three candidates competing to replace Santa Clara County District 3 Supervisor Dave Cortese answered a number of questions, including how they'd solve some of Santa Clara County's housing woes — if they get the 2020 vote.

Taking part in the forum were Kansen Chu, California Assemblymember; former Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee; and onetime San Jose Planning Commissioner John Leyba. Candidate San Jose Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco could not attend due to her commitment to attend a VTA meeting. Her chief of staff, Frances Hérbert, attended the forum and was given five minutes to give a presentation on Carrasco's background.

Ouestions

What is the answer to our county's homeless problem? Is Measure A enough?

Kansen Chu: "Every region has to have a task force to address this issue. When I was on the

Three candidates faced off in Evergreen on Nov. 7 at the Santa Clara County Supervisor Candidate Forum held at Grace Church in Evergreen. Pictured (I to r) are: former Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee; San Jose Planning Commissioner John Leyba, and Kansen Chu, California Assemblymember. Scott Herhold, former SJ Mercury News columnist, is pictured standing at the podium.

City Council I formed the North San Jose task force. This issue needs to involve all levels of Government as well as the private sector. We need a long term plan to resolve this problem. We have to learn the reason for people that have become homeless, those that have evaded domestic violence, you have some foster

kids, and those who are working 2-3 jobs that suddenly lost one job and cannot pay their rent."

Otto Lee: "There's no silver bullet. Measure A is a good start. But it is not going to solve all of the problems. It can't because of the causes See FORUM, page 18

Silver Oak 6th grade students return to campus to celebrate gift of digital marquee

By Donna Corsell Special to the Times

t was like a reunion when the 6th grade 2019 class at Silver Oak Elementary School returned to campus along with sixth grade teacher Tammie Hoshino

on November 3 to celebrate the arrival of their gift of a digital marquee to the school. The 6th grade class raised the

funds needed for the digital marquee by selling concessions at school events, from generous 6th grade parent donations and from obtaining a corporate match from Apple. The amount of money raised for the new marquee was more than \$20,000.

The marquee was a suggestion from the faculty, students and



The 6th grade 2019 class at Silver Oak Elementary School returns to campus to celebrate the arrival of their gift of a digital marguee to the school.

parents. Silver Oak Elementary School was one of the few schools in the district without a digital sign. The signs are not funded by the district.

Silver Oak Elementary School acknowledged several community sponsors that helped with our promotions activities and class gifts. New Seasons donated the candy for the class gift. Burj Capital Group, Silver Creek Academy, Lilian Moore-State Farm, KP Services, Anubis clothing, Teddy Rockspin, Collideskope, WingStop, Postal Annex and Master Precision Machining Inc. all donated money or their services toward the expenses of promotions activities.

VTA'S All New Service

VTA Light Rail Changes

Light Rail will now have three distinct lines, which will be color-coded, and the new Orange line will connect Downtown Mountain View to the Milpitas BART station. During weekday peak hours, service will be every 15 minutes and weekend peak hours will be every 20 minutes.

Orange Line - Alum Rock to Mountain View

- Transfer at Baypointe for the Blue Line
- Transfer at Champion, Lick Mill, Great America or Old Ironsides for the Green Line

Blue Line - Santa Teresa to Baypointe

Green Line - Winchester to Old Ironsides

Other changes to Light Rail

- The light rail segment from Ohlone/Chynoweth to Oakridge will be discontinued and will now be served by Line 64a
- I 880/Milpitas station renamed to Alder Station
- Montague Station renamed to Milpitas Station
- New bus line 60 will serve SJC, Valley Fair/Santana Row, Downtown Campbell and Milpitas BART.
- Only passengers boarding from SJC will board line 60 for free.

The Frequent Bus Network

VTA's Frequent Network will operate every 15 minutes or better on weekdays between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and every 15 to 30 minutes on weekends.

- **Rapid 500 -** Diridon Station to Berryessa BART Station
- Rapid 522 Palo Alto Transit Center to Eastridge Transit Center
- Rapid 523 Lockheed Martin Transit Center to Berryessa **BART Station**
- Route 22 Palo Alto Transit Center to Eastridge Transit Center
- Route 23 De Anza College to Alum Rock Transit Center Route 25 - De Anza College to Alum Rock **Transit Center**
- Route 26 West Valley College to Eastridge Transit Center
- Route 57 Old Ironsides Station to West Valley College
- Route 60 Milpitas BART Station to Winchester Transit Center

- Route 61- Good Samaritan Hospital to Sierra & Piedmont (via King/Mabury)
- Route 64 Almaden & Crown to McKee & White
- Route 66 Kaiser San Jose to Milpitas/Dixon Road
- Route 68 Gilroy Transit Center to San Jose Diridon Station
- Route 70 Eastridge Transit Center to Milpitas BART Station
- Route 72 Senter & Monterey to Downtown San Jose
- Route 73 Monterey & Branham to Downtown San Jose
- Route 77 Eastridge Transit Center to Milpitas BART Station

Improved Bus Routes

- Route 20 Sunnyvale Caltrain Station to Milpitas BART station; 15-minute frequency during commute periods and 30-minute frequency in midday.
- Route 21- Stanford Shopping Center to Santa Clara Caltrain station; a merger Route 35 and Route 32 into a single route.
- Route 51- Moffett Field to West Valley College; hourly service on weekdays.
- Route 56 Lockheed Martin Transit Center to Tamien Station; 30-minute service on weekdays and weekends.
- Route 59 Old Ironsides Station to Valley Fair Transit center; 30-mlnute frequency on weekdays and hourly on weekends.

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- > Real, compassionate solutions to end homelessness
- > Stronger, safer neighborhoods through increased SJPD staffing
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32nd year of 'The World of Italian Opera': Dec. 6

On Friday, December 6 the Italian Heritage Foundation presents the 32nd anniversary of World of Italian Opera with a holiday buffet, and, of course, opera.

Since 1987, the San Jose-based Italian American Heritage Foundation has been hosting the annual event aimed at introducing the community to the power, beauty and history of Italian opera.

The World of Italian Opera celebration has long benefitted from its partnership with San Jose Opera—as the company's worldclass performers give audiences a primer on Italian operas.

A no-host bar opens at 6 p.m.; Dinner: 6:45 p.m. – 8 p.m.; Opera San Jose entertainment will be presented from 8:15 p.m. – 9:45 p.m. with intermission.

Tickets are available at www. iahfsj.org; or pay by phone at (408) 293-7122.

The Italian American Heritage Foundation is located at: 425 N. Fourth St, San Jose, CA 95112.

Breakfast with Santa Dec. 7 at Evergreen Community Center

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Enjoy a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage and eggs.

Bring your camera and take a picture with Santa! Pre-registration is required. Price: 19 months & up \$10 (18 months and under free).

The Evergreen Community Center is located at: 4860 San Felipe Road. Register at: activekids. com by searching "Evergreen breakfast with Santa." Please register for either 19 months and up, or 18 month and under (free).

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Community members show their support of Jim Zito at the campaign kickoff.

Large number of supporters turnout for Jim Zito's City Council campaign kickoff event

"I know how much Jim Zito cares about our city."

- San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo **N** T^{early 150} supporters, including San Jose

Nayor Sam Liccardo, enthusiastically turned out for Jim Zito's San Jose City Council campaign kickoff event on Nov. 18 at Curry Pizza in Evergreen. "I'm honored and humbled that so many

people have come out to support my campaign," Zito said. "I see there are many politically diverse people here tonight; people who I have talked to on issues when we were not in agreement, and people who I have talked to when we were in agreement. I always had respect for all people because I felt it was important to follow what is in your heart and what you were prepared to do to make our city and community a better place!"

