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Evergreen Blood Drive slated for Saturday, October 10

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The event is open to the public and any and all eligible donors are encouraged to come by that Saturday and become a blood donor.

Participants are urged to sign-up in advance in order to minimize waiting times.

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Eric Espinoza of Evergreen first American to captain European soccer team and capture league title

He catapulted his team to victory with inspiring leadership skills

By William Bellou
Publisher

Longtime Evergreen Valley resident Eric Espinoza spent most of 2019 in Germany where he was given the responsibility as captain leading the 70-year-old European soccer team, FCA04 Darmstadt.

Espinoza led his European soccer teammates to win the league title, the first American to accomplish this incredible feat. The team's coach named Espinoza captain because of his emotional intelligence, dedication and honesty.

"I am very proud and fortunate to be named the captain of a very diverse, international team," Espinoza said. "I feel as though this story could motivate young athletes, as well as give positive news to our city in a rather tumultuous time."

Learned to speak two additional languages to raise communication with team

Espinoza explained that the players who make up the FACA04 Team came from a variety of countries: Colombia, USA, Germany, Brazil, Ukraine, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada,



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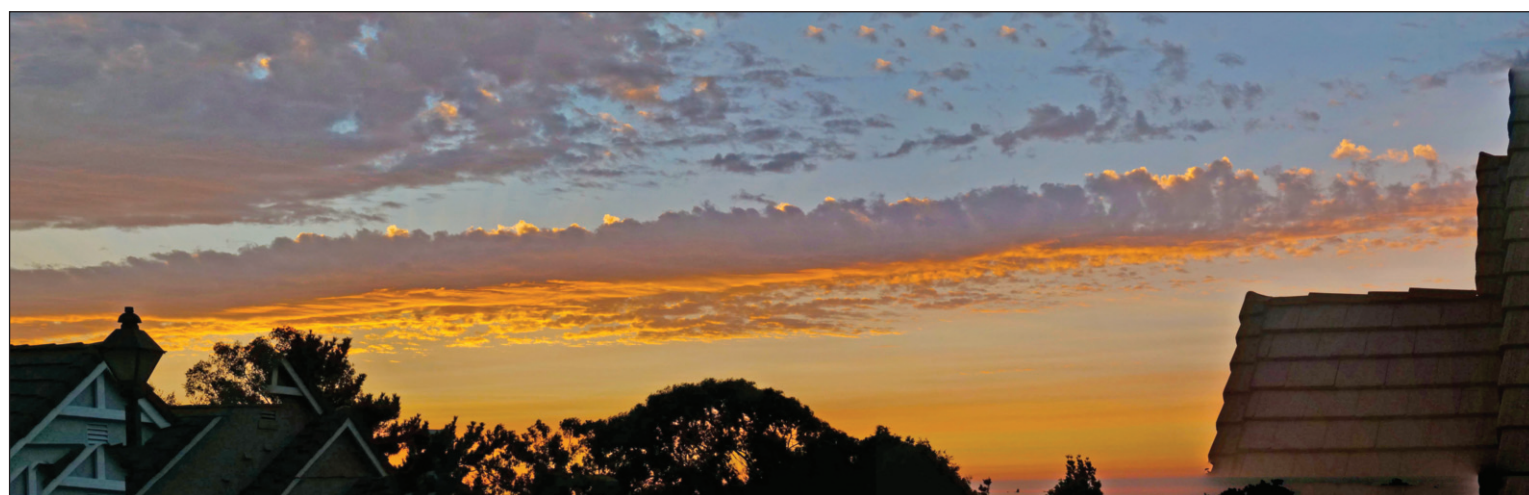
and others; all with the same ambition — to become professional soccer players. Many of Espinoza's teammates spoke German and Por-

tuguese, so he learned both languages. "I already spoke my native languages of English
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Snip snap!

An Alligator snapping turtle has been spotted in the Evergreen Village Square neighborhood pond and as a result, a sign has been erected by the City of San Jose to alert residents. The Alligator snapping turtle, which has been reported to live as long as 200 years, is the heaviest freshwater turtle in the world, the largest on record weighing 249 pounds. Some myths claim that alligator snapping turtles are known to attack people, but this isn't the case. But with a bite force of 1,000 pounds, their powerful jaws can snap through bone—so large ones should only be handled by professional handlers. *Editor's note: If you would like to submit a name for the snapping turtle, email: times@timesmediainc.com and we will publish the names in the next issue of the Evergreen Times.*



Educators, political candidates in San Jose declare support for Universal Child Care

School board member says "working families cannot afford rent and childcare"

A coalition of six education leaders and political candidates in San Jose are declaring support for a bold policy proposal for universal child care.

San Jose City Council District 6 candidate Jake Tonkel, San Jose Unified Trustees Teresa Castellanos and Carla Collins, along with County Board of Education candidate Ketzal Gomez, Alum Rock Union Board Vice President Corina Herrera-Loera, and Campbell Union High School District candidate Basil Saleh joined together to call for immediate action to make high-quality childcare available to all in the aftermath of COVID-19.

The coalition is concerned with ensuring that those recently unemployed, along with essential workers struggling during this crisis, can receive childcare services catered to their needs. The economic disparities in San Jose's predominantly Latino and Vietnamese communities, many which predate the pandemic, motivate the coalition's urgency in appealing to

all levels of local government.

Pandemic has put great pressure on parents

"The pandemic has created a situation in which parents and mothers must simultaneously be the worker, the caretaker and the co-teacher," said Castellanos. "Universal childcare will provide relief for all the parents who are carrying the weight of this pandemic."

"We have changing needs in our community. Working families cannot afford rent and childcare," said Collins. "Let's meet this moment by investing in success for our families and children in San Jose."

