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Extras needed for new 'Matrix 4' blockbuster

Evergreen residents who have ever dreamed of appearing in a Hollywood blockbuster featuring simulated gunfire, pyrotechnics, helicopters flying under 500 feet, here's your opportunity!

A "major" film, Matrix 4 under the code name of "Project Ice Cream" will be filming in the Bay Area Feb. 5 - March 1. Keanu Reeves, who signed to star in the movie, was sighted in Alameda earlier this month ordering an ice cream cone ... he likes ice cream!

Casting is looking for a lot
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Dr. Emy Flores, Evergreen School District Superintendent met with parents at Laurelwood Elementary School on January 23, and also met with parents at Dove Hill Elementary School on Friday, January 24. "I met the families with children attending the recommended schools for closure to answer questions and hear their concerns," Dr. Flores said. Dr. Flores also met with the staff members of both schools.

Laurelwood and Dove Hill Elementary schools slated to close

Superintendent meets with parents and administrators of impacted schools

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

The Evergreen School District is awaiting school board approval to close two schools due to a \$12-million budget deficit and declining student enrollment.

During an emotional public nighttime meeting held on Jan. 22, parents worried about the possible closure of their children's school listened to Dr. Emy Flores,

Evergreen School District Superintendent make the following anticipated announcement.

"This evening, I accepted the recommendation of Evergreen School District Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee to recommend the following schools for closure/consolidation at the end of the 2019-20 school year: Laurelwood and Dove Hill Elementary Schools," said Dr. Emy Flores, Evergreen School District Superintendent. "I have notified the Board of Trustees, the parents and staff of
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Large turnout to hear city council and state senate candidates at D8CRT Candidate Forum

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Nearly two hundred residents turned out to hear state senate and city council candidates answer questions at the District 8 Community Round Table (D8CRT) Candidate Forum on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Grace Church.

"The candidate forum was a huge success," said Jeremy Barousse, D8CRT President. "We had a great turnout from the community. The questions from the steering committee and from the audience really touched on the most important issues impacting District 8 and our city, therefore giving each candidate an opportunity to share their ideas for how they would tackle important issues if elected."

The D8CRT Steering Committee formulated

the questions for the Forum and none of the candidates received questions in advance. Questions presented to the candidates included homelessness, home affordability,

public safety, problem solving, the status of retail stores, and the candidates' favorite places in Evergreen, District 8.

Former San Jose City Councilmember Pierluigi Olivero served as moderator for both the senate and council forums.

Candidates for San Jose City Council District 8, Councilmember Sylvia Arenas and Evergreen School Board trustee Jim Zito,

made their two minute opening statements. Zito won the coin toss and started first.

Zito: "Good evening. Thank you District 8 Community Round Table. Thank you, Mr.

Oliverio. I'm Jim Zito. I have been a 10-year trustee on the Evergreen School Board, eight years on the San Jose City Planning Commission and many years on the General

Plan Taskforce. A lot of people ask, 'Jim, why are you running, and why are you running now?' The major reason is in the past 10 years we have had the largest economic expansions, yet after all those years we still have some major problems. We have problems with homelessness, we have problems with traffic, we have problems with crime and we have problems with home affordability; one of

which is very sensitive to me as my daughter had to move out of state with her husband to find a house to be able to live the
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Sylvia Arenas
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Jim Zito
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'American Dream.' So, I'm here to answer questions so you understand my approach to solving problems as I have as a community advocate and a community volunteer. Hopefully you'll come away with a better understanding of how we can address the problems of San Jose."

Arenas: "So I've had the honor to serve you at city hall for the last three years and I had the Evergreen support that put me over the finish line despite it being the first time I ran for council. I'm a mom of two. One of my little kids is here. So families are really important to me. I have a master's in public administration, that's how I invested in myself. I have 23 years of public service. And I have served the community in different ways. This is the first time that I really served in this type of capacity, I never thought of myself as an elected official, but I wanted to change the rules for our families; because our families are hurting. As a school board member I saw 500 families leave the first year; 500 each consecutive year; we are up to 2000. We

say it's a housing crisis but it is an affordability crisis, because housing prices keep going up, but our salaries are stagnant. On my end as an elected official we didn't really have the services that you all deserve because of the recession and some of the pension reforms, so we had to do a lot of reworking and re-establishing departments, especially the police force. And I'm really glad I supported it to make their salaries more competitive. We have 20 percent more and we have the burglary department which we need in this area.

Question: What new solutions would you help champion on the city council to build more affordable housing in the city of San Jose?

Zito: "We do have a housing shortage. We are also fighting a job housing imbalance which is another problem the city has as far as being able to provide services. To address the housing shortage it's basically that we don't build enough houses here in San Jose or the Bay Area. It's a simple concept of supply and demand. If we don't build houses at all levels, then the people who want to buy a house just scramble to get whatever they can get and they can basically outbid the peo-

ple that can only afford the least affordable houses. So, we need to build houses at all levels. We need to encourage the development houses. We need to encourage density in proper places like the downtown and urban villages. And we need to get private corporate partnerships like Google. They have agreed to build 5000 homes. So it is a wonderful thing to build these partnerships with private companies and also to work with our developers to make sure there are enough houses to buy; enough houses to live in, to rent. Without having that you are really going to have a problem with meeting that need and it is going to force the people on the low end out and the people on the high end to take whatever they can get."

Arenas: "I don't know if there is any new solutions as there have been many, many efforts on behalf of the city council, the mayor. I have been included in many efforts to address housing. We have what we call the three 'p's,' the production, preservation, protection of housing. So we can't build our way out of this. We really have to have a real wholesome approach to it. So we have to protect the affordable housing that

there already is in making sure that folks living in an apartment for 40 years don't get booted out; and really protecting those that have affordable housing. We don't really have affordable housing. The only site we have for affordable housing is near the Villages for senior living units. The other type of affordable housing is our mobile homes and we have four mobile homes here. Part of what we need to do, aside from protecting and preserving, is producing, producing in a smart way in a dense place, which is downtown and west San Jose. But we have to do these other things in order to protect and preserve. So our mobile home owners are very long term owners, and many are seniors and this is the most affordable way for them to stay in San Jose."

Question: The city is looking for new ways to generate money for affordable housing. The city council has approved a March 2020 ballot measure to tax voters with a real property transfer tax for affordable housing. Do you support the ballot measure and why?

Arenas: "Yes, I am absolutely supportive of Measure E. I think a majority of the council and the mayor is supportive of the meas-

ure. We need to really make sure that we do our part for all of those projects in the pipeline that haven't yet got to the end of the line; sometimes they need a little bit of a boost. We need to make sure that there are affordable housing units embedded into those projects. A lot of the time our developers they just payout their affordable housing fees; and sometimes they get to get out of that responsibility. In July, eight of our high-rise developers wanted a waiver on their affordable housing fees. One thing I wanted to make sure that we are not getting taxed because they didn't want to pay. So this Measure E actually is really only a commercial property tax because there is a \$2M minimum. So this is a transfer tax and it would be only business and I made sure that it is high enough to not compete with our small business owners."