Zito said he is honored to have the endorsement of a large number of families and community leaders, and he is especially excited to have the endorsement of San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo.

"I am thrilled to be here because I know how much Jim Zito cares about our city," said Mayor Liccardo. "I have seen the hours that Jim has put in when he was serving on the General Plan task force, all the years he put in on the planning commission, the years he put in for the District 8 Roundtable, and of course all the time he puts in on the Evergreen School Board."

Liccardo continued, "I can honestly say in my experience working with Jim through a lot of very contentious hearings and meetings that he was always there prepared, he always demonstrated that he was going to think independently about each and every issue. Nobody was going to tell him how to vote and that his passion was about doing the right thing, even if that meant it wasn't popular; even if he was the only one in the room who was going to say what needed to be said. So that's why I am thrilled to be able to support Jim Zito as our next councilmember here in District 8."

Zito said he always enjoyed volunteering. "When I was in tech support and system integration around the world...the question was always - what's the problem you are trying to solve," Zito said. "So that instilled the urgency to find real world solutions to real problems in real time."

Zito continued, "What I see in four years after I am elected, will be stronger and safer neighborhoods that work with local law enforcement to stop crime. I see needed new homes and businesses in the district. I see improvements to our major streets and roads, and maintain carpool lanes on Capitol Expressway so our residents can commute back and forth from work in more reasonable times. I can tell you what you won't see. You won't see as much homelessness. You won't see escalating taxes, fees or bureaucratic red tape that hinders San Jose's economic development." **About Jim Zito**

Jim Zito, who previously worked almost 30 years in computer engineering and bio-tech positions, is well known in Evergreen. He is currently a ten-year trustee of the Evergreen School Board, and works as a 7th grade math teacher in an east-side middle school. Zito's



Mayor **Sam Licardo** (right) addresses supporters **at Jim Zito's** campaign kickoff for San Jose City Council. Zito is pictured (left).

community roots run deep. In addition to his ten years on the Evergreen School Board, he served eight years on the San Jose Planning Commission; four years on the Envision San Jose 2040 Task Force, in addition to its two update committees. Before that he served over seven years on past Councilmember Dave Cortese's Evergreen-East Hills Visioning Task Force. In 2008 he co-founded the current District 8 Community Round Table. He is also a founding family and active member of the St. Francis of Assisi worship community.

In addition to the endorsement of Mayor Liccardo, Zito has the support of San Jose Councilmember Johnny Khamis, former Mayor Chuck Reed, Evergreen School Board Trustees Christopher Corpus, Bonnie Mace and Balaji Venkatraman, and community leaders including retired SJPD Captain Carlo Miranda, Grace Church pastor John Goldstein, former small business owner Denise Belisle, and former D8 candidate Jimmy Nguyen, as well as the Silicon Valley Organization PAC and Business San Jose Chamber PAC.



Former San Jose City Councilwoman, **Pat Saucedo** discusses Zito's campaign with attorney **Jimmy Nguyen**, who ran for City Council in 2016.

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Times Features

Walk for Humanity fundraiser brings community together

Annual event raises monies to support the homeless with blankets and necessities

> **By Kevin Larsen** *Times Media Writer*

n Saturday, November 16 people of all races and nationalities converged at the San Jose Gurdwara to take part in a fundraising walk to buy items to support the homeless in San Jose.

The Sikh San Jose Gurdwara is a place of worship and also a Community Center where people from all races, religions and backgrounds join together to help others.

Many churches and other groups work together to go out into the creeks and help the less fortunate who live there. During the visits, new blankets are neatly stacked in trucks along with various necessities to help those in need.

At one such outing during a flood a pregnant woman was assisted along with many others as the creek water levels were rising. As the trucks pulled up and complementary items were handed out to those living in terrible and dangerous conditions, it gave them hope and connected them with literature to connect to the city programs available.

The Walk for Humanity invigorates all participants

This annual event is growing and all are welcome to pay the \$15 registration fee. Beautiful high quality shirts are given to all participants. As many donned their event shirts, with running shoes, sport shorts, sweatpants and headbands, they created a spirit of collaboration and comradery as seen by these thoughtful statements.

"This walk also helps celebrate the 550th celebration of the birth of the revered first guru of Sikhism. Guru Nanak Ji was preaching for all of Humanity," said Bob Dhillon, President of the Gurdwara.

"It's giving back to the community in our own way, Jasleen and Ashish, said. "Anyone who believes in volunteerism and giving back to others can join the annual Walk for Humanity to help others. It's a fun way to check out San Jose's largest in the U.S.A. Gurdwara which is open for all."

"It's to give back to people who don't have enough, "Dilly said. "Sometimes we get stuck in our own lives and we don't realize how less fortunate people are getting along. This is why we are here. Please come out and support this yearly event."

"I think 5k is my max, said Satindei. "It felt good to walk it and we're helping the community too which felt good."

Hsiao; "This event is about strength and care of the community because the community is where we are all from. It's where energy comes from. Thus, the Walk for Humanity brings strength to our community."

Meera; "I think it's a great cause, all of the proceeds that are collected go directly to helping the homeless and that's why I like it!"

Great success

As the walkers gathered at the starting line the clarion call of the Sikhs was stated by the first person to stand at the starting line with all in attendance listening and repeating the call. The older gentleman with beard and turban stated solemnly calling above to the higher powers a prayer called an "Ardas." He stated many words in prayer and then ended with the words, "Bolay So Nehal," which are translated to mean; whoever says these words are in high regard and shall have happiness for God is true and the ultimate truth.

Guru Nanak, whom the Walk for Humanity is named after, never tried to change other people's religions, instead he wished for all to work in their own ways to honor God. Such was the case of this event. People from all backgrounds, religions and races participated in the same quest to help and assist the homeless.

Editor's Note: One can donate to this cause year round. The Gurdwara is a 503 (3)(c) nonprofit and one can visit their website to learn more on how to donate at; sanjosegurdwara.org. Also volunteers are always welcome at the Gurdwara.



Deer in the water

Last week Lou Alexander spotted a female deer in the large water feature in Village Verano at the Villages Golf and Country Club. "I stopped to take pictures and ended up with five usable images showing a tagged female and two large, antlered males," Alexander said. "I think one of the large males is protecting the female, either from the other male or from me and my camera." *Photo credit: Lou Alexander*