"Our East Side of San Jose is heavily impacted by this pandemic," said Herrera-Loera. "Many of our parents are essential workers with the lowest-paying jobs in our county. Universal childcare will allow our children to be cared for in safe, healthy environments and relieve some of the financial burdens parents face, resulting in their children having greater access to critical needs like food, school supplies, and less stressors so they can focus on education, extracurricular activities, and most of all, being a kid."

"A high-quality, reliable public option for child care ensures equity and prevents raising a family from becoming a luxury," said Saleh. "We must de-commodify child care, something so essential to the financial stability of family units. The united vision of a universal program helps us secure key partnerships between private employers, public agencies, labor groups, child advocates, and school districts."

Other cities are expanding free emergency child care

"There is absolutely precedent for the creation of a citywide program geared toward addressing the needs of underserved communities in our city," said Tonkel. "For example, San Francisco is expanding free emergency child care hours which provide child care for low-income families affected by the pandemic. We must take similar action in San Jose right now and vigorously pursue a child care system that leaves no one behind during reopening. In the process, we will create new and safe job opportunities in the hardest-hit communities which will only accelerate our collective recovery."



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\$3M allocated to clean up increased in illegal dumping in San Jose

Officials agree dumping has gotten out of hand since pandemic began

As a result of hundreds of calls and emails to San Jose City leaders, San Jose is pumping an additional \$3 million to clean up the growing blight and illegal dumping mounting in several areas in the city.

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and council members Lan Diep, Sergio Jimenez and Dev Davis last week announced a plan to allocate additional monies toward cleaning up the most "highly visible" and "high-traffic" illegal dump sites in the city over the next three months.

"We look forward to having a cleaner community because we know that then we'll have a better chance of attracting tourists again and new businesses as we recover from the economic fallout of COVID-19," Davis said.

The new funding, which would triple the budget within the city's Emergency Operations Center for blight response for the remainder of the year, will be used to hire more contractors and bring back some furloughed city employees to increase clean-ups at "sore spots that have had the greatest impact on residents' perception of their community," the council members' memo states.

Valley Currents

cur-rent (adj.) Present, topical, timely, newsworthy. (n.) Movement in a definite direction, a flow.

Boy Scouts Troop 296 experiences virtual camping

Troop 296 recently held its first-ever virtual camping trip due to COVID-19.

Due to the pandemic, Troop 296 has not been able to experience camping in over four months, and everyone was getting anxious to go on a trip, so the troop decided to hold a virtual campout. This would end up being the first "camping" trip for many of the scouts who recently joined Boy Scout Troop 296 from the Cub Scouts, BSA's program for younger kids.

Scouts who attended slept in a sleeping bag or in a tent pitched either in their backyard or inside their house. This gave the new scouts a taste of camping in the wilderness, where everyone would have to pitch a tent and sleep in a sleeping bag.

The evening started with a cooking challenge where scouts made dinner for their family and shared pictures with the rest of the troop. The dishes were judged by the troop's leadership on presentation, ambition, and quality of the cooking. Some of the winning dishes included spicy herb-crusted fish with gorgonzola salad, fajita pasta, shrimp and cauliflower rice, tacos, and bruschetta. Winners earned a slide to wear with their Boy Scout neckerchiefs to recognize their accomplishments.

Next up was a virtual campfire, where everyone joined a Zoom meeting and participated in a variety of activities led by our MC (Master of Ceremonies), including music, jokes, scary stories, and skits. Some of the scouts even got to show off their skills on the piano, which would have been impossible at a



The whole family gets to enjoy their food at Jayden's campout. Below: Scouts are always going to be Scouts, even in a virtual setting.

regular campfire!

The campout ended with everyone sleeping in their sleeping bags and, in some cases, tents. This capped off a day full of fun, socially-distanced activities! Though they hope to get back to doing these activities amidst nature, the troop adapted well to at-home camping and has already started planning their next one!



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Resident recommends voting no on 16

Dear Editor,

I am writing to your readers to vote No. on prop. 16. What is Prop. 16? It repeals Prop. 209; passed by voters in 1996. Here is the content of prop. 209: "The state shall not discriminate against, or grant preferential treatment to, any individual or group on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin in the operation of public employment, public education, or public contracting."

There are many reasons against Prop. 16. Here are the top three for me:

1. Prop. 16 creates a class society. Certain skin colors, such as browns and black, get the preferential treatment. Asians and white, all are minorities in California now, will be treat-

ed as second class citizens.

Classifying its citizens into different classes has been tried in many countries. In India, for example, the Caste system has been in place for generations. Many of my Indian friends had horrible first-hand experience with the Caste system. Many escaped to the US to avoid the Caste system. In Venezuela, the leftist government, besides many failed socialist policy, create the "elite" class of citizens (government officials, bankers, high rank military officers, and party officers). This class policy contributed to the collapse of Venezuela's economy, leading to lack of food and basic commodities for citizens of this oil-rich country.

2. Proponents of Proposition 16 use words like "diversity" and "representation." What they are really advocating is that the governments treat its citizens differently based on skin color. This is a violation of the US consti-

tution 14th amendment, the clause for equal protection under the law. In its worst case, Prop. 16 could lead to racial discrimination on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin. In short, Prop. 16 legalizes race discrimination.

3. Prop. 16 destroys merit based social creed, one of reasons US and California have the #1 tech industry, entertainment and professional sport clubs. Can you imagine that Dodgers, Rams, Warriors, 49ers and Giants institute a White, Asian and Native American racial quota system? They will not be the best in the world if they tried that.

I hope the above can persuade your readers to vote against a proposition that was not well thought out, and will only ruin the future of California. No on Prop. 16!

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NOTEBOOK

Children's Discovery Museum of SJ announces phased re-opening with outdoor play space September 26

New inflatable discovery duck with purple mask now perched on museum's roof

Celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose will open Bill's Backyard, the museum's half-acre outdoor play space, on Saturday, September 26.