Zito: "Even though Mayor Sam Liccardo has endorsed me, I told him watch out mayor, I may not support everything you put before the people. And I do not support Measure E. Unless they have changed things my understanding is that the transfer tax applies to all properties, residential, *See FORUM, page 17*



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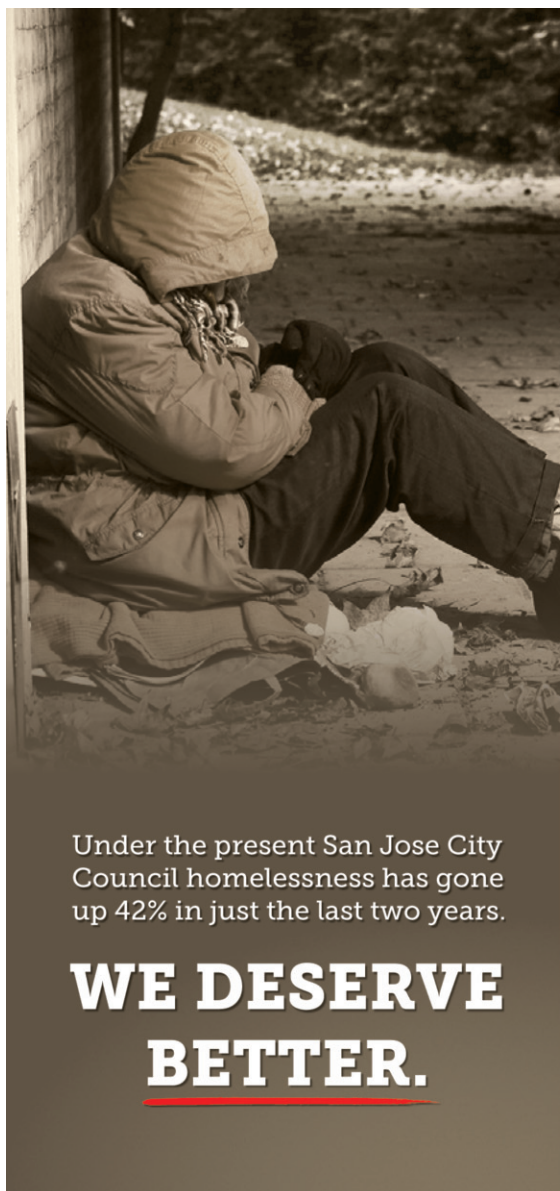
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LETTERS

Jim Zito will ensure tax dollars spent wisely

Dear editor,
Jim Zito has my endorsement for District 8 City Council because he will ensure that our tax dollars are focused on the things that matter to us: public safety, parks and roads. Jim is fiscally responsible and will work collaboratively to build partnerships that bring more resources to our District and City without raising our taxes. He will stand up for the community unswayed by special interest groups, and will promote strong, safe neighborhoods for our families.

Over the course of his 25 years of community leadership, Jim has always listened openly to the input of all residents. He searches for creative solutions to difficult problems. Other politicians may talk the talk...Jim actually walks the walk. His extensive background in public education, land use, budget and finance provide him with the invaluable skills and experience needed to be an effective City Councilmember from day one. I cannot imagine a better representative at City Hall for our community.

Please join me in electing Jim Zito as our next council representative.

Pat Waite
Evergreen Resident

Sylvia Arenas understands business and family needs

Dear editor,
As a small business owner and resident of Evergreen, I want a Council member that understands
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Great Zodiac Race held at Laurelwood School

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Although an aura of sadness hovered over Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District, Principal Kameelah Green, Parents of the PTA, staff members and students all carried on gracefully with the festivities surrounding Lunar New Year – the Year of the Rat – on Jan 24.

The sadness was due to an announcement by District Superintendent Emy Flores that she was recommending to the Board of Trustees the closure of Laurelwood and Dove Hill Elementary Schools.

The decision is based upon several weeks of meetings, analysis and discussions by an advisory committee as per the District. The shock of the announcement, made just yesterday, was lingering heavily like a fog on the morning of the assembly.

The festivities of the Great Zodiac Race was heavily attended by parents showing much attention to the children as they prepared for dancing, a magician, as well as, a fashion show. A trio of Board members, Bonnie Mace, Christopher Corpus, and Jim Zito attended the assembly. Sylvia Arenas, Councilmember for District 8, was also in attendance.

Cast members doing the job of M.C. to keep things moving were Yvonne Dao, Camille Abdy, Allison Pham, Hong Higgins, Chloe Vu, Kaya Respicio, and Jade Padilla. The Far East Lion Dance Troupe, the Vietnamese Fan Dance, and the Indian Dance, consisted of (Lion Troupe) Brendan Chan, Jordan Abdy, Audrey Chan, and Bradley Tran, Elise Dang, (Fan



Fan Dancers, Lion Dancers and many other participants caroused among the students at Laurelwood School's Great Zodiac Race.

Dance) Dilise Dang, Shriya Elangovan, Valerie Lai, Chloe Pham, Hailey Nguyen, Uyen Nguyen, Tianne Higgins, Hannah Ton, Katia Tran, Taralyn Tran, Tiffany Tran, and Helen Trinh, (Indian Dance) Anika Bindal and Adv Bindal.

The International Multicultural Fashion Show was represented by (Mexico) Isabella Lopez, AJ Murillo, Malacae Casarez, and Roman Lopez, (India) Saranya Kancharia, Harini Ramanan, Aarti Ramanan, Vishal Elangovan, Aarush Bhide, Arjun Dinesh, Samara Rahman, and Amayu Agavekar, (Africa) Dezzi Woodham and Mrs. Green, (Spain) Sofia Amengual, (China) Aubrey Boutavan, (Philippines) Ananalise Javellana, and (Vietnam) Adam Le,

Penelope Vu-Luong, Weston Nguyen, Angelina Diep, Natalie Vu, Jaydon Cao, and Nicholas Cao.

The Special Guest Magician was known as Chin-Chin who performed his acts very ably keeping the entire gathering in awe, and sometimes stitches! Special accord goes to Andrew Liu, Hien Nguyen, and Conner Chan for their excellent Event Assistance.

The entire event was sponsored by Chef P, Vinh Thanh Jewelry, and the Laurelwood PTA featuring the ever-present My Linh Chan directing participating students.

All planned events went very well, even when the Lion Dancers danced in between the sitting students, bowing and scraping. The students went wild at their antics. Many red envelopes were passed to the Lion Dancers.

In spite of the beginning gloom, a great time was had by all!



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New Year - Tet Festival at Eastridge

San Jose Mayor **Sam Liccardo** and members of the San Jose City Council, **Raul Peralez, Lan Diep, Johnny Khamis, and Sylvia Arenas** attended the New Year, Tet Festival at Eastridge Center Mall on Saturday, January 25. The festival event included: student voice singing contest, cooking contest, Ms. Viet Nam California, Lion & Dragon Dance, fashion show, magic show, carnival rides and games, food booths, business vendors and live DJ. Don't miss out! Go to Eastridge Center Mall for this Festival, which continues with a second weekend of celebrations from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

Closures

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affected schools, and our district community."

The Evergreen School District Board of Trustees will not take action on the school closings until the February 13, 2020 Board Meeting at the ESD Board Room, 3188 Quimby Road, San Jose. A vote on a third school that will need to be shut down at the end of next year will take place at a later date. "We are just in a very difficult situation and this is something that needs to happen," Dr. Flores said.

Dr. Flores' recommendation comes following two months of weekly meetings of the 24-member Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee and its subcommittees, and stakeholder community input sessions, meetings, and discussions. The committee considered and weighed a number of factors in making its recommendation, including, but not limited to, current and projected enrollment data, school boundaries, neighboring schools to receive a closed school's student population, transported students, and existing geographical neighborhoods.

The budget shortfall is a result of the district losing 2,500 students over the past five years. The District expects to lose another 1,500 over the next few years. The 10-year loss is more than 4,000 students. In addition to declining enrollment, the District is facing higher operating costs.