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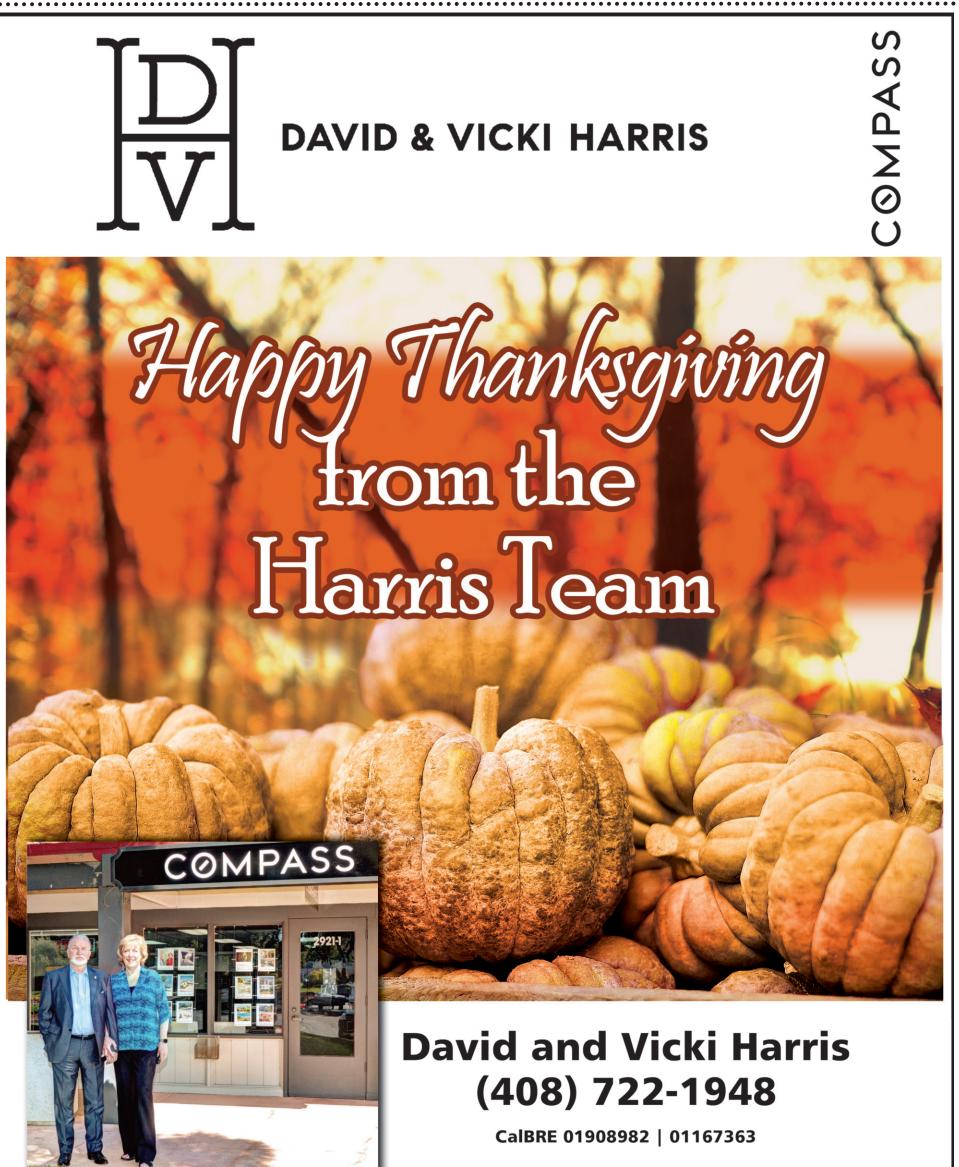


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December 5 at 7:00pm at Village Square Library

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- Presentation from advocates of the proposed Buddhist Temple
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San Jose City Councilmember Sylvia Arenas speaks at the Veterans Day 33rd Annual Celebration.

U.S. Army Sergeant Major Scott Holzerland speaks at Veterans Day celebration

By William Bellou Publisher

here was a large turnout for The Villages Music Society and Veterans Club's 33rd annual celebration of Veterans Day on November 11 at the LDS Church gymnasium on San Felipe Rd.

This year's speaker was Sergeant Major Scott J. Holzerland of the 351st Civil Affairs Command. Holzerland has served at every echelon within the human resources community from company level to the U.S. Army Human Resources Command.

Holzerland discussed his assignments as instructor, recruiter and detailee to the Central Intelligence Agency. "I'm currently pro-

viding oversight of human resources support to the 2000 soldiers and family members of the 351st Civil Affairs Command in Mt. View, CA," said Holzerland. "I'm very proud of coordinating the U.S. participation in the commemorative ceremonies organized for the 75th anniversary of the Normandy landings and the Battle of Normandy earlier this year. I'm also proud of my son who is serving in the U.S. Army stationed in South Korea. He will someday take over for the old man!"

Also speaking at the event were San Jose City Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas and Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese.

Arenas said, "Veterans are the first group to stand up to participate in natural disasters, such as the hurricanes and recent fires, because I'm sure as a veteran your service is never ending and it hasn't ended. But now it is our turn to serve you. The sacrifice of the veterans goes beyond Veterans Day. We need to reach out to the people in our own lives that we may know and volunteer. I thank all of you for your service!"

Cortese said, "I want to thank everyone involved for putting on this production again, it is amazing and I'm proud to be a sponsor in recognition of my father (Dominic Cortese). My father was an infantry training officer in the United States Army. When I grew up here in District 8, there were just a handful of houses with many veterans. I would like have Sylvia Arenas

join me in a project in the upcoming year to put together a registry, an actual roster of the veterans of Evergreen from the past to the present. I think that we could actually have a memorial here in Evergreen."

Music was provided by the Villages Concert Band, Directed by Jacque Leonard; the Village Voices, Directed by Ken Carter; and the Villages Handbell Ensemble, Directed by Earl and Kathi Levin.

351st Civil Affairs Command.This year's special musical
This year's special musical
guest was Sergeant KC Armstrong, recently
retired from the U.S. Army Chorus in Wash-
ington DC. Sargent Armstrong was joined by
the Village Voices in singing "God Bless the
USA," and "God Bless America."

All veterans attending the event were presented with a rose.



This year's speaker was Sergeant

Major Scott J. Holzerland of the

Nearly 400 people attended the Veterans Day 33 Annual Celebration in Evergreen on Nov. 11.

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Times **News**

Bonnie Mace announces sole endorsement for Jim Zito

n a surprise move, Bonnie Mace, Evergreen School Board Trustee, announced on Sunday that she is making a sole endorsement of San Jose District 8 Council Candidate Iim Zito.

Originally, Mace had a dual endorsement of both incumbent Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and Council Candidate Jim Zito.

Mace said that she made the switch to a sole endorsement because Zito is a "better candidate."

"I originally endorsed Councilmember Arenas at an earlier time when there was no opponent. Now that Mr. Zito is a candidate, I have decided that he is a better choice for voters and therefore I am only endorsing him and am revoking my earlier endorsement of Councilmember Arenas."

"Jim Zito has been a strong advocate for District 8 residents and the community for 25 years," Mace said. "His longevity in all of his public service work demonstrates his strong commitment to the community and the City of San Jose. I have worked with him as a colleague on the Evergreen School Board since I was elected in 2012, and Mr. Zito has been a constant voice supporting our students and families. His leadership has helped in areas such as budget, determining how facilities are effectively used in our district, improving student performance and enhancing student enrichment opportunities, supporting more counselors, passing several bonds and parcel taxes, hiring a new superintendent, and finding creative solutions to our problem of declining enrollment."

In addition to the now sole endorsement of Mace, Zito has the backing of Mayor Sam Liccardo,

former Mayor Chuck Reed, San Jose Councilmember Johnny Khamis, former Evergreen School District trustee Balaji Venkatraman as well as the Silicon Valley Organization PAC and Business San Jose Chamber PAC.

Groundbreaking ceremony for Vietnamese -American **Service Center to** be held Nov. 23

groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the Vietna-**M**mese American Service Center will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2410 Senter Road, San Jose.

The ceremony will celebrate the beginning of construction for the project, which is expected to open in late summer 2021.

Attending the ceremony will be the Board of Supervisors, County Executive, County department leaders and community members. Food will be provided along with music and performances.

The service center's mission is to deliver integrated, accessible and culturally responsive social and health services to the community.

The service center model will bring key County agencies together to address the overall needs of the community.

The Board of Supervisors approved the County Budget, including a \$7,000,000 appropriation for the programming, design and demolition phase of the project.

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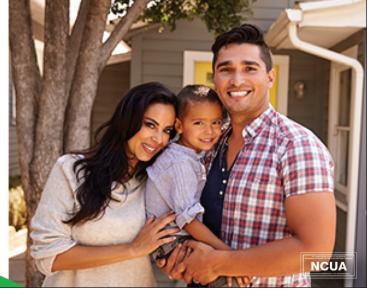
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We get this question quite often. We have to keep in mind cars are built much different nowadays. With all the technology, charging ports, Bluetooth capabilities, and computers to keep your car running, (just to name a few) so many things depend on the battery.