The opening will be available for museum members only in accordance with the Santa Clara County Public Health Department's Reopening Plan.

The museum will offer two weekends for members' only: September 26 - 27 and October 2 - 4. Bill's Backyard will then welcome all visitors on Friday, October 9, with a three-day a week schedule every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the foreseeable future.

Reservations are required for the two play sessions per day: 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 - 4:00 p.m., with an hour cleaning break between sessions. A date for reopening the inside of the museum will be announced later this fall.

"A children's museum without children is not a very happy place, so we're beyond excited to welcome back our valued members and then all visitors to Bill's Backyard," said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose.

"Families and children can expect the same fun-filled experience that inspires creativity, curiosity, and shrieks of laughter and joy. Our number one priority is to provide a safe and comfortable experience for everyone by applying the latest science with the best practices as outlined by our public health professionals, and with participation and support from our visitors. We know that play is essential to children's healthy development and we're eager to fulfill this role by offering much-needed fun and socialization for families," said Jennings.

To prioritize visitor and staff safety, protocols have been put in place that meet and often exceed the county's mandates. These include a 25% attendance cap, online reservations for contactless ticketing, Plexiglas shields at admissions for staff and visitors,



a mask-requirement for anyone over six years old, per the City of San Jose's ordinance, and additional hand sanitizers.

Space and exhibit modifications have been made and signage in English, Spanish and Vietnamese has been installed to make social distancing easier. The museum's already robust cleaning and disinfecting procedures have been stepped up to include CDC and EPA-recommended products, nano septic tape, and an hour-long cleaning and disinfecting break between morning and afternoon sessions.

New at the museum

Find out what all the buzz is about at the recently installed beehive observation site in the Junior Ranger Station in Bill's Backyard. Visitors can witness the industrious bees hard at work.

Upon reopening, the museum remains committed to equity and inclusion with the continuation of the Museums for All program. This national initiative provides all families the opportunity to visit regardless of ability to pay. Admission is only \$2 per person (regular ticket price is \$15) with the presentation of an electronic benefit card or other specific documentation.

TICKET INFORMATION: Ticket prices for Bill's Backyard are \$5 per child or adult; \$4 for seniors; and museum members are free. This ticket price is reduced from the regular price of \$15 per person while each visit is limited to the museum's outdoor space, Bill's Backyard.

For ticket reservations, visit: www.cdm.org/what-to-expect

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Multiple crimes against Evergreen resident are not being prosecuted by authorities

Follow-up from July 17, 2020 Evergreen Times burglary article (page 8)

Evergreen resident Brian was the victim of two bank thefts in March and April 2020.

The funds in Brian's business bank account were fraudulently stolen and following an investigation, the bank subsequently credited back the full amount into the account.

An investigation by the Morgan Hill Police Department (MHPD) resulted in finding the identity of the bank thief. When questioned by MHPD later, the bank thief admitted to taking those funds, yet no prosecution has been initiated.

Just one week after the April bank theft, Brian's Evergreen-San Jose residence was broken into and ransacked. The address was the same address registered on his bank account. This burglary incident was reported by the *Evergreen Times* (see evergreentimes.com) on July 17, 2020.

Upon reviewing the surveillance videos of the burglary, Brian said he recognized the suspect as someone he was very familiar with.

"The burglar who broke into my residence was the same person who had also stolen funds from my business bank account," said Brian. "Furthermore, after the burglary article was published, several witnesses have stated that they recognize the burglary suspect from the surveillance videos as the same person who I had recognized previously. Separately, there were also photos found of that person wearing clothing that matched with the one worn by the burglar during the crime."

In a recently publicized Santa Cruz theft case of a firefighter's wallet, a citizen's tip and clothing matching what was shown in surveillance images of the wallet theft suspect were taken into consideration. This led police to apprehend that wallet theft suspect within 48 hours. But for Brian, it has been more than four months.

Multiple witnesses have recognized this burglar, photos were found of clothing matching that worn by the burglar, and this burglary suspect is allegedly the same

person involved in the bank thefts. However, authorities have yet to prosecute this criminal.

Last year, Brian's neighbor, who was also a Vietnamese American, was murdered while his home was burglarized. In Brian's case, he arrived home while the burglary was in progress.

"I feel very fortunate to not have been a homicide victim that day," Brian said.

Brian feels that justice has not been served, and public safety is at risk. Brian asked "Is my life, the life of a Vietnamese American living in San Jose, not important enough for authorities to take action? Will it take another Vietnamese American being murdered for authorities to prosecute this criminal?"

Videos of the burglary can be viewed at sjcrimetips.wixsite.com/burglary.



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Fair Political Practices Commission opens investigation into Assemblyman Kansen Chu's campaign spending

"It's just a campaign smear strategy, that's pretty much it." – Kansen Chu

Assemblyman Kansen Chu (D-San Jose) is being investigated by the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC).

The state watchdog is looking into Chu potentially violating state campaign finance laws, according to a letter from the agency. This is the fourth complaint against Chu investigated by the FPPC.

"These FPPC complaints are often filed by opponents or their supporters solely to generate negative publicity," Chu said. "The timing of the filing is so obvious. Other legislators are also facing audits. 'I will fully cooperate with the FPPC's investigation.'"

Chu, who represents Assembly District 25, is running for the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors District 3 seat against Otto Lee, a former Sunnyvale councilman. Chu said he decided to give up his Assembly seat and run for Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors because "the commute from Sacramento back to the Bay Area has been rough for me and my family."

The complaint, which was submitted in July by former Assemblyman Paul Fong; Evergreen resident, Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility President Pat Waite; former Milpitas Vice Mayor Marsha Grilli; and Democratic Club Sunnyvale board president Mike Serrone, accuses Chu of using his former campaign bank account to circumvent and to help fund his Santa Clara County supervisor campaign.