The District continues to lose students because many Evergreen homeowners' children are growing older and they are no

longer attending K-12 classes. Due to low inventory of available homes, younger families are unable to move into the School District. However, some families are deciding to move away to more affordable communities. This trend is not limited to Evergreen School District, as other Bay Area districts are facing similar situations.

"This is a difficult recommendation to make because none of us want to have to close schools," said Dr. Flores. "However, we also know that we cannot ignore the rising operating costs and declining enrollment that we have been facing--and will continue to face as a district, resulting in a \$12 million financial shortfall. This decision keeps the best interests of our students in mind so that we can ensure that our schools maintain the level of excellence that our families expect and our students deserve. Ultimately, we must remain a fiscally-sound school district that supports innovative learning in the classroom and prepares students for our competitive global society."

The Human Resources staff is meeting with the district's employees' bargaining units to work out the details pertaining to staff members affected by the school closures/consolidations. The district will appoint a transition team to plan a number of different activities that will be planned to facilitate a smooth transition for students and staff at the affected schools over the next few months.

"I would like to thank the Superintendent's School Consolidation Advisory Committee and district staff for all of their hard work over the past two months," said Dr. Flores.

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The Khmer Buddhist Temple will be a good neighbor

By Voeng Thach, Khmer Buddhist Temple Member; and Faisal Yazadi, former President of the Evergreen Islamic Center

This country was built on the premise that people should be free to worship where and when they want; it is a sacred right that people of all faiths have enjoyed. As two long-time San Jose residents and as practitioners, respectively, of Islam and Buddhism who have been welcomed in this community, we support the proposed Wat Khmer Kampuchea Krom Temple at 2740 Ruby Ave.

The Temple will be a beautiful and serene space that can provide a safe and peaceful environment for its community to worship.

It represents a long-time dream,

given the Khmer Krom community's experience as a refugee group who sought protection and safety in this country. As such, the Temple will be a pillar of the community by sharing the Buddha's teachings and practice, while promoting and preserving the community's art, language and culture.

The Khmer Krom have faced war and genocide in Cambodia. The fortunate ones were able to flee Vietnam, seeking refuge first in Thailand and later in the United States, and today are among the poorest and most traumatized of any refugee group in the nation.

The members, most of whom live nearby, cur-

rently worship in a small converted residence in East San Jose. They appreciate this community they have come to call home, brimming with active citizens who care about each other and who want what is best for their families and neighbors. And here is how the Temple, in turn, will be a good neighbor:

A Good Neighbor is Considerate

The new Temple will provide welcome and comfort as it opens its doors to celebrate the Theravada Buddhist religion of empathy and compassion and meet the community's spiritual and cultural needs.

This will be a quiet space. The Temple will be home for eight monks who will live on site and practice daily meditation. There will be daily activities with an approximate average of 10 members visiting the Temple, including elders or individuals who bring food to the monks; and a weekly service with an estimated attendance of 50,

where many of the families will carpool or walk. There will be occasional religious celebrations and private family events.

Furthering its quest to be a considerate neighbor, the Temple design offers an underground garage that will avoid the eyesore of a surface lot; minimize surface runoff, noise and fumes; and leave more space for the Temple garden. Any larger events will be handled via an offsite parking shuttle.

A Good Neighbor Listens to Feedback

The Temple planning team has made a genuine effort to reach out to neighbors and to listen to the community's feedback and potential concerns. As a result, they have made a variety of commitments, plans and changes to the original design in response to these concerns, including commitments to limiting noise and traffic impacts, plans to prevent parking in the neighborhood and design changes to reduce the footprint of the buildings.

Even though two-story buildings would meet the zoning requirements, they could impinge on the privacy of fence-line neighbors so they are proposing a one-story facility. And even though surface parking would be less expensive, it would require bright lights that shine into the neighbors' yards, thus the underground garage. The peaceful enjoyment of our beautiful neighborhood and the enhancement of our natural environment are the priorities we share with the Temple.


A Good Neighbor Communicates

All along the way, the Temple community has been open and communicative. There have been four neighborhood meetings and all the plans have been made digitally available to residents.

Once the Temple is completed, its team has committed to staying in touch with neighbors by giving everyone a phone number and email address to reach them, responding to questions and concerns, holding regular open house events, and providing advance notice of holidays and events.


As Fred Rogers said: "The more we can be in a relationship with those who might seem strange to us, the more we can feel like we're neighbors and all members of the human family." The Khmer Krom would be dream neighbors. We hope you join us in welcoming them as we work together to build a stronger and more diverse community that is open to everyone.

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Supervisor Susan Ellenberg endorses Otto Lee for District 3 Supervisor

Otto Lee's campaign for Santa Clara County District 3 Supervisor has announced the endorsement of Santa Clara County Supervisor **Susan Ellenberg**.

Ellenberg, a leading independent voice on the Board, cited Lee's lifelong dedication to public service and experience as key reasons for her endorsement.

"I am proud to announce my support of Otto Lee for Santa Clara County Supervisor," Ellenberg said. "His independence,

experience, and dedication to service make him the clear choice for District 3. As the former Mayor of Sunnyvale, Otto would bring a perspective from beyond the borders of San José. As an Asian American, Otto would bring further significant diversity to the current board. And Otto's commitment to making the climate crisis a top priority will help us leave a better future for our children. I look forward to working with Otto to ensure all of our residents have an opportunity to thrive."

Man, 80, dies in fiery crash on Mount Hamilton Rd.

An 80-year-old man was killed in a fiery crash Jan. 23 on Mount Hamilton Road after getting lost on the winding road, according to authorities.

The man, who has not been identified by the coroner's office, got lost driving his 1994 Buick. It was reported that he flagged down an eastbound driver on Mount Hamilton Rd. about a quarter-mile east of Quimby Road, according California Highway Patrol Officer Ross Lee. The man said he was lost and looking to get back to Interstate 680, 10 miles to the west, Lee said.

The other driver offered to head there in front to show him the way. As the Buick began following the first car along the curving road, it suddenly veered off the

roadway. The car crashed into a tree, bursting into flames upon impact.

OBITUARY

Oliver Kevin Mar enjoyed a 30 year teaching career at Silver Creek High School

Oliver Kevin Marr, 58, died last month from complications related to Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Kevin was proficient in music, playing trombone throughout his school years in both band and orchestra. He had a great fondness for history and, upon his graduation from San Jose State University, began what was to become a 30 year career at Silver Creek High School, teaching history and government classes. He also served as senior advisor for many years.



Upon retirement, Kevin and his family moved to The Woodlands, Texas. Sadly, he soon contracted leukemia and spent the greater part of his last two years at the M.D. Anderson Cancer Research Hospital in Houston. Kevin's remains have been returned home for inurnment at Los Gatos Memorial Park.

A Celebration of Kevin's life and reception following was held on January 19th at the Los Gatos Lodge.

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the needs of both my business and my family. Sylvia Arenas does both. She has prioritized improving public safety by expanding our police force by hundreds of officers, restoring the burglary unit, and increasing the number of police officers that investigate violent crimes. She also hosted a Public Safety Workshop Series to empower our businesses and community.

On the Council, Sylvia Arenas has advocated for Evergreen families. She's prioritized improving public safety and supporting Evergreen families and neighborhoods.

She's reopened a shuttered community center in District 8, opened a new Teen Center at Eastridge Mall, and she's expanded after school programs in Evergreen Schools.