On average, car batteries last between two and five years. One of the most important factors that affects how long a car battery will last is the weather. A running engine under the hood is already producing high levels of heat. Throw in a scorching hot day and you have a severe drain on your battery, which can lead to an increased chance of a dead battery.

Regardless of the temperature you drive in, properly taking care of your car battery can help keep it running. Below are seven tips on how to care for your battery that can potentially lead to an extended battery life.

1. Limit Short Rides: Quick car rides prevent your car's battery from fully charging. Driving it frequently and for extended periods helps maintain your car's battery power. If you don't use your car often, consider investing in a portable car battery charger. These portable chargers can jump start your battery without another vehicle in case you're ever stranded.

2. Keep Your Battery Tightly Fastened: A battery that's not securely fastened could vibrate which can potentially result in internal damage and/or short circuits. This is something we check when in for an Oil Change.

3. Turn Off All Lights When You Exit: Accidentally keeping your headlights and car door lights on can put a heavy toll on your vehicle's battery.

4. Control the Corrosion: Battery terminals corrode over time but keeping them free of corrosion buildup is a great way to extend the life of your car's battery. This is something we can take care of for you. Handling Battery acid/corrosion is very harmful.

5. Test Your Battery Often: Knowing the condition of your car battery matters when you want to maximize its life. Battery tests are also on the list of things we can do for you.

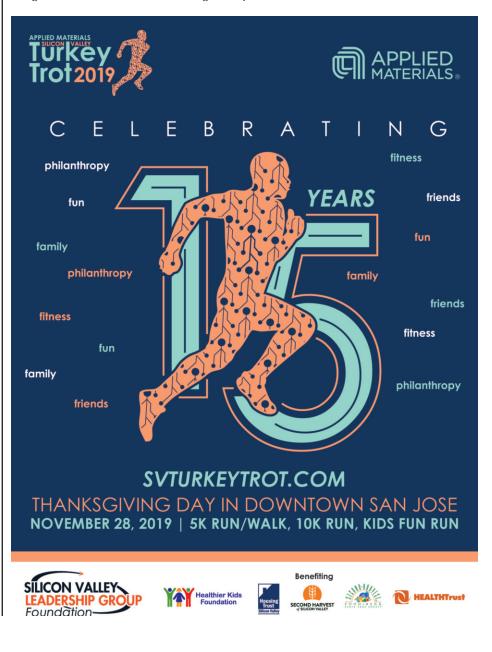
6. Don't use Electronics While Idling: This is a big one! I think it's safe to assume many of us are guilty of this. Turn off functions, such as the radio, a/c and unplug everything from those charging ports. It's these kind of things that put so much wear and tear on our car's battery.

7. Care for Your Whole Car: Our cars are comprised of many parts working together. Making sure we are taking them in for routine maintenance, as well as properly storing our vehicles are also simple ways to ensure the battery's lifespan can reach its full capacity.

No matter how well you maintain your car and/or battery, we can't always foresee when it may die.

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Best of Boergreen Valle

The votes have been tabulated from readers of the *Evergreen Times* for this year's *Best of Evergreen Valley*.

Here are this year's favorites in the following categories: Education, Fitness/Sports, Restaurant, Beauty Salon and Massage Therapy.

The Medical category will be featured in the January issue of the *Evergreen Times*.



Silver Creek Academy is committed to academic excellence.

EDUCATION Best Learning Center: Silver Creek Academy

Silver Creek Academy received the most votes for BEST LEARNING CEN-TER.

Silver Creek Academy has been committed to academic excellence since it was founded by Shelley Swircek in 2007. The Academy provides all-round academic support for writing and grammar, mathematics, logic and critical thinking, public speaking and competitive debate, reading comprehension, test preparation, homework help, individual tutoring and test-taking strategies. There are currently 18 credentialed teachers on staff at Silver Creek Academy.

Swircek's philosophies and style as a teacher derive directly from the experiences and lessons that she learned in her past as an elite athlete. She brings to the classroom a wealth of experiences and expert knowledge that she passionately shares with her students. "I feel immense gratitude for the opportunity to do what I love every day in a community that supports our mission. I'm also proud of our first-rate staff of passionate educators, who devote their time and expertise with our students to provide the best academic experience possible," said Swircek. Silver Creek Academy has received numerous awards: Named Best Learning Center In The Bay Area Nine Times by "Bay Area Parent Magazine;" Named Top Math Program Four Times By "Bay Area Parent Magazine;" Winner of Best Academic Day Camp 2015 - 2018 by "Bay Area Parent Magazine;" Named Top Tutoring Center By "Evergreen Times;" Top Tutoring Program "Parent Press" Magazine; Best Spring Break Camp "Parent Press" Magazine; and Best Academic Summer Camp "Parent Press" Magazine.

Silver Creek Academy is located at: 5619 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose, CA 95138; (408) 839-5905

BAKERY

Best Bakery: Nothing Bundt Cakes

Nothing Bundt Cakes received the most votes for BEST BAKERY.

The aroma of freshly-baked Bundt cakes fills the air as soon as you open the door at Nothing Bundt Cakes. The bakery is one of the most popular businesses in Evergreen Valley and they do a brisk business as customers keep coming back to choose from ten luscious Bundt flavors and forty unique cake designs.



Irresistible Nothing Bundt Cakes' holiday treats.

Owners Debbie and Lee Koelbl have done an excellent job of providing con-

sistent quality and a work environment that promotes excellent customer service. Samples of the various Bundt flavors are always available to try.

Bundt Cakes are perfect for birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, weddings, and other celebrations. The store is extra busy on Valentine's Day, Mother's Day and Father's Day. Also customers load up on pumpkin flavored Bundt cakes a few days before Thanksgiving.

Nothing Bundt Cakes also offers a treasure trove of unique gifts, charming cards and inspired decorator items. They also have candles, balloons, and serving packages. Their nostalgic decor and playful atmosphere make the perfect backdrop to your quest for Bundt perfection.

Nothing Bundt Cakes is located at: 2721 Aborn Rd. (the corner of Aborn &White Rd.), Suite 10, San Jose, CA 95121. (408) 238-7500; sanjose-evergreen@nothingbundtcakes.com

BEAUTY SALON

Best Beauty Salon: The Beauty Spot

The Beauty Spot received the most votes for BEAUTY SALON.

The Beauty Spot opened in Evergreen Valley in 1990. The name was selected to represent beauty, glamour, and elegance by owner Sylvia Mendoza. The Salon is dedicated to educating its staff on the latest beauty trends and techniques. The Beauty Spot features Paul Mitchell products.

The Beauty Spot gives back to the community with fundraisers held each year. The fundraisers include: The National Breast Cancer Foundation, City of Hope Food and Toy Drive and the School Supplies Drive. Over the years, The Beauty Spot has also helped raise funds for local school sports and cheerleaders teams.

The Beauty Spot has a diverse clientele, from children to seniors providing a complete array of services for both hair



The name, Beauty Spot, was selected to represent beauty, glamour, and elegance.

and nails, including a variety of spa treatments.

The Beauty Spot is located at 3630 San Felipe Rd, San Jose, CA 95135; (408) 270-1550

FAMILY SPORTS

Best Family Sports: East/Evergreen YMCA

East/Evergreen YMCA received the most votes for BEST FAMILY SPORTS. The East/Evergreen YMCA offers a number of family oriented sports activities. These activities include Adult Sports, Youth Sports, Family Programs, Outdoor Activities, and Self Defense.