In the sworn complaint, Fong, Waite, Grilli and Serrone allege that between May 2019 and February 2020, Chu accepted 185 donations to his assembly campaign that were greater than the \$1,000 limit for a supervisor campaign. The board has a donation limit of \$1,000—which is much less than the maximum allowed donation of \$4,700 for state assembly campaigns.

In a July complaint letter to the FPPC, the

group claimed Chu violated campaign laws by using his Assembly campaign committee bank account to "promote his supervisor campaign," including sending a mailer with COVID-19 safety information to voters in the District 3 supervisor district but outside his Assembly district. The mailer stated it was paid for by Chu's Assembly campaign committee but included his supervisor campaign website address.



Kansen Chu, who represents Assembly District 25, is running for the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors District 3 seat against Otto Lee.

"Chu is promoting himself, he's getting his name out there," Fong said. "He spent \$33,262.84 from his Assembly account to pay for the mailers. This distinction allowed him to skirt fundraising restrictions and send misleading mailers to people outside of his assembly district."

Chu denies he acted unethically when he sent the mailers. "There was definitely a miscommunication between myself and the

graphic designer when I sent out a COVID-19 resource card that included my supervisor campaign website, Chu said. "I was trying to provide a 'civil service' about the virus and the content of the mailer had nothing to do with my campaign. That was a mistake on my part not to catch the fine print."

Chu said he has already refunded his Assembly account from his supervisor account.

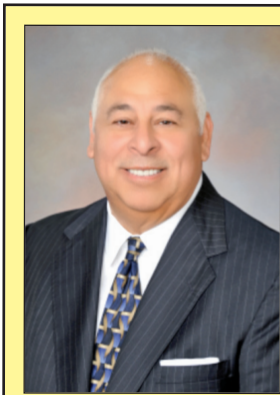
The FPPC complaint also alleges Chu and his wife Daisy "repeatedly underreported travel, food and miscellaneous expenses for their own gain and failed to disclose key information required by the state's Political Reform Act."

Chu claims Fong, Grilli and others who lodged the complaint did so because they support Otto Lee, his opponent for the supervisor seat. "It's just a campaign smear strategy, that's pretty much it," Chu said.

Fong said that he thinks the FPPC made the right decision in deciding to investigate. "Although I support Lee, that's not what's motivated the complaint. Transparency and accountability is really important for our lawmakers and they must be honest about everything."

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Three Evergreen residents have been named to the Stanislaus State Spring 2020 Dean's List

Three Evergreen Valley residents Betzy Arreola Nunez, Ysabelle Guevara, and Bradley Sanow have been named to the Spring 2020 Dean's List.

California State University, Stanislaus serves a diverse student body of more than 10,000 at two locations in the Central Valley with a 228-acre campus in Turlock and the Stockton Campus, located in the city's historic Magnolia District.

Women of distinction honored at 36th YWCA Silicon Valley Virtual Tribute to Women Awards

YWCA Silicon Valley honored outstanding leaders at the 36th Annual Tribute to Women Awards, presented by Cisco.

Keeping in mind the health and safety of the community, as well as guidance from public health officials, the event was transformed to a virtual celebration on Thursday, September 10.

The Awards recognize the achievements of women who have excelled in their fields and have made significant contributions to the Silicon Valley through their dedication and leadership. Tribute to Women salutes corporations whose policies and practices encourage women's leadership and promote equal advancement opportunities for women of diverse backgrounds.

"Cisco is committed to powering an inclusive future for all," said Shari Slate, Cisco's Chief Inclusion and Collaboration Officer. "We are proud to join the YWCA Silicon Valley in celebrating these amazing women leaders who are blazing new trails for the women in our region and across our industry."

Fifty-three women leaders were recognized at the virtual event which included videos highlighting each of the Honorees, photos of the women with their award, and audience engagement sending congratulatory notes.

Although they hold almost 52 percent of all professional-level jobs, American women lag substantially behind men when it comes to their representation in leadership positions. In 2014, women were just 20 percent of executives, senior officers, and management in U.S. high-tech industries. As recently as 2016, 43 percent of the 150 highest-earning public companies in Silicon Valley had no female executive officers at all. American women lag substantially behind men in terms of their representation in leadership positions.

YWCA's goal is to cultivate a Silicon Valley where women are not only welcomed into leadership positions and STEM fields, but respected as well. YWCA programs provide pathways to well-paying, growth careers through youth engagement in STEM and removing barriers for families in accessing

quality early learning and school age opportunities.

The Tribute to Women Awards has been shining a powerful light on women leaders and the companies that employ them, to date over 1,300 women have been recognized for their outstanding achievements in the workplace and beyond.

Halloween: Trick-or-treating 'not advised' this year, top California health official says

How much candy should you purchase for Halloween this year?

No one knows for sure, but according to California Health and Human Services Di-



rector Dr. Mark Ghaly, Oct. 31 will "be quite a different Halloween," due to the Coronavirus.

"You might wonder, 'Should I pick up a couple of bags of candy, because I am going to anticipate, like I do every year, trick or treaters at the door?'" Ghaly said. "Trick or treating — the type of mixing that comes in

our traditional trick or treating festivities — is really not advised under COVID."

No one is certain whether local health officials plan to prohibit trick-or-treating or allow it with mask-wearing and social distancing. The ultimate rules for the state are expected to be announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom in the coming weeks.

Most counties in California are currently studying the issue. Most health officials are more concerned about large gatherings, especially indoor parties than door to door trick or treating. Researchers report that the risk of contracting COVID outdoors is far lower than indoors.

"I can't see public safety officers handing out tickets to parents or kids who are trick or treating," said Jason Hoppin, a spokesman for Santa Cruz County.



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Fantastical primes and where to find them

By Apoorva Panidapu
Special to the Times

Hi everyone! I'm Apoorva, a local high-school sophomore who thoroughly enjoys mathematics (and terrible jokes, as seen from the title).