Sylvia led our community's efforts to defeat Measure B, preventing out of control illegal development in Evergreen. She stood up to the billionaires that wanted to undermine our community. Instead, she brought people together and built a city-wide coalition to defeat their efforts.

District 8 needs a proven leader that understands the needs of her community, is decisive, and engages with the community she represents. Sylvia Arenas is a hard-working Council member who is passionate about her District and the people she represents. We need a proven leader like Sylvia Arenas.

Todd Smith
Evergreen Resident



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Times Op Ed

Jamal Khan: 'I want to improve the lives of residents in my district'

Following the American Dream Jamal Khan strives to be elected District 4 City Council member

By Munir Ahmed
Special to the Times

Jamal Khan, 32, who grew up in San Jose and attended public K-12 schools, is running for the San Jose City Council seat District 4 because he believes he can improve the lives of residents in the district.

At a very early age, Jamal was keen on learning and solving issues he faced in school or in his neighborhood, where he grew up. He inherited the embedded values that all immigrant parents preach to their children about education, which is invaluable.

It is a parent's dream that their children attend a top university, and it was a dream come true for Jamal. He proved that any student from a public school has an equal chance to attend top universities like UC Berkeley and Harvard. At Berkeley, he completed three majors and one minor in four years. How was that possible? In high school, Jamal took and passed nine Advanced Placement (AP) exams. Additionally, he took classes from community colleges. As a result, by the end of his first semester at Berkeley, he became effectively a third-year student that allowed him to begin taking upper-division courses during the second semester.

Jamal planned his four years of university education during his senior year in high school. He researched all the academic requirements for graduation, from general education courses to the specific classes required for various majors. Jamal considered various options, creating five or six different combinations of majors in a spreadsheet, along with the requirements for each. Initially, he planned to complete a double major in three years. After he began, he realized that by adding a fourth year, he would be able to complete three majors. At one point, business administration and economics looked equally compelling. Because the two majors had similar prerequisites, Jamal was able to sample each one before settling on economics because he liked its theoretical nature. He added political science and rhetoric to his final plan, along with the minor: global poverty and practice.

There are well-known scholarships like the Rhodes and Marshall that accept applications from students who have recently completed a bachelor's degree. Jamal visited their websites and read the biographies of students who had previously been awarded those scholarships. One common characteristic was that they had completed an honors thesis during their senior year. Jamal decided to write an honors thesis during his senior year because he knew it would help him stand out from other applicants when he applied to graduate programs.

Jamal knew that excelling in academic



Jamal Khan

coursework would not be enough. He also had to distinguish himself outside the classroom. Virtually every university department has a weekly email newsletter with information about research, internships, scholarships, and other opportunities. Jamal followed those postings very closely and learned about an internship opportunity in Nancy Pelosi's San Francisco district office during her first term as Speaker of the US House of Representatives.

Jamal applied and was accepted for an internship during the fall of his junior year. Jamal knew that he wanted to apply to law school so he went to an online database of law firms called Martin-Dale Hubble and sent cold emails with his resume attached to attorneys expressing his interest in interning with them. He was able to land an internship with a bankruptcy attorney. Success is not simply about acing exams. What is equally important is staying alert for opportunities and seizing them when they come your way.

Jamal is an example to us all of dreaming high and not settling for less. Perseverance and dedication pushes us to the top. Jamal knew that to make any changes in a policy, one needs to be an integral part of policy-making and that required a law degree, which he obtained from Harvard Law School.

Jamal does not want to end his dream after completing a degree in law. He wants to give back to the life of all residents where he grew up with new and innovative ideas in education, public safety, traffic congestion, and affordable housing, to name a few. It is this quest that now has him firmly in place to compete in the next election in District 4 to become a member of the San Jose City Council. The time is now and he is ready. When elected, his ideas and brilliance will help all the community in ways we can only imagine.

No one should limit their dreams. Jamal has proven with dedication that all of us can continue enhancing them. After all, the United States is a land of dreamers and it is the best place to be for all of us and Jamal to achieve these dreams.

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Times News Briefs

Marissa Favet of Evergreen named to the University of Iowa's Dean's List

Marissa Favet, a University of Iowa student from Evergreen, has been named to the Dean's List for the recently-completed fall 2019 semester.

Favet's major is Global Health Studies in the UI's College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Undergraduate students in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the College of Engineering, the Tippie College of Business, and University College who achieve a grade point average (GPA) of 3.50 or higher on 12 semester hours.

The University of Iowa is one of the nation's premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations, commitment to Iowa and the world, and a culture that prizes community, diversity, and opportunity.

Silverman and Lam named to Dean's List for Lehigh University

Nathan Lam and Shawn Silverman of Evergreen Valley have attained the Dean's List at Lehigh University.

This status is granted to students who earned a scholastic average of 3.6 or better

while carrying at least 12 hours of regularly graded courses. The following local students were named to the Dean's List at Lehigh University in the Fall 2019 semester:

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The spring 2020 lineup for National Geographic Live! includes wildlife cinematographer Shannon Wild, bioengineer Kakani Katija, award-winning photographer David Guttenfelder, and Egyptologist Kara Cooney. Shows will be held at the Hammer Theatre Center, 101 Paseo De San Antonio, San Jose.

For more information and tickets (\$30-\$45), the public may visit www.hammertheatre.com or call (408) 924-8501.

New Seasons Market merges with Good Food Holdings Family

New Seasons Market and New Leaf Community Markets have agreed to merge with Good Food Holdings, a U.S. subsidiary of the South Korean company Emart.

New Seasons Market, located on Silver Creek Valley Rd. in Evergreen will continue to operate independently as certified B Corporations, with a commitment to the companies' mission and values.

"We are proud to join Good Food Holdings with a shared commitment to building community through good food," said Forrest Hoffmaster, New Seasons Market chief executive officer. "This partnership with Good Food Holdings ensures our longevity as a community cornerstone - one that continues to nourish our neighbors and staff,



inspire environmental stewardship and champion the local food economy, as we have done since 2000."

"We are thrilled to welcome New Seasons Market and New Leaf Community Markets to our family of brands," said Matt Turnbull, managing director of Good Food Holdings. "We've long admired New Seasons and New Leaf as industry innovators, and look forward to partnering with their local leadership teams to deliver the best experience for customers, staff and the community."

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Remembering the 100 year anniversary of suffrage

By Sylvia Arenas
Special to the Times

As we continue to celebrate the new year, 2020 is also a time to honor the 100-year anniversary of the women's suffrage movement. Together, we celebrate and remember the heroic struggle of the women who

fought so hard 100 years ago to achieve the right to vote in the United States.

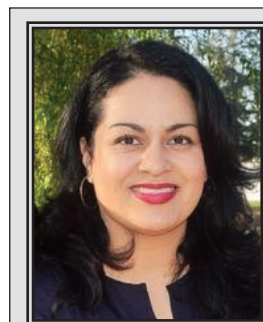
To mark the occasion, I joined the San Jose Women's March this month with my children, and I was excited to see so many other families marching throughout downtown San Jose. Walking with

my kids in hand made me think about the kind of future I want to see for them – one where both my son and my daughter have equal opportunity to achieve everything they dream of without fear or reservations.

I also reflected on the sacrifices that women before me made, so

that I could be able to play a bigger role in our community and government through elected office. We will never know each woman that bravely fought for equal treatment a century ago but we can honor those who use their voice, talents, and time to make a difference in our community today.

To celebrate our local "Leading Ladies" of District 8, I'd like to invite you to join us in celebrating the special women across District 8!