One of the most popular activities is the Private Swim Lesson program held in the YMCA indoor heated pool. Swim lessons are available for the entire family. Learning to swim creates opportunities to build self-confidence and stay fit.

Want to learn self-defense? The YMCA Martial Arts class offers a fun and a safe way for children to learn control and self-discipline while focusing on developing a new skill. YMCA Martial Arts are non-competitive and encourage sportsmanship and personal growth.

The YMCA also offers its popular Live Strong, Live Well program which offers personal training and coaching to help individuals to set and meet their specific *See next page*

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goals in order to live healthier, productive lives.



One of the most popular activities is the Private Swim Lesson program held in the YMCA indoor heated pool.

Other activities include: Pickleball, ballroom dancing, water slide, rockwall, cardio equipment, day camp, group exercise classes, and sports programs.

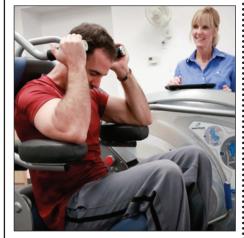
East Valley Family YMCA is located at 1975 South White Rd., San Jose, CA 95148; (408) 715-6500; website: ymcasv.org/locations/east-valley-familyymca

FITNESS

Best Fitness Center: SuperSlow Zone

SuperSlow Zone received the most votes for BEST FITNESS CENTER.

The SuperSlow Zone at Silver Creek has been serving its clients for more than 11 years now. Located in the Silver Creek area, the "Zone" is a unique, professional service exercise facility, providing its clients a safe but effective workout in just one-two 20 minute sessions each week. Clients are accepted from age 14 – 90 (and beyond!), and can achieve sustainable results by working with an Accredited, Certified SuperSlow Zone Instructor.



Clients select SuperSlow Zone for a quality experience and results in the least amount of exercise time.

The protocol attracts its clientele because of its efficiency, and because results take so little of their time – all without having to change into workout clothes or breaking a sweat. "When we decided to open this location," Marie

said. "We did so knowing that the busy people of Silicon Valley could use our unique fitness system." She notes that many of the clientele have been with the studio since its inception 11 years ago, a true testimony to its efficacy.

"Everyone, simply everyone, needs to integrate strength training into their lives, even more so after you hit 50,"Marie said. "Here, with our high resistance, low impact methods, we can achieve results safely for nearly everyone. I love what I do here, and how I see lives change, one workout at a time."

SuperSlow Zone is located at: 5988 Silver Creek Valley Rd #55, San Jose, CA 95138; (408) 578-9663.

MASSAGE THERAPY

Best Massage Therapy: Healing Touch Chiropractic Clinic Healing Touch Massage received the most votes for BEST MASSAGE THERA-PY.

Rosario Espinoza is one of the most respected massage therapists in the Evergreen Valley. She has been offering her services for more than 18 years, operating at Healing Touch Chiropractic Clinic located on Aborn Rd.



"Helping people to feel better, relaxed and smiling gives me a lot of satisfaction," Espinoza said. "Massage has a number of beneficial effects on the body and the mind for my clients who range in age from 12 years old to 95 years old. My clients are like family to me."

Espinoza said that massage has proven to assist in the healing of a number of conditions including back pain, surgery recovery, eating and sleep disorders as well as high blood pressure.

Healing Touch Massage is located at the Healing Touch Chiropractic Clinic located at: 2724 Aborn Rd, San Jose, CA 95121; (408) 393-1099.

RESTAURANTS

Best Vegetarian/Vegan Restaurant: Golden Bamboo Golden Bamboo received the most votes for BEST VEGETARIAN RESTAU-RANT.

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What makes Golden Bamboo so unique and so popular with its complete vegetarian menu is that for those who eat meat are often pleasantly surprised that the food was entirely meatless.

Readers of the Evergreen Times say they love the flavors and textures of the dishes and also say that the service is excellent. When your food arrived the presentation is executed to perfection.



The shaken beef vegetarian dish is very popular at Golden Bamboo Restaurant.

Favorites on the menu are Golden Bamboo eggrolls which are full of flavor, Shaken Beef Rice Plate (you cannot tell the dish is vegetarian), sweet and sour chicken, and Mango Salad. They also have a wide selection of soups. Flavors were bursting and textures are amazing. This is definitely a great restaurant for vegans, vegetarians and even carnivores!

Golden Bamboo is located at: 3245 S White Rd, San Jose, CA 95148; (408) 270-8350. DoorDash food delivery is available.

Best Indian Restaurant: 8 Elements

8 Elements received the most votes for BEST INDI-AN RESTAURANT.

8 Elements is a unique restaurant serving traditional Indian which is spiced up with a bit of fusion. The restaurant is known for its delicious food at reasonable prices and excellent service.

The most popular dishes are their classic Butter Chicken (Boneless tandoori chicken in the chef's signature sauce.), \$11 and Tikka Masala Chicken in a creamy tomato sauce seasoned with herbs and spices; \$11.00.

Owner and manager Ganesh says: A person's appreciation of taste and flavor involves the basic tastes: sweet, bitter, sour, salty and Umami. These basic tastes contribute only partially to the sensation and flavor of food. Other factors include

smell, texture and temperature. All together these factors result in Perfect Taste. The restaurant uses only cage free eggs and 100 percent natural chicken.



8 Elements' popular Tikka Masala Chicken.

8 Elements is located at: 1781 E Capitol Expressway, San Jose, CA 95121; (408) 260-5190; 8elementssanjoseca.com

Best Mexican Restaurant: Mexico Lindo

Mexico Lindo received the most votes for BEST MEXICAN RESTURANT.

Owner Andres Valencia, with years of experience working with his dad and uncle at Mexico Lindo at the family owned business in Willow Glen, opened his first restaurant in Evergreen at the Canyon Creek Shopping Center on Silver Creek Valley Rd. in November 2010.

Andres brought his family's treasured recipes to the restaurant and the restaurant was an immediate favorite with the community and Mexico Lindo's Chile Verde dish became one of the most popular entrées, along with chicken, beef and shrimp fajitas.



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"I am so grateful for the support we have received from the Evergreen community for nearly 10 years," Andres said. "I believe in quality of product and service, and I believe we provide value to our customers here in this beautiful setting, especially serving groups in our patio area." Andres says that the banquet portion of the business has been very successful, with groups of 25 and more.



Mexico Lindo's beef fajitas. Andres said he loves coming to work at the restaurant to meet new people and see our regular customers. The restaurant is also a favorite place for sports fans to watch sporting events on several high definition screens. Sports figures from both the 49ers and Sharks frequent the restaurant and have become good friends with Andres.

Mexico Lindo is located at: 5635 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose, CA 95138 Editor's note: Mexico Lindo also received the most votes for Best Bar and also Best Happy Hour: M-F from 4 - 6 p.m.

Best Restaurant (overall): Milan Italiano

Milan Italiano received the most votes for BEST RESTURANT OVERALL

Milan Italiano, Evergreen's upscale authentic Italian restaurant, was voted best restaurant overall for its excellent food and service, and also for its cozy ambiance with quality table settings including table cloths.



Milan Italiano's linguine pescatore. Patrons can relax on the outdoor patio Continued on next page

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overlooking the vineyards, while enjoying your favorite Italian meal, you will feel as though you transcended to Italy. Professional chefs serve traditional Italian dishes such as lasagna, pesto Tortellini, and linguine pescatore. Among the most popular entrees included are the sea bass and prime New York steak. Popular appetizers include bruschetta, calamari and sizzling prawns. Everything is prepared with fresh ingredients.

"Ouality food and service is the hallmark of Milan Italiano, said co-owner Johnny McQuaide. "I am grateful for the support we have received from the Evergreen community!"