I've loved math ever since I was a kid and have been involved in math competitions since elementary school. Additionally, I've co-authored two published papers in number theory, and currently have a couple more in the works!

In this new column, I'll be sharing STEM topics I'm excited about, and that I hope will excite you too. Everything written is meant to be fairly accessible with the occasional

advanced details weaved in. Future columns may include interesting social issues in STEM, its intersections with other subjects, and various other topics that are prominent in these fields. I hope you enjoy today's topic!

Why we care about primes

Today, we're going to discuss one of the most popular areas of math: primes! To recap: a prime number is an integer (AKA a whole number like ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ...) greater than one with exactly two divisors: 1 and itself. The first few prime numbers are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, and so on. 2 is often jokingly called "the oddest prime number," as it's usually an outlier in theorems involving primes.

Okay, so? Why do we care about primes? We care because we can break down all numbers into their prime parts (known as the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic).

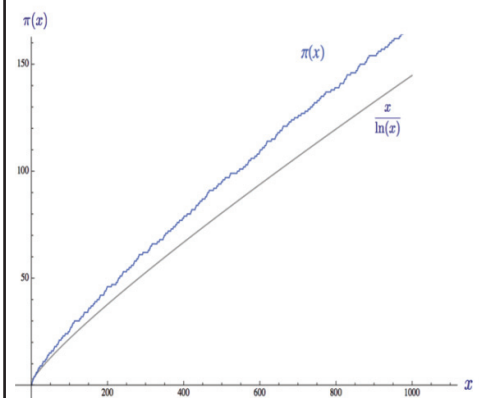
For example, $60 = 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 5$. This is called a prime factorization, and is actually unique! Can you convince yourself why?

Now, a natural question arises: how many primes are there? The answer is infinitely many! How do we know this for sure? Well, in order to convince everyone that their conjectures (prospective theorems) are not crazy, mathematicians write proofs. So, let's prove this theorem! First, let's assume we're wrong and that there is a fixed, or finite, number of primes. Let's say there are exactly k primes. We'll put these primes in a set (you can think of it as a non-ordered list): $\{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_k\}$. If we can somehow generate a number that cannot be factored by the primes in this list, we have proved this is an incomplete list of primes, which would show that there is an infinite number of primes. (Think about why this is true.)

Continuing on, let's construct the number $n = (p_1 \times p_2 \times \dots \times p_k) + 1$. We know that n must have a prime factorization with at least one prime factor. However, n has a remainder of 1 when divided by any of the primes in our list, meaning none of the prime factors of n are in our current list, meaning we cannot construct a finite list of primes. Therefore, there must be infinitely many primes!

Now, things may start to get a little more technical, but I'll try my best to frame it as simply as I can. The next question we can ask is, "How many primes are there that are less than or equal to a number x ?" This is a significantly harder question, but still has an answer! First, define the prime counting function $\pi(x)$ as the number of primes less than or equal to x . For example, $\pi(13) = 6$, because we have six primes (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13) that are ≤ 13 . Now, back to our question. The answer to this is known as the Prime Number Theorem, which states that $\pi(x)$ is asymptotic to $\frac{x}{\ln(x)}$, written $\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\ln(x)}$. Here $\ln(x)$ denotes the natural logarithm of x . (Typically, mathematicians denote the natural logarithm as $\log(x)$, but for some reason this isn't the notation used in most schools.) For readers who know some calculus, this asymptotic means that, given functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, $f(x) \sim g(x)$ is equivalent to $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$.

To understand this better, let's think about it in terms of probability! Suppose we're choosing a random number from the first x numbers. This theorem says that the probability of us choosing a prime number is roughly $\frac{\pi(x)}{x} \sim \frac{1}{\ln(x)}$, or that a number x is prime "with probability" $\frac{1}{\ln(x)}$.



Now I want to leave you with a few questions to think about. We know that there are infinitely many primes, but what if we consider different subsets of primes? Are there infinitely many primes of the form $2^n - 1$ for integers $n > 1$? Or the form $n^2 + 1$? These simple-to-state questions about prime distribution are actually currently unsolved. Another popular question is the twin prime conjecture, which states that there are infinitely many pairs of primes that differ by 2. These unsuspecting questions reveal a hard truth: we really don't know a lot about primes! If you're currently thinking, "Well these don't seem that hard," prove one! (And if you do manage to do this, mention me when you receive the Fields Medal.)

Finally, are you in your prime? Check your age to see! I'm 15, so unfortunately I'm not in my prime (as 15 is not prime), but I am in my semi-prime, $(15 = 3 \times 5)$.

If you found this interesting, make sure to check out this column in the next Evergreen Times! If you have any questions (or math puns you'd like to share), please email me at apoorvaartgallery@gmail.com. Until next time!

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Anonymous man gives words of advice as he faces last days in hospital

He believed strongly in honoring all people of all races and religions

By Kevin Larsen
Special to the Times

The following was stated in an effort to help others by a brilliant individual who recently passed. This person led a private life and thus the name is kept anonymous.

Words of wisdom spoken as a gift

“When a person goes into the hospital, he will realize that there is one book that he has yet to finish reading: ‘The Book of LIFE’. Whichever stage in life we are at right now, at a certain time, we face the day when the curtain comes down.

I treasure my love for my children, my love for my spouse, and my love for my good friends. Here are some important words to uplift those who wish to read and reflect upon them.

Remove all forms of hatred and fear, even if it means loving those that hate you. Treat yourself well, Cherish others for as we grow older and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch, well, they both tell the same time. Whether we carry a \$300 or \$30 wallet/handbag well, the amount of money inside is the same. Whether we drive a \$150,000 car or a \$30,000 car well, the road and distance

“Cherish others for as we grow older and hence wiser, we slowly realize that wearing a \$300 or \$30 watch, well, they both tell the same time.”

are the same and we get to the same destination don’t we. Whether we drink a bottle of \$300 or \$10 wine, well the hangover is the same isn’t it. Whether the house we live in is 300 or 3000 sq. ft, well, the loneliness is the same.