District 8 Report
By Sylvia Arenas
City Councilmember

man within the district. Do you know an amazing woman who:

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¡El Distrito Escolar Evergreen se complace en ofrecer un programa de doble inmersión en español e inglés para los nuevos estudiantes de TK y Kindergarten en el otoño de 2020 en la Escuela Primaria Holly Oak! Los invitamos a conocer más sobre la importancia de la educación bilingüe, el programa de Evergreen y los próximos pasos si desea inscribir a su hijo. Nuestro programa estará disponible para todas las familias en Evergreen como un programa de elección. **¡Todas las familias son bienvenidas!**



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Times Features

Oscars 2020: What to look for at the biggest night in Hollywood

By Joshua Kim

Special to the Times

The Academy Awards, the biggest night in Hollywood, is fast approaching, and the list of nominated films represents a great sampling of what cinema had to offer in the past year.

Facing falling viewership due to a narrow focus on so called "Oscar bait" dramas with little or no popular appeal, the Academy seems to be committed to its recent turn in acknowledging films from a wide spectrum of appeal.

This year's nominees include not only films from veteran directors such as Quentin Tarantino's *Once Upon a Time in Hollywood* and Martin Scorsese's *The Irishman*, but also includes the widely popular one billion dollar hit comic book film *Joker*, which scored eleven nominations, the most of any other film.

Oscar's staples such as the period drama, represented by female driven *Little Women* and the war drama represented by *1917* were nominated, but so was the humorous and satirical *Jojo Rabbit* and the fast paced and energetic *Ford v Ferrari*. *Parasite* is only the twelfth foreign language film in the Oscar's ninety two year history to be nominated for the Best Picture award.

This year's nominations also explored a wide range of powerful and pertinent social themes such as mental health and social isolation, hate and anti-semitism, and class dynamics.

A major storyline to look out for at this

year's ceremony is how well streaming service Netflix's films, *The Irishman*, *Marriage Story*, and *The Two Popes* perform. While Netflix was able to win big with its film *Roma*, last year, it was not able to nab the top prize of Best Picture, and this year Netflix is hoping for another shot at the prize. A win for Netflix would cement its position as a top industry film maker and would symbolize the already shifting ways in which films are viewed and distributed.

Despite the wide range of films nominated, many movie goers are disappointed at the jarringly apparent lack of racial and gender diversity of this year's nominees. While the Academy has progressed in this area in recent years, nominating movies such as *Moonlight* (2017), *Get Out* (2018), and *BlackkKlansman* (2019), this year's nominees contain no movies by or about people of color. In addition, for the second year in a row, no women have been nominated for best director, despite many great contenders such as Greta Gerwing for her work on *Little Women*, Lulu Wang for her work on *The Farewell*, and Marielle Heller for her work on *It's A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*.

This year's Academy Awards will be telecast on February 9 at 5 p.m. PST on ABC. Make sure to tune in to celebrate another great year in film. In the meantime, check out of these amazing nominated films from last year.

Editor's note: Questions and comments can be sent to Joshua Kim at jk5505@nyu.edu.



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Americans polled: Good time to buy and sell home, NAR survey says

More than half of Americans recently polled believe that now is a good time to make a home purchase, according to the latest consumer findings from the National Association of Realtors (NAR).

The 2019 fourth quarter survey revealed that 63% of people believe now is a good time to buy a home, with 33% saying they strongly believe now is a good time to buy. Moreover, as to selling, 74% of those polled believe that now is a good time to sell.

Lawrence Yun, NAR's chief economist, said these positive sentiments can be linked to the strong job market and favorable economic conditions. "The mobility rate has been very low as many have opted to stay put for longer," said Yun. "However, this latest boost — Americans saying now is a good time to move — is good news. With mortgage rates low, the timing is indeed ideal for those who want to enter into homeownership and for those looking to move on to their next home."

Respondents from the silent generation (those born between 1925 and 1945) were most likely to state that now is a good time to buy (73%), while younger boomers (those born between 1955 and

1964) also overwhelmingly viewed the market favorably in terms of now being a good time to purchase (70%).

NAR's fourth quarter Housing Opportunities and Market Experience (HOME) survey found that 82% of those who earn \$100,000 or more said now is a good time to sell a home, with 81% of those in the West region agreeing.

"The Western region has seen home prices increase to the point that costs have outpaced income," said Yun. "So, it is no wonder that those living in the West would think that now is a perfect time to place a home on the market. California especially is seeing some of the highest prices ever."

The NAR study concurrently asked about home prices over the past year. Sixty-four percent of those polled said they believe prices have increased within their communities within the last 12 months. Thirty percent answered that they believe prices have remained about the same, while only 6% believe prices have decreased over that period.

Respondents were asked to share expectations of community home prices over the next six months. Forty-one percent predicted that prices will remain the same in

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Times Features

One hundred years of service!

By Gayle Kludd
San Jose Host East Valley
Lions Club Secretary

2020 is a most special year for the San Jose Host East Valley Lions Club as we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary!

The club was started on February 21, 1920 and received its charter on March 24th of the same year. I think it is most appropriate that this is occurring in 2020 as 20/20 has always been associated with vision testing. In fact, in 1925, Helen Keller attended the Lions Clubs International Convention in Cedar Point Ohio, and challenged Lions to become "knights of the blind in the crusade against darkness." Since then Lions from across the globe have worked tirelessly to aid the blind and visually impaired.

Of course, our club has upheld Ms. Keller's challenge for nearly a century with monthly collections of eyeglasses along with community vision screening events, both with our Lions district's AJ Robinson screening van and the use of our district's spot cameras. These cameras take a picture inside the eye and can determine vision issues in minutes!

At LCI International, clubs enter their service projects monthly to determine impact on their community. With the New Year, I thought you would be interested in our metrics or numbers so far. Since Lions uses a July 31st to June 30th club calendar, these numbers are only for six months. So far since July, we have had 20 service projects impacting 2,715 people in the Evergreen-East Valley area. Of course, our focus is always on vision and sight preservation but we do many other things too. These include our annual school backpack project, help in transporting clients from the San Jose Blind Center to doctor and dental appointments, working with the Leos Club at James Lick High school, staffing food

pantries and much more. The real surprise this year was our involvement with the Grateful Garment Project which provides clothing and supplies to the victims of sexual assault after their medical examinations. Their clothing is taken from them for

DNA screening. We were asked to help collect small toiletries which are packaged into after exam kits. We collected shampoo, conditioner, soap, dental products, deodorant, body lotion, combs and brushes along with clothing, socks and undergarments. I asked for donations in this column and in the Villager Newspaper thinking I'd get a few hundred items. I got thousands, so much so that the boxes of supplies filled the entire back area of my gigantic

Ford Explorer. The drive was so successful, we are going to duplicate it in the spring! Thank you so very much to the Evergreen community for their support of this project.

Of course we have many special things planned for our special year with a celebratory banquet planned for April 19th. We have been contacted by the pediatric cancer unit of Stanford Hospital to help provide art supply kits for the children under their care and this will be the project for our centennial event. We also are planning the building of a greenhouse in conjunction with the Leos and Science department at James Lick High.

The motto of our club in 2020 (or it is that 20/20?) is "One Hundred Years of Service." A hundred years is a long time and I wonder how many people our club has helped in that hundred year period. Whether providing new eyeglasses or a school backpack, books or hearing aids, it is our pleasure to work in this most wonderful neighborhood. Here's to the next one hundred years of working together.