Milan Italiano is located at: 4898 San Felipe Rd, San Jose, CA 95135; Hours: Tues. - Thursday 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Lunch). 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. (Dinner) 11:30 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday & Sunday (Closed Mondays). Reservations: www.milansanjose.com and opentable.com; Delivery: Seamless.com, grubhub.com and doordash.com. For more information call: (669) 275-2683

Best Coffee Shop: Evergreen Coffee Company

Evergreen Coffee Company received the most votes for BEST COFFEE SHOP. Evergreen Coffee Company is Ever-

green's popular mom and pop coffee shop in Evergreen.

Earlier this year, longtime business owner Denise Belisle sold Evergreen Coffee Company that she has owned for more than a decade. She sold the coffee shop to Borom Sun and Vicky, who own a donut shop in Fremont. They have kept 4 p.m. M-F. 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sat-Sun.

the family-friendly vibe and high-quality espresso beans that regulars love, while adding a new flair — including a selfserve coffee bar.



Evergreen Coffee Company's bagel lox.

Fresh donuts and pastries are brought in fresh every morning. Popular items are the strawberry cream cheese croissant and the bagel lox. Yes, the coffee shop serves bagels and also breakfast sandwiches and lunch sandwiches, including roast beef, BLT, veggie, tuna, salami, turkey club, and ham club. For breakfast, the sandwich offerings are sausage, egg and cheese; ham, egg and cheese; bacon, egg and cheese; bacon, sausage, egg and cheese, and the breakfast plate consisting of bacon, egg, tomato, cucumber and avocado.

Evergreen Coffee Co. is located at: Evergreen Village Square #150, San Jose, CA 95135; (408) 270-7300; Hours: 6:30 a.m.

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Wolfgang Roethig piano recital Dec. 7 at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church

Foothill Community Concert Series is presenting Wolfgang Roethig Piano Recital on Saturday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. at Foothill Community Presbyterian Church, 5301 McKee Road, San Jose.

Wolfgang Roethig started playing piano at age 9 and organ at age 14. He participated regularly in recitals and concerts as a soloist and accompanist. He also played church organ regularly in his hometown near Heilbronn, Germany, for 10 years.

When he moved to Paris, France for doctoral studies, he was twice finalist in the "Concours de Piano des Grandes Ecoles." Wolfgang now lives in San Jose, CA, and balances family life and work in the high tech industry with his passion for music. An organist at Foothill Presbyterian Church, Roethig enjoys playing both classical music and jazz on the piano.

The concert will include Bach's Goldberg Variations, movements from Sonatas by Mozart and Beethoven in the form of variations, an Impromptu by Schubert, Brahms' variations on a theme originally composed by Haendel, and Edvard Greg's Ballade. The idea is to show how composers from different centuries developed themes in their unique style while using a common form and in some cases even seemed to collabo-



rate.

Tickets are available at the door, or online at www.fcpcsanjose.com/fccs. Online tickets are available up to 48 hours prior to concert start. Tickets purchased online will be waiting for you at the door. Online tickets are non-refundable, but may be applied to future concerts if you notify us prior to concert. Admission: \$10.00 advance; \$15.00 at the door; Children 12 and under are admitted free. Admission includes a post-concert reception with a chance to meet the artists.

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Khachaturian & Brahms, Dec. 7 and 8 at California Theatre

Symphony Silicon Valley presents Khachaturian & Brahms on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 2:30 p.m. at the California Theatre, 345 South First Street, San Jose.

Celebrated throughout Europe, Maestro Pietro Rizzo comes from Italy to make his first appearance with Symphony Silicon Valley.

Armenian-born pianist Nareh Arghamanyan, described by Musical America Magazine as a "major, major, major talent," is especially renowned for Khachaturian's fiery, expressive piano concerto, based in part on Armenian folk music.

Brahms's second (and favorite) symphony provides a dramatic contrast to close...a warm, richly textured, serenely happy work by the German master.

Program:

Glinka: Ruslan and Ludmilla Overture Khachaturian: Piano Concerto Brahms: Symphony No. 2

Conductor: Pietro Rizzo

Soloist: Nareh Arghamanyan, piano

Conductor Pietro Rizzo: One of the most talented young Italian conductors, Pietro Rizzo is a frequent guest conductor of some among the world's great opera houses including the New York Metropolitan, Dallas Opera, New Israeli Opera in Tel Aviv, New National Theatre of Tokyo, Deutsche Oper in Berlin, Maggio Musicale Fiorentino in Florence, Finnish National

Opera of Helsinki, Royal Swedish Opera of Stockholm, Volksoper in Wien, Rossini Opera Festival in Pesaro, Savonlinna Festival and Baden-Baden Festival, just to name a few.

Soloist: Nareh Arghamanyan: Highly acclaimed for her "unique sensual narrative tone", "precise stylistic approach and dazzling technique", "charismatic stage presence", and described as a "major, major, major talent...potential superstar" by Musical America Magazine, sensational pianist Nareh Arghamanyan has shaken the music world and has been praised worldwide by various critics, concert presenters, conductors, and audiences alike.

Tickets: \$50 - \$98; 408.286.2600 or www.symphonysiliconvalley.org

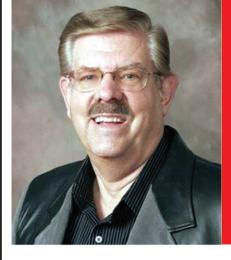
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\$125M Technology and Safety Bond placed on the ballot by Evergreen School District

The Evergreen School District board unanimously passed a \$125M Technology and Safety Bond to be placed on the ballot at its November 14 meeting.

The resolution passed to place a school bond on the March 3, 2020 statewide primary election. The ballot language is as follows:

"To acquire computers and classroom technology for improved student access; install campus security/emergency notification and communication alarms and systems; and renovate and modernize aging classrooms and facilities throughout the District; shall Evergreen Elementary School District's measure authorizing \$125,000,000 in bonds, with legal interest rates, projected yearly tax rates averaging less than \$0.03 per \$100 of assessed valuation raising an average \$7.3 million per year for 18 years, annual audits and citizens' oversight, be adopted."

It will take 55 percent of the voters in District 8 to say yes to pass the bond measure.

The following is part of the detailed information in the long version of the bond proposition which can be viewed in full on the school district website:

TECHNOLOGY AND STUDENT/CLASSROOM SAFETY MEASURE PROJECTS

The following projects are authorized to be financed at all school sites and District support facilities:

School Site Health, Safety and Security

- Upgrade and/or acquire and install exterior lighting, fire detection and suppression, security alarm, video surveillance, emergency, master key and door lock and other access controls, clock, bell, data, voice and audio-visual communication (including telephone and public address) systems, networks, fixtures, infrastructure, equipment and controls.
- Improve, correct, restore or renovate grounds, buildings and structures or portions thereof to eliminate or mitigate health and safety risks and/or comply with local, state and federal building, health, safety, access and other related requirements, including access requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).
- Modernize, renovate, replace, re-configure, expand, construct, acquire and install, and/or upgrade classrooms, classroom buildings, labs, restrooms, common areas and grounds, and school support facilities (including library, multipurpose room/auditorium, storage areas, food storage, preparation and service, cafeteria and office/staff support facilities), whether permanent, portable or modular, including interior and exterior doors, windows, door and window hardware, roofs, rain gutters and downspouts, walls, ceilings and floors and finishes, paint, siding, insulation, cabinets, storage, carpets, drapes, window coverings, infrastructure, lighting, sinks, drinking fountains, fixtures, and signage.
- Reconfigure, renovate, resurface, improve and/or expand roads, sidewalks, pathways, walkways, driveways, paved areas, parking lots and related areas, and pick-up/drop-off areas.
- Renovate, replace, repair, upgrade, expand, construct, acquire, install and/or improve play areas, hard courts, play fields, turf, fencing. landscape, hardscape and outdoor learning areas, including shade/rain structures and sitting areas.