You will realize your true inner happiness does not come from the material things of this world. Whether we fly first or economy class, if the plane goes down – we all go down. Where we go one, we go all.

As I lie on this hospital bed facing my last days, I say to you to humbly consider these words. When you have mates, buddies and old friends, brothers and sisters who you chat with, laugh with, talk with, sing songs with, share poems, dreams and visions with, talk about the East and the West or heaven and earth with that is the true happiness!!!

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3. Best awarded words in China...‘Eat your food as your medicines. Otherwise, you have to eat medicines as your food.’
4. The Ones who love you will never leave you for another because even if there are 100 reasons to give up, he or she will find

one reason to hold on.

5. There is a big difference between a human being and being human. Only a few really understand it.

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New program guides East San Jose parents through online learning with digital tools

By Sonya Herrera

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

As school districts across Silicon Valley extend online learning to stop the spread of COVID-19, one local school district is helping parents — mostly immigrants and communities of color — get comfortable with the technology.

The San Jose Evergreen Community College District began its Parent Academy, a series of courses that train East San Jose parents on digital tools, including Google Drive, Zoom and LinkedIn over the summer. On the first day, dozens of families joined with their children, speaking in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

“We heard the needs of the parents,” said Alexandra Duran, dean of workforce and economic development at the district. “We are enhancing the program as we go because we learn from them.”

Duran said the idea for the program emerged from conversations with the school district’s parent coordinators in East Side Union High School District, Alum Rock Union School District and Milpitas Unified School District. Roughly 140 parents registered for the program orientation on Wednesday.

According to Duran, 54 percent of parents enrolled in the program do not have a high school diploma.

The district tested its Parent Academy curriculum on a pilot group of 108 parents this summer. Most of the curricula were based on already-existing classes in the district’s Workforce Institute course catalog, and parents who participate in the program enroll as non-credit college students and have access to the district’s other classes and services.

“Now the parents are saying, ‘We love the fact that you’re helping us help our children, but we are also going to better our lives,’” Duran said. Following their partici-

pation in the program, many parents have asked about how to obtain their GED.

District Chancellor Byron Clift Breland said bringing parents up to speed on essential technologies is crucial to ensuring students remain proficient in math and reading skills — and prepared to enroll in college after finishing high school. About 40 percent of the district’s college students live in East San Jose, according to Clift Breland.

“We don’t know how long we’ll be in this environment,” Clift Breland said. “We see (the program) as a part of a larger ecosystem of support and encouragement and continuing to keep the pipeline primed.”

In addition to teaching software, typing and basic math, program leaders instruct parents on time management and stress reduction techniques, as well as provide tips on how to keep students engaged during homeschooling. Classes are offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

Duran said the district stays in touch with parents who participated in a summer pilot program, conferring with them once a month. Araceli Ortiz, who enrolled in the Parent Academy pilot, said the program enabled her to help other parents learn how to use digital tools.

Maria Martinez said the program helped her guide her son through the curriculum taught by the Jose Valdes Math Institute over the summer.

“Throughout my life here in the USA, no one had ever before offered me this type of class,” Martinez said.

The district has scheduled Parent Academy sessions through November 4, and more will be added. Duran said there will be classes in spring.

Learn more about the Parent Academy program by visiting: www.wi-sjcccd.org/parent-academy-overview

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Your car's struts and shock absorbers are made to limit the amount of movement you feel while driving and/or stopping and to reinforce the moving components of the suspension.

This means that they are what keep you from hitting your head on the ceiling of your car every time you hit a bump and from vibration while driving on rough roads. Bad shocks and struts affect brakes, tires, and suspension, which are all very important parts on your car. Here are a few signs your car may be warning you that you need to replace the shocks and/or struts.

Bumpy/Shaky Ride

Your car is designed to comfortably withstand a certain amount of movement, so if you experience bumpiness and/or shakiness while driving, chances are you're driving with bad shocks and/or struts.

Steering & Suspension Problems

Another sign people notice when their car needs new shocks or struts is poor steering response. The steering wheel will often become stiff and hard to turn. There may even be unusual noises when turning the steering wheel. Some cars even sway or lean on turns or when changing lanes. When your shocks and struts are bad they can cause premature failure to your car's suspension components as well.

Braking Issues

When shocks and struts are worn, your car will have to compensate in other ways. You can feel instability while braking and/or you may feel a "lurching forward" motion as well. If this is something you are experiencing it would be a good idea to have your vehicle looked at as soon as possible.

Visually Damaged Shocks & Struts

Typically, shock and strut damage is better felt rather than seen. Physical damage may or may not always be visible. While addressing physical damage, shocks and struts do leak which is also an indication they need to be replaced. Other components on the shocks and struts such as mounts and bushings can also become corroded and/or worn as aging occurs.

Tires

Bad shocks and struts can make your tires show uneven or unusual wear, meaning bad shocks and struts wear out your tires!! It's a good idea to have your tires replaced (if needed) or rotated at the same time you replace your shocks.

Mileage

Everyone has their own opinion when it comes to mileage. You should always go based on your manufacturer's recommendations but in our experience, we'd recommend replacing your shocks and struts somewhere between 50,000 miles to 90,000 miles. Instead of waiting to notice problems, make sure you bring in your ve-



hicle for an oil change. During your oil change, shocks and struts are one of the many things we inspect while we perform a visual inspection on your vehicle. Whether you're noticing problems or nearing a checkup, maintaining shocks and struts can prevent long-term damage. Somehow

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'Bridge to Eden Life': Using the embodiment of influence to create a global impact to provide an education for less fortunate

Founded in 2017 by high school students Samuel Wang, Andrew Chen, and David Jin, Bridge to Eden Life became the embodiment of its mission to influence and create a global impact.