I wish you the happiest of New Years!

We Serve.



The Lions' Lair

By Gayle Kludd
Club Co-President

Home sales

Continued from page 11

their communities during that period, while 48% said they believe prices will rise and 11% said they expect prices to fall in the next six months.

Millennials at 47% were most likely to believe prices will increase in their communities. Out of the four major regions, the South had the highest number of residents who said home prices would climb over six months.

Finally, the NAR survey found that 52% of those polled believe the U.S. economy is improving. This is consistent with the third quarter of 2019. For the fourth quarter, optimism is highest among individuals who earn \$100,000 compared to other income levels, as well as for those who reside in rural areas compared to other locations. Forty-seven percent of millennials said they believe the economy is improving, the lowest of all age groups. Forty-one percent

of those in urban areas said they believe the economy is improving, compared to 66% in rural areas.

Yun took note of the contrasts of viewpoints. "Whether it is a reflection of politics or true economic conditions, there is a difference of views between rural and urban areas," he said.

About NAR's HOME Survey

From October through December, a sample of U.S. households was surveyed via a random-digit-dial, including a mix of cell phones and landlines. The survey was conducted by an established survey research firm, TechnoMetrica Market Intelligence. Each month approximately 900 qualified households responded to the survey. The data was compiled for this report representing a total of 2,707 household responses.

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Times **Features**

Vaccines and pets

By **Dr. Raj Singh**
Special to the Times

Just like people, pets need vaccines too. Pet vaccination schedules vary depending on age, overall health, state laws, and exposure factor. It is important knowing when and why your pet needs a particular vaccine. Recommendations from your family vet are the best way to stay on schedule with vaccinations for your pet.

Vaccines are divided into two groups:

1. Core pet vaccines. These are the vaccines that are recommended for every pet.
2. Non-core vaccines are the ones that depend on your pet's lifestyle like pet boarding or for outdoor pets.

There are many reasons to vaccinate your pet:

- Your pet's lifestyle which can be you taking your pet to dog parks or pet boarding places or going to pet daycare centers.
- You have moved to a different area where your pet might be exposed to wildlife or contaminated water. Certain regions have different dog and cat vaccine requirements as compared to where you currently live. Some regions have more prevalence of certain diseases.
- Travelling to a different country with your pet where they are more susceptible to certain diseases.

Health issues as your pet ages

Younger pets like puppies and kittens need vaccines more frequently whereas adult pet's vaccine schedules may change due to age, illness or disease. If a pet falls in any situation

described above then your veterinarian can recommend additional vaccines or change vaccination schedules to make sure that your pet is protected. Making a preventive vaccination schedule which includes vaccines that your pet needs is one of the best things you can do to keep your pet healthy for many years.

Vaccines for puppies

Puppies need several sets of vaccine boosters to give them as much protection as possible whereas adult dogs need yearly vaccines. To keep your puppy happy and healthy following a vaccine schedule is imperative.

Distemper/parvo vaccine protects against many potentially fatal diseases. Rabies is a fatal disease that affects all animals and humans. Rabies vaccines are highly recommended. Bordetella: this vaccine is used to prevent kennel cough which can cause respiratory infection and even lead to pneumonia.

Vaccines for cats/kittens

The following vaccines are necessary for cats. Health-distemper/upper respiratory is a combination vaccine which protects against many diseases. Rabies: just like dogs, cats need rabies vaccine too. Feline leukemia: This vaccine is for cats that come in contact with stray cats outdoors. Just like puppies, young kittens need several vaccination boosters.

Many factors need to be weighed when deciding on a vaccination plan that is tailor-made for your pet. Your family veterinarian can help you decide which yearly vaccinations are best for your pet based on these factors.

Editor's note: Questions for this column may be directed to Dr. Singh's email address: for-petvet@yahoo.com; 408.270.4600; Aborn Pet Clinic, 3286 S White Rd, San Jose, CA 95148.



Your Pet and You
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ROTARY CLUB OF SAN JOSE EAST/EVERGREEN

Rotarians share interests and goals at international conference

By Sara Calkins

Past President 2018-19 and 2007-08

What happens when two Rotarians from different countries meet at an international conference? Shared values often result in shared interests and goals, and partnerships in projects can develop. Due to such a meeting, our club has partnered with the Rotary Club of Calcutta Uptown for 18 years to provide improvements for students at Hanspahari School, a tribal school in rural India.

Over the years of collaboration we added a well that was installed for clean water, built classrooms, an on-site kitchen, sanitary restrooms; provided school supplies, school uniforms and student scholarships. Along with the

students, members of the entire village have benefitted from these improvements.

This month two San Jose East/Evergreen Rotarians joined Madhumita Bishnu of Calcutta Uptown Rotary Club to deliver new supplies. Ms. Bishnu wrote:

"Rotarians Nick Leon, Marianne Ezell of Rotary San Jose East Evergreen, Dist 5170, USA have arrived in Calcutta, India on 3rd Jan and arrived in Bankura, West Bengal state of India on 6th Jan morning to distribute a distiller to NGO Shamayita Math Hospital in Amarkan and a projector and computers to Hanspahari school tribal students. This Rotary club has every year since 2002 been helping Shamayita Math with various projects. Proud moment for Rotarians."



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Santa Clara County is the richest county in California, reports financial news website 247wallst.com in a report which identifies the richest counties in every state.

The median household income for a family in Santa Clara County is now \$116,178 in comparison to a statewide average of \$71,228.

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commercial and non-profit that are \$2 million dollars or more. And it's a three-quarter percent tax and it escalates from there. \$5 million and more and it's a percent and \$8 million or more and it's a percent and a quarter. So there are several reasons that I don't support it. First of all, do I think we need to have funds to help affordability and the homeless? Absolutely! No doubt about it. And that money needs to be earmarked and spent on the homeless and provide affordability. However, this tax goes into the general fund, and that means that even though there are some safeguards that the current council has said they would adopt, it is not binding on future councils. And any money that goes into the general fund can be spent on anything. The other thing is that there is no sunset; that means it goes on forever. There is no repeal. It's not five years and let's find out if it does the job or not. Not seven years and let's see if it did the job or not. If you solve the problem there is still a transfer tax. Where does the money go, it goes to the general fund? There's a quarter percent sales tax that was supposed to go to roads; it hasn't in years!"

Question: What would you prioritize as a way to improve public safety in the city of San Jose?

Zito: "Public safety is probably the number one issue for the city. We have hired more police, but there are still only 1000

police officers for a million people. That's a 1000 to 1 ratio. So for public safety, we need to strengthen our neighborhood associations like there was when I first started a private District 8 Round Table with our community members and build them and have them be very effective and have that support and communications mechanisms so that the communities know what support efforts are available to them. Also they can report back to the District 8 Round Table and we can advocate as a group, as a community, as a District 8 for the things that we need. We need more policing and we need to leverage the community service officers that we have. We need to leverage the technology that we have such as Nest and Ring Doorbells. And work with those neighborhood associations to provide the police with the information that they need to capture these people that are committing burglaries. So it's a partnership with our community, it's partnership with our public safety, and it's a partnership with our county as well."