Technology

Upgrade, acquire and install technology equipment, fixtures and infrastructure, including computers, laptops, tablets, mobile devices, televisions, software, interactive educational technology, digital projectors, document cameras, smartboards, computer science tools and equipment, amplification devices, monitors, printers, 3D printers, copiers, scanners, announcement displays, wireless microphones, audio systems, video systems, network equipment (including servers, network interface devices, data backup systems, network switches and routers, storage area network equipment, firewalls, network security equipment, racking, power and cooling equipment, wiring and uninterruptible power supplies, and wireless WAN equipment). Such upgrades, acquisitions and installations of technology equipment, firxtures and infrastructure include initial purchases and scheduled and necessary replacements, upgrades and updating of technology. Technology equipment, firxtures and infrastructure includes existing technology equipment, firxtures and wireles existing technology equipment, firxtures and infrastructure includes existing technology equipment, firxtures and infrastructure developed in the future.



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Thankful to live right here

By Gayle Kludt San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club Secretary come from a long time California family. My great-great-great grandparents came from Chile to San Francisco to sell coffee to the gold miners in 1850.

My grandparents both worked for the Matson Lines whose famous cruise ship, the Luriline, sailed to the Hawaiian Islands in the 50's.

I have lived in San Francisco, Sunnyvale, and Santa Clara, plus Lewiston and Weaverville way up North. In 1975 I moved to San Jose. We have so many wonderful things about the East Valley, Evergreen, San Jose and the Bay Area; our wonderful climate, our spectacular places to visit, our fresh fruits and vegetables and so much more. As nice as all those things are, they don't make a place great, people make a place great. This last month proved just that.

Each month the SJHEV Lions collect eyeglasses, cell phones and hearing aids. This month we collected 477 pairs of glasses, 13 cell phones, three hearing aids and 63 snap cases to make into mini hygiene kits. At the end of October, I asked residents of the area if they could donate the small toiletries often given out to guests at hotels to give to the Grateful Garment Project which provides clothing for the victims of sexual assault. The toiletries are for after the victims had finished their medical screenings.

I wrote an article for the Evergreen Times, The Villager Newspaper at the Villages Golf and Country Club, and to the sisters of the DN chapter of Philanthropic Educational Organization. How long did I have to wait for a reply? Exactly one day! Within hours of those articles and requests, I had donors for all the needed items. I received donations of shampoo and conditioner, body lotions, toothbrushes and paste, soap and body wash, razors and shaving cream, combs, shower caps, I mean THOUSANDS of items within less than two weeks and we're still not done vet. The PEOs are collecting at their holiday party, the Villagers have me on speed dial, my garage is filled with boxes of the items. I will also say my garage has never smelled so good, I guess that is what happens when you have seemingly zillions of tiny bottles of good smelling stuff stashed there! I am going to take this first batch down to the GGP warehouse and will follow up with a second delivery in about a month. Overwhelming is the word I use for the outpouring of support for this little project. Thanks so much to everyone!

A special thank you to Margaret Campisi who donated socks and underwear. These items, along with the victim's clothing, are taken for DNA testing after the medical screenings.

Of course one of the benefits of the collections we do is I get to meet and work with lots of nice people as I drive around picking up items. I meet Linda at Starbucks to pick up the St. Francis Cabrini donations, neighbor Toby who collects at the Villages Medical Auxiliary for me each month. I will say my favorite donation pick up was at the Santa Clara County Jail, so James Bond. Drive to the parking lot, call the magic number, and poof, out comes a box of eyeglasses which were passed to me through the window of my car, so cool. I also get to drive through all the beautiful neighborhoods in the area.



Each year at this time I resist the "Christmasization" of the season as I prefer my celebrations one at a time; Halloween, then Thanksgiving, then Christmas. Because of the wonderful diversity here, many other holidays are also celebrated. However with the falling leaves and Daylight Saving Time over, I cannot doubt we are heading for the Yuletide. Relatives and friends are visiting, trips have been arranged, decorations are starting to appear, if not in my

home, certainly in the stores. Soon I find myself more "Happy Holidays" than "Bah Humbug!" This means it is also time for our annual donation to Teen Challenge, an incredibly effective program for drug and alcohol treatment. Each year, our clubs "adopt" clients and are provided with gift requests slips which are glued onto ornament shapes. This year the organization came to our November 12th meeting. Our club also participates in the annual "Rise Against Hunger" program. This year district members assembled over 10,000 meals for low income persons.

So as the days get shorter and the nights get cooler, I reflect back on all I am thankful for, my house and home, my family and friends, my fat cat Boo, and pinch myself that I am so lucky to live in this special place. To you and yours, "Happy Thanksgiving" and all the best from the members of the San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club.

The San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 5:30 pm at the Red Lobster restaurant, Capitol at Aborn. However, we often change our meeting location at this time of the year. You are most welcome to attend. Please confirm attendance and location by contacting me at kludtgayle70@ gmail.com. Additional information is available at our website, www.e-clubhouse. org/sites/sanjosehost.



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Continued from page 1 of homelessness; mental health, physical health, drug and alcohol abuse, domestic abuse and veterans. These issues fall under the jurisdiction of cities, it falls under the jurisdiction of the county. When I lived in Iraq for a year I lived in a container which had AC and a window. The cost of a container box is extremely affordable, only \$6,000 to \$7,000. This is a lot less than spending \$600,000 - \$700,000, that's why only 4,800 units are being built. We are living in Silicon Valley with companies like Apple, Google, and Intel. We have a lot of resources, and I think it is inhuman and uncivilized and immoral to have this type of situation."

John Leyba: "Measure A is not enough...only 4,800 units supported housing and it's not enough when we have 10,000 homeless people on our streets. When I'm talking to community members about the homeless, what we are really concerned about is people living on the streets. We have had a push for a housing first strategy and we need to flip that to a service first strategy. Before that can happen, we need to stand up for neighborhoods, enforce vagrancy laws, no more camping in the creeks, no more sleeping on the sidewalks, and no more living in the bushes. And by enforcing these laws we will engage the criminal justice system. Unfortunately in the last 10 years we have voted to decriminalize drug possession and drug use. So the police don't have the same mechanisms that they used to, but we still have a mechanism with the criminal justice system as an intake system that can be used to push people toward services, drug rehabilitation, housing, and mental health services.

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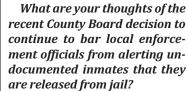
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John Leyba: I discussed this issue with Supervisor Wasserman and I understand the issue is status quo for the foreseeable future.

Otto Lee: A vote was taken by the supervisors and it was a 5-0 vote that the current system is sufficient and I agree.

Kansen Chu: If the federal Government needs the information, they have ways to find out. I believe what we have here is acceptable.

Supervisor Cindy Chavez suggested to the board of supervisors adding a 5/8 cents sales tax to tide the county through tough times. Is this a good idea?

Otto Lee: "I'm not a fan of sales tax. It is very regressive. By regressive I mean that those in the lowest economic spectrum, who are living pay check to pay check, are the ones that would be harmed. There are too many sales taxes now. It also hurts small businesses.

John Leyba: "I would not support an addition to the sales tax at this time. I don't think I could ever. Sales tax is highly regressive like Otto said. We are approaching sales tax of 10 percent. I had the fortune of attending college in a state with zero percent sales tax. I would not support an increase in the sales tax. I think the fact that our County budget has gone from \$4.9B to more than \$8B in five years, is a huge increase, I think they have enough revenue.