The students came to realize the importance of a proper and quality education; thus, they discovered a way in which they could give others who were not as fortunate, giving them the same educational opportunities that many are so grateful to have.

The journeying began in Anshan, China in a poverty-stricken community to hold a summer program for 200 locals, ages ranging from nine all the way to 30. We held certain fun activities and arranged small English lessons and games.

"The positive impact that we had on our students provided us with a sense of purpose and inspiration to continue our work," said Chen. "It showed us that this vision could be transformed to a much larger scale, and as we became inspired, we began to think. We knew that it could become

more than simple activities and holding summer camps; we could influence change on a larger scale to a wider range of individuals."

For the following summers, the trio ventured to a crumbling community located in the countryside outside Beijing, China, and taught English at an elementary school.

"Through our lesson plans and activities, we were able to connect with students and create a healthy productive learning environment in which the students were happy and motivated."

As the lessons continued, the Chinese students became more and more engaged in classes, actively participating in group activities and eagerly asking questions about the material. After just a few classes, the students also were eager to learn more about our experiences in America.

"In exchanging stories about experiences in our respective countries, we were not only able to truly understand life in China, but create lasting bonds with our students through which we continue to create more



Bridge to Eden Life founders pictured (left to right) are **Samuel Wang, Andrew Chen and David Jin.**

positive impact in their lives," explained Chen.

Although it was devastating that The Bridge to Eden Life's plans for 2020 got canceled due to the pandemic, the founders realized that their vision was too powerful to simply stop there. So they began to create videos with lessons, and sent them to the kids.

"We began to reach them over social media, keeping them updated and maintaining the relationships we had built from years before," said Wang. "And as we continued to

communicate with the students, we realized how strong the relationships we had with them truly were—they didn't view us as teachers anymore; they viewed us as true friends. We learned that it was even bigger than simply teaching English, it was creating meaningful relationships, it was putting smiles on others faces, it was spreading happiness. English may have been the vehicle through which we created educational opportunities, but more importantly, it was the medium through which we brought smiles and laughter to the chil-

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Classroom experience in China. Pictured (L-R) are **Andrew Chen, Samuel Wang, and David Jin.**

dren that we taught.”

With Bridge to Eden Life’s mission in mind, the group strives to combat language deficiencies across the globe.

“As students, we have come to value education so dearly, so in return, we strive to teach English to students that are not as fortunate and do not receive the same resources as us. It helps us give back to the community while also giving these students an invaluable asset that will stay with them for a lifetime,” said Jin. “But we don’t want to stop there. Upon graduation from high school we want to continue to influence through our actions. Whether that includes a college community or in the entire world, we want to influence through English to ultimately develop meaningful relationships and spread the Gospel.”

The founders say that they want to continue the initial vision we had with Bridge to Eden Life: to influence change on the global scale.

“We believe that our past projects have been extremely successful, but they still represent a building block for us to continue to expand and grow our mission,” said Chen. “We want to continue to spread the importance of education and allow others the same opportunity that we had to attain an education, as through our educational experience, we were able to grow and learn, but also influence and create.”

The founders hope that others will become inspired by what they have accomplished, not only realizing the platform that they have been given, but to also use it to advance the spread of education worldwide.

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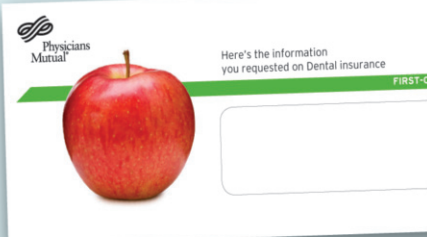
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Santa Clara County becomes state's first to recognize Juneteenth as a paid holiday

The County of Santa Clara became the first in the State to designate Juneteenth a paid County holiday with a unanimous vote for Supervisor Dave Cortese's proposal at today's Board of Supervisors meeting.

Starting June 19, 2021, Juneteenth will be a paid holiday for County employees to recognize the end of slavery in the U.S., 30 months and 19 days after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863. It wasn't until June 19, 1865, that Union soldiers led by Major General Gordon Granger landed at Galveston, Texas, with news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free.

"Designating Juneteenth as a holiday in Santa Clara County is especially significant in the wake of protests over systemic racism here and across the nation," Supervisor Cortese said. "This historic vote recognizes the legacy of injustice to people of color and the work that still remains to ensure that freedom exists for all."

On August 21, the Board voted to allocate \$2.3 million to be put into a reserve to fund declaring Juneteenth as a County holiday. The final vote makes the holiday

official.

For more information, call my office at 408-299-5030.

Report: States with most at-risk youth

With about one in nine young Americans today neither working nor in school, exposing them to greater risk of poverty and violence, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2020's States with the Most At-Risk Youth, as well as accompanying videos.

To determine where young Americans are not faring as well as others in their age group, especially in a year made extremely stressful by the COVID-19 pandemic, WalletHub compared the 50 states and the District of Columbia across 16 key indicators of youth risk. The data set ranges from share of disconnected youth to labor force participation rate among youth to youth poverty rate.

At-Risk Youth in California (1=Most at Risk; 25=Avg.):

- 20th - % of Disconnected Youth
- 35th - % of Youth Without a High School Diploma
- 30th - % of Overweight & Obese Youth
- 16th - % of Youth Drug Users
- 4th - Youth Labor Force Participation Rate

- 38th - Youth Poverty Rate
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Community Heroes: World Central Kitchen connects food to frontline firefighters battling local wildfires

World Central Kitchen (WCK) uses the power of food to heal communities and strengthen economies in times of crisis and beyond, including providing food for frontline firefighters battling local wildfires.