Arenas: "So we've been facing public safety issues in this district for a very long time. And sometimes this district gets hit really hard around the holidays. I know because I had an attempted burglary in my home. But fortunately, I interrupted them without even knowing. But nothing happened and I saved my home from a burglary; but not everyone is so lucky, right. And so I made sure that I supported any competitive salaries for our police officers; that was the first thing. And the second really was to build those neigh-

borhood associations; and I did; I doubled them. And I think you saw supervisor Cortese here earlier. Before I even came into office, I met with him and I asked him how did you preserve some of the safety, some of the good, just the wonderful things about Evergreen and one of the things he told me was the neighborhood association piece. And as you have heard earlier, he was the founder of the District 8 Round Table and he knows what he is talking about ... really. So I made sure I doubled our neighborhood associations. We connected them with Beautify San Jose grants. Many of our associations get up to \$5000 every year to beautify their area. We have a great relationship with our captains and we include them in our neighborhood associations and in our meetings; so part of that is called community policing. It's getting to know your police officer. It's getting to know your neighbors."

Question: What is your vision for transportation, land use and growth in the city and District 8?

Arenas: "Well, those things are a little different. Here in District 8 we're really not meant to grow. This is not the area, where we have more residential because we don't have these high transit areas. We don't have these transit friendly corridors, which is what we are trying to encourage in the downtown area, in west San Jose and north San Jose. But what we will have is a light rail extension to Eastridge, so that will facilitate our transportation needs. And so that's one of the things I plan to continue to support.

But really we are not meant to grow. We're meant to grow like I said in transit corridors. And I think if there are any opportunities it will be along Capitol Expressway. So for land use I really want to preserve. I fought really hard. Internally we developed a measure at City Hall to fight the measures that were placed on the ballot that were going to create a lot of housing back here without any benefits to the community. And so I also walked the streets along with many of you here. I see a lot of familiar faces. A lot of us walked together and really made sure we won and we won on both of those measures. So really my look at the future of Evergreen, I'm going to put it back on the audience; it's really what you all see... it's not my voice that needs to get heard...it's the voice of all of us collectively."

Zito: "Transportation has to meet the needs of the people. Building light rail down Capitol Expressway when only 600 people are going to use it at a cost of \$460M is not my idea of the best way to use funds. Way back when Dave Cortese was a city council member he put together the Evergreen East Hills Vision Project which I sat on seven years. And we looked at the possibility of growing District 8. And what we did was put together a consortium of developers and community members and put together charrettes and working task force. That is the way to do it. Work with the community, work with the development community and the residents and find out what

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we can do and what we can't do. Reid Hillview is a big wildcard coming up. Whether or not they close Reid Hillview and what happens to that is still undecided and it is something that the community needs to be engaged in. Having a good general plan that talks about urban villages and high density and the places where there is transit already that people will use, that is important. Land use and growth in areas where it makes sense, on the planning commission eight years and the general plan task force and those are the things we have been talking about on a day-to-day basis."

Question: If elected successful in March, what are your top three 90-day goals for District 8 and how would you measure and communicate your progress?

Zito: "Number one is to reach out to the community and create an effective communication plan, and that means go out and try to get those seeds of neighborhood associations. Make sure those neighborhood associations get started and keep working with them, and keep communicating with them so they don't fall. That's what seems to happen. You get a few meetings and then it falls apart. Number two is traffic assessment to find out where's our worst traffic problems, what times of the day, and work with DOT to find out what we can do to establish mitigating procedures for that. And, number three is to look into our homeless situation and find out where are the homeless in our District, what services do they need and work with the county and the city to effect a plan to address the homeless."

Arenas: "So if I was voted back and the voters were allowing me to continue to serve, my 90-day promise would be to continue to do the great work we are doing now for each other. And that's working in tandem with the police department, working with our neighborhood associations, and also added to that, bringing them in to some of the public safety strategies that we are working internally. And that is related to sexual assault. We have a higher average than the national trend in sexual assaults, especially for young girls under the age of 12. This is a crime that hasn't really been talked about. It's not a crime that people want to talk about and want to discuss, but it needs to get addressed. So, I will need all of you to come together so that we can address it through a victims unit so they can get the investigative support that they deserve. Also we have a retail study that we have kind of on the backburner. And I have heard some people say like... I wish we had a Trader Joe's. I wish I had more places to eat. So, part of the commitment that I have from the city manager's office is to have more engagement in retail in making sure that some of these empty store fronts that we see here get filled up. And they get filled up with the needs of our community; not imposing something else outside of what we would like. So that is part of my promise. And third is my promise to support families and children."

Questions from the audience

What is your stance on the planned Buddhist Temple?

Zito: "As many of you know I was involved 20 years ago with the Sikh temple issue and I truly believe that the majority of people who are concerned with the Buddhist temple are like the ones who are concerned with the Sikh temple and that is its use, which is controlled by the conditional use permit. What needs to happen is the community and the owner, the occupier, the user of that facility needs to sit down and come to an agreement on what it can be used for as far as festivities, hours, noise, ingress and egress. And I know there's a lot of concerns about traffic, there are concerns about the possibility about how there will be a lot of people coming in and out at various times. And a lot of it has to do with communication and making sure that the community and the applicant sits down and comes to an understanding of what's really going to happen there. And then once the C.U.P. is approved, that the C.U.P. is followed and that there is a grievance capability so that the community members can say I have a problem, can we address this situation and it can be addressed. So it's all about communication and working together."

Arenas: "So as a council member my role is really to listen to our community. It is not to tell others how to initially how to develop their land; how to develop their land because that is the responsibility of our planning department. So, in this segment of Buddhist temple my role is to make sure that all of the process these and all of the policies are adhered to and followed. One of the things that we have to make sure of is that we are equitable and fair to the applicant, so that there aren't any legal repercussions back to the city. And in that process there is an opportunity to really to negotiate and for them to hear some of the concerns and I've heard some of your concerns especially about underground parking in making sure that I as your advocate get that to those developers, into that applicant, to make sure that they shape it the way that you feel which you could live with. So there is a process already set up and I think I've talked about this in the past where this C. U. P. process, the planning department will give feedback to the application, it'll go to the commission and those commissioners will actually approve it or not. And you as community members can then appeal it when it gets appealed it comes to me and my council and so typically that's when we can have a little more of an opportunity to really have the reins on this. But throughout the whole process I'm here to advocate."

What will you do to see that the Village Square is finally completed with the removal of the eyesore mound of dirt across from the library?

Arenas: "Oh, my gosh! Yes, actually my chief of staff, who now is taking some time off and is my campaign manager, Patrick McGarrity, we have heard this before and we're absolutely concerned and it's part of what we have seen in our general plan update. So, every four years we have a

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general plan update. And in that general plan update we get to make some edits, if you will. There's more technical words for it, but I'm not a planner, I'm a council member. And so we kind of edit those things those zoning, so that they can fit into those land and the land use. So that particular area has, I think it's Shapell at this point, right? They're going to develop this same thing kind of units that you see all around Village Square, but they had an issue because the planning department made a mistake on their zoning and so that's what we're trying to fix. And as you all know the government sometimes takes a while, just a little bit, right? So it's taken us awhile to kind of fix that, but the company is still very much interested in having that completed, we want to make sure a gets done. And so part of that Evergreen Village has an urban village allotment for homes and what I did and I voted, I supported this in our general plan taskforce, is that we gave most of that residential allotment to downtown and north San Jose, but we kept a little bit so that those places could get developed."