Kansen Chu: "The Silicon Valley Leadership Group is proposing adding to the sales tax for transportation. I do not support the tax increase proposed by Cindy Chavez. What I do support is the ballot measure to close some of the loopholes of proposition 13. The City of San Jose relies on the revenue of 60 percent from sales tax and 30 percent from property taxes. Property taxes are a more stable way of funding government.

What is the biggest eyesore and what would you do to clean it up?

John Leyba: "Maybury Rd. at 13th street. There is a shelter against the fence which is in a right-a-way."

Kansen Chu: "There is graffiti and a homelessness issue on the 13th street access and 101. We need to work with Pacific Railroad to ask them to clean up their property."

Otto Lee: "I think we can all agree with this location and there is also a problem on the train *See FORUM, page 20*



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The county is on track with its mediation efforts to provide Labor with 3 percent per year over 5 years. Labor says the County has the resources to provide more. Would you be in favor of providing more?

Kansen Chu: "Yes. I do believe that any level of government is really a service organization. And what we have as a tool to provide good service is people. And the government employees are very different than the people that work in the private sector. The private sectors they have stock options and you can become a millionaire in a day whenever the company stock goes public. The government employees are a different breed of people. When I was on the San Jose City Council we had to deal with a lot of this issue. And, if you remember Measure B was trying to reduce the pensions for our police department. As a result we lost about 600 police officers. And

then there was another ballot measure to undue the process. So we need to let the process go to the courts and find out if there is a way to reward our public servants.

Otto Lee: "One of the things we know is the high cost of living. Apple and Google have driven up the cost of wages. I think mediation is a very good approach, because unless the two sides are talking, we are not getting any progress. A strike does not help the employees because they are not getting an income. When I was the Mayor of Sunnyvale we had labor increases to come up with a solution.

John Leyba: "Yes; but it depends. We need a top down performance review. We need to show every employee the total cost of compensation including their defined benefits of their pension and what that's worth. And not just give a blanket raise. So it is yes, and no.

What are the top two things you would put in your agenda?

Kansen Chu: "Housing and transportation that's one, because to me housing and transportation are two phases of the same problem. We are seeing a lot of congestion getting in and out of Silicon Valley because housing is too expensive and people are living in Tracy and Los Banos. So we need to improve our transportation. It's not only bad for our environment, but it's also sacrificing a lot of their family life. And secondly, I'm a strong advocate for school based mental health services. I have a bill requiring every public school to have a mental health counselor. 86 percent of students need mental health care and do not have access to mental health services. I'm a nation-wide champion for school based mental health services.

John Leyba: "The most important thing we can do with the County is spend our money wisely. I know that when I pay taxes to the City of San Jose a lot of those benefits are going to creep back to me, such as the library, parks, paved streets, police, fire, all of those things we need in our lives. I know that the money that goes to the County, 90 percent of it is going to go to other people. It's going to go to the neediest; it's going to go to broken people. But we know that the County is not doing as good a job as it could be doing. So they need to treat every dollar as if it was the last dollar and prioritize that accordingly. So the most important topical area really is around accountability and controls and making sure we're spending money well, so we don't go several hundred million dollars over in construction projects. It would be that fiscal accountability and spending are the number one priority, and the second thing would be to get the County to think about root cause. Why? Let's ask the question why like seven times every time we have an issue. Let's attack the problem at the end of the sequence of questions instead of paying money out for the symptoms. Let's go back to whatever is driving the domestic violence, whatever is driving homelessness. Let's get back to root problems.

Otto Lee: "I really feel there is a serious lack of inpatient mental health care in the County. Just give me 40 beds for mental health care. Secondly, when we see the term expressway it's the word to remind you that it is a County road. We need to time the lights so that we can keep traffic moving. These expressways were built many years ago for a lot less cars."



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Consolidation

Continued from page 1 and received more than 50 applications.

The committee is charged with the responsibility of ultimately recommending which schools to close, including boundaries and potential transportation approaches to the Superintendent by the end of January 2020, keeping a number of financial, community, programmatic, enrollment, and demographic factors in consideration.

The approved process also outlines a number of other impacts that will be considered and examined by the committee and its subcommittees. The committee has also been charged with the responsibility of developing specific transition support plans for the schools recommended for closure. The committee will begin meeting on November 20th and will meet through April 2020. The full text of the approved process and timelines can be found by visiting the school district website or by visiting bit.ly/2qi5jlE.

"Our goal throughout this process is to be transparent and allow opportunities for stakeholders to be informed and engage in the process," said Dr. Emy Flores, Superintendent of Evergreen School District.

The subcommittees--Education Services, Human Resources, and Business--will meet concurrently and provide information and updates to the School Consolidation Committee throughout the process:

• Education Services: The Educational Services Committee will focus on anything related to teaching and learning, instructional materials, school libraries, educational programs, etc.

• Human Resources: The Human Resources Committee will focus on anything related to staffing, contract agreements, transfers, layoffs, etc.

• Business: The Business Committee will focus on anything related to budget, facilities, space, technology, nutrition services, maintenance and operations of school facilities, transportation, etc.

The approved timeline also includes three Community Information Meetings, hosted by Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores, to provide updates, answer questions, and listen to concerns community members may have. The community information meeting dates are as follows:

(Meetings begin at 6:00 p.m.) December 19, 2019-Quimby Oak Gym - 3190 Quimby Rd., San Jose January 16, 2020-Quimby Oak Gym - 3190 Quimby Rd., San Jose





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Requests can be sent to schoolconsolidation@eesd.org, and community members should send requests at least three days prior to the meetings in order to ensure that these accommodations can be provided. In addition to the community information meetings, the district will continue to keep the community updated through its School Consolidation website, eesd.org/schoolconsolidation and communications through social media, email, and telephone calls.

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-	3104 Whitby Court	\$940,000	3	2 0	1,327	5,593 Lot SqFt
	2987 Pettigrew Court	\$925,000	4	2 0	1,434	8,065 Lot SqFt

SILVER CREEK AND SURROUNDING AREA

	Street Address	Price	Bds	Bths	SqFt	Lot Size
	5884 Country Club Parkway	\$2,665,000	4	3 1	3,251	14,032 Lot SqFt
	5461 Country Club Parkway	\$2,436,000	5	4 1	5,094	14,990 Lot SqFt
	5903 Gleneagles Circle	\$2,350,000	4	4 1	4,073	11,122 Lot SqFt
	1631 Hill Top View Court	\$2,280,000	5	3 1	3,902	11,763 Lot SqFt
	1535 Rangewood Drive	\$2,150,000	5	3 1	4,023	8,199 Lot SqFt
	1587 Silver Ranch Lane	\$1,925,000	5	4 0	3,277	5,822 Lot SqFt
	5800 Vitero Way	\$1,816,000	5	3 0	2,695	8,000 Lot SqFt
	1439 Trestlewood Drive	\$1,410,000	4	2 1	2,459	4,801 Lot SqFt
	6624 Gravina Loop	\$1,346,000	4	2 1	2,567	15,893 Lot SqFt
1	6113 Country Club Parkway	\$1,235,000	3	2 0	2,332	2,750 Lot SqFt
	724 Sirica Way	\$1,235,000	5	3 1	2,753	11,000 Lot SqFt
	1262 Thornbury Lane	\$1,190,000	3	3 0	2,234	5,162 Lot SqFt
	5333 Silver Point Way	\$999,000	2	2 0	1,793	2,755 Lot SqFt
	2264 Silver Terrace Way	\$945,000	3	3 0	1,803	1,502 Lot SqFt

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