"It's truly an honor to be able to serve firefighters during this difficult time. Being able to provide hot and ready meals to folks who have been working 24 hours a day to battle wildfires makes me happy to be doing my part" says Sam Chapple-Sokol, who has been activated to help serve meals through World Central Kitchens (WCK) disaster relief work in California.

When disaster strikes, WCK's Chef Relief Team mobilizes to the frontlines with the urgency of now to start cooking and provide meals to people in need. Through different partnerships, WCK has developed across the nation; their



teams have been able to jump into action to respond to multiple disasters at once. Currently, WCK is providing support to California's wildfires while preparing to shift their disaster relief workers to aid the Texas/Louisiana areas with hurricane relief.

However, their presence helping others in this area isn't ending. WCK also provides foods to our lo-

cal vulnerable communities through the Great Plates Delivered (GPD) program. GPD provides meals to those in need with the coordination of local restaurants. Through this program, Santa Clara County has helped vulnerable populations and introduced new economic opportunities to local establishments.

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Andrés, World Central Kitchen (WCK) uses food to connect and help communities during times of need. WCK is currently providing food for frontline firefighters battling local wildfires.

Founded in 2010 by Chef José Andrés, World Central Kitchen uses food to connect and help communities during times of need. "With food, our team is providing hope and comfort to people in times of crisis. We will continue to support communities through-

out the nation with much-needed meals," Chapple-Sokol said.

Additional information about World Central Kitchen, can be found at wck.org/programs, or email info@wck.org.

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Students from Silver Oak Elementary School delivered handmade thank you cards to the firefighters on Saturday, September 12 to firefighters of Station 11 located at 2840 The Villages Parkway. Vitality Bowls, a local franchise owned by Evergreen resident Brian Hom, brought Vitality Bowl Smoothies for everyone at the station.

Evergreen School District approves Black Lives Matter resolution

Last month the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees passed agenda item 4.7 to create a resolution of support for Black Lives Matter.

The following is the text of the resolution:

Resolution Black Lives Matter

WHEREAS, throughout our nation's history, institutional and structural racism and injustice have led to deepening racial disparities across all sectors of society and have had lasting negative consequences for our communities, cities, and nation;

and **WHEREAS**, historically, when Black people have fought for a more democratic society, the lives of all people have improved and, conversely, each time barriers to Black people's potential have been erected, our whole society has suffered;

and **WHEREAS**, the continued and unnecessary loss of Black lives, such as George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbery, Tony McDade, Nina Pop, and countless others calls upon us to be visible in our outrage and, more importantly, in our resolve to work for change;

and **WHEREAS**, we are part of a society where the lives of Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color continue to be blighted by structural racism, lack of opportunity, health disparities, and direct violence. School districts, including our own, have a responsibility to act in order to help dismantle the systems of oppression that harm our students and communities;

and **WHEREAS**, our public schools are facilitators of the limitless growth potential of all people, with a charge to instill in our

youth a belief that every person deserves to live with dignity, be valued for their inherent humanity, and be treated ethically;

and **WHEREAS**, it is essential to recognize the experiences, honor the history, and highlight the contributions of Black people, while ensuring that every Black person has the social, economic, and political power to thrive;

and **WHEREAS**, stating that Black Lives Matter does not negate our commitment to all members of our community, but rather elevates Black people, who have historically been oppressed by our society, and affirming that their lives, specifically, matter;

and **WHEREAS**, these efforts recognize that valuing the diversity that exists among our students, staff, families, and community members is integral to our vision of preparing today's students to be the critical thinkers, thoughtful leaders, and innovative creators of tomorrow.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evergreen Elementary School District declares that Black Lives Matter and joins the movement to fight for freedom, liberation, and justice.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Evergreen Elementary School District is committed to creating an Equity Policy that will include restorative justice practices, implicit bias training, counseling, and other resources that foster dialogue and action that promotes racial and social justice.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Evergreen Elementary School District seeks to work tirelessly and collaboratively with staff, students, and families to dismantle institutionalized racism in our society.

ADOPTED by the Board of Trustees of the Evergreen School District on August 13, 2020, by the following vote: Motion by Marisa Hanson, second by Bonnie Mace.

FINAL RESOLUTION: Motion Carries Yea: Bonnie Mace, Jim Zito, Leila Welch, Marisa Hanson Not Present at Vote: Christopher Corpus.



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San Jose police can continue to use rubber bullets for violent protesters

By Carly Wipf

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

San Jose police can continue to use rubber bullets for crowd control if people are being violent, despite Mayor Sam Liccardo's push to ban them in crowds altogether after protesters suffered serious injuries during demonstrations against the police killing of George Floyd in May.

Liccardo was the lone dissenter in the City Council's 10-1 decision, with councilmembers saying the safety of officers was at risk. The decision was part of a series of changes to police department policies the council approved September 15.

The city's previous policy allowed the use of rubber bullets against protestors — violent or peaceful — but was met with backlash by residents and councilmembers, prompting Police Chief Eddie Garcia on June 16 to prohibit the use of rubber bullets as crowd control for nonviolent individuals.

The policy change means police officers can only use rubber bullets when someone is "actively attacking an officer or another person" or poses a threat, according to the police department's manual. In those situations, officers must be sure to "avoid striking unintended subjects."

Officers must use another form of crowd control if the crowds are too dense and an accurate shot can't be made.

But how do officers distinguish between violent and nonviolent protests when faced with large crowds and a highly-contentious situation?

Liccardo said the changes didn't go far enough and pressed for a ban of rubber bullets for all crowd control scenarios, leading to a heated exchange between the mayor and Acting Police Chief Dave Knopf.

"There is a very big distinction between people who are unlawfully present and those who are violent assailants and I think we both know people who are not violent assailants and got hit," Liccardo said. "They may have been unlawfully present but they still got hit."

Knopf said potential harm to bystanders is the exact reason the policy was changed to allow officers to fire only at violent protesters.

"Nothing is perfect," Knopf said, acknowledging that police are responsible for