Zito: "I'll deal with the easy question first which is the pile of dirt. And that is to work with the developer, work with the landowner and work with the city to essentially see what they can do about moving that if it is in fact a problem, right, because they may be well within their legal rights to keep it there whether we like it or not, but

there's always negotiation. As far as finishing out the Square, yes the Evergreen Village Square was considered an urban village and it is now not. I'm on that task force and voted to remove the urban village designation for the Village Square. There are other urban villages in District 8, but to work with the developer now, work with the owner and to see what should be there. Now we've been told for years that commercial isn't the way to go, that they don't want to do commercial, they would rather do residential. And given the fact that we need residential it might make sense, I don't know we're not looking at all the P's and Q's if you will, that given the fact they were in a general plan update, given the fact that they're going to open up the EDP, the Evergreen Development Policy, that may be residential, but very low density in my opinion, residential would go there. So there is still some opportunity there. It was originally supposed to be commercial. Whether or not that's still viable is still worth looking at. So, working with the community, working with the owner, finding out what's best for that site."

It was reported that Penny's and Macy's are closing. What are you going to do to bolster retail?

Zito: "So, I had heard that rumor on Nextdoor as well. I went and checked with some people I know at city hall. They got back to me with the economic development department and there is no credible report that Penny's and Macy's is going to close...Sears yes, but not Penny's and Macy's. However, we all know that the brick

and mortars are under, how can I say, a challenge. And Penny's, if you've been following them for a while, they have been struggling there's no question about it. So is it possible that some of the anchor stores may close, certainly. What are we going to do about the fact that Sears is closing? That's something that we could address working with the departments of economic development, working with the private sector, working with the owner of, is it still General Growth Properties? I'm not sure if they're still the owners of it...and finding out who they can bring in. And then working with the community as far as who would they shop at? Do they want a Trader Joe's there? I don't know if Trader Joe's would come here. But you know who would they like to see there? So, again working with the community, working with the owner of the mall and finding out what can fill the shuttered storefronts. Hopefully Macy's and J.C. Penney won't close any time soon. And anybody who is still spreading that news please stop because I understand it's not true."

Arenas: "The reality is that we all shop really differently, don't we? During the holidays you probably see a lot of packages in the front porch, because we do a lot of online shopping; it's just so easy to do. I do it myself. Unfortunately, that really impacts our retailers and so whether it's Sears or J. C. Penney or Macy's, there's a trend that's changing just our nation, really. And so our malls recognize that. And Eastridge has actually done a really decent job in being responsive and so that's why you see 24 Hour

Nautilus on site there. It's not necessarily an anchor store, but it anchors a lot of activity and then afterwards they're working out they can go to the food court, because they're really hungry! You know you have bowling; you have a place where the children can play. We also have recognized that we have recreation classes happening. My little girl used to go to ballet; we registered her twice there, right. So it just keeps some kind of vibrancy. And whether they make a change or not, I think we need to make sure that we express what we'd like to see. And that's why I had this retail strategy engagement process and commitment from our city manager so that I can learn some of those needs and wants and connect with the vendors in the same way to deliver."

What is your favorite place in District 8 and why is it your favorite?

Zito: "Wow, that's a hard one. I love District 8, been living there for almost 30 years. Besides my house, being able to relax and enjoy. I love the Village Square. I love Eastridge Mall. I love the Villages...I love to get out there and touch base with our older population there. I love going out on the trails. When I first moved in and I saw Evergreen Valley College, I looked at this place and I said this is a school? Now I'm from New York, you have to understand that seeing green things and open space to me was a real pleasure. Evergreen College is unique in so many ways. I can't really pick one, I'm sorry. There are so many gems that we have in Evergreen and they need to be preserved

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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.

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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

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should contact Gayle Kludt at 408 531 1063 to confirm location. Guests are always welcome.

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assn. 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.free-toasthost.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 O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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and they all address different needs for different people.”

Arenas: “I’ve gotta agree that this is really difficult. This is the hardest question so far. Oh, darn it! Well you know it made me think back when I heard that question. It made me think back to a lot of really great memories. I have been living here in Evergreen for the last 18 years. My 11 year old son of course was real little and got to run around in the streets; not exactly streets, at a cul-de-sac... it’s a lot safer. But when as he got older he is very active and we take a lot of hikes on the back roads of San Felipe and a lot of the times that a lot of the places that I associate with really good people like Groesbeck Park I see a lot of wonderful people out there and even though it’s not my neighborhood park, I see beauty in it. I see beauty in the Gurdwara with their very brotherly love and selflessness. And I see beauty and love in our mosque and many of our different places where we worship and go where there is crisis and where we are full of love. So, I think District 8 is my favorite place. I don’t know that any one particular is going to make it to the top.”

Editor’s note: Due to space and time restrictions, the state senate forum article will appear in the next issue of the Evergreen Times.



Keanu Reeves in the original “Matrix.”

Matrix

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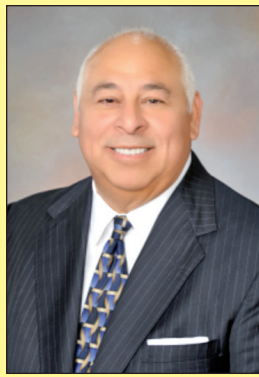
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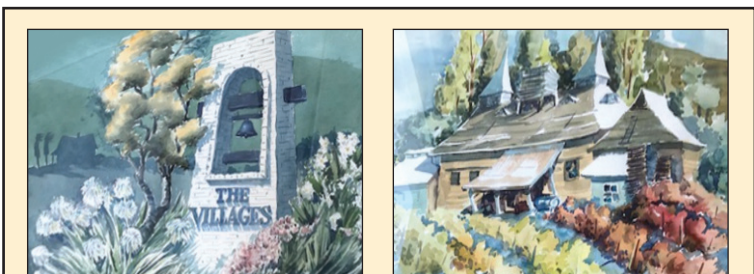
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3313 Alsace Court	\$1,620,000	4	3 0	2,547	4,853 Lot SqFt
4147 Voltaire Street	\$1,500,000	4	3 1	2,730	4,730 Lot SqFt
3667 Lago De Bracciano Street	\$1,457,000	4	3 0	2,542	4,840 Lot SqFt
3617 Pleasant Knoll Drive	\$1,445,000	5	3 1	3,649	8,822 Lot SqFt
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3156 Markwood Court	\$1,285,000	3	2 1	2,458	10,357 Lot SqFt
3362 Norwood Avenue	\$1,225,000	3	2 1	1,902	6,936 Lot SqFt
3286 Knightswood Way	\$1,225,000	4	3 0	2,106	8,197 Lot SqFt
9057 Village View Loop	\$1,225,000	2	2 1	2,224	2,770 Lot SqFt
8825 Wine Valley Circle	\$1,200,000	3	2 0	2,256	5,200 Lot SqFt
8214 Claret Court	\$1,000,010	3	2 1	2,001	9,962 Lot SqFt
2247 Fairmont Drive	\$974,950	4	2 1	1,973	6,005 Lot SqFt
3112 LUDLOW Court	\$930,000	4	2 0	1,538	5,807 Lot SqFt
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1535 Rangewood Drive	\$2,150,000	5	3 1	4,023	8,199 Lot SqFt
5617 Snowdon Place	\$2,100,000	4	3 1	3,429	7,128 Lot SqFt
1557 Silver Pond Lane	\$2,085,000	5	4 0	3,523	11,774 Lot SqFt
6056 Whitehaven Court	\$2,005,000	4	5 0	3,453	6,547 Lot SqFt
5647 Snowdon Place	\$1,994,000	4	3 0	2,833	8,446 Lot SqFt
4700 Silver Ranch Place	\$1,550,000	3	2 0	2,093	6,327 Lot SqFt
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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
2313 Silver Breeze Court	\$1,020,000	2	2 0	2,154	3,276 Lot SqFt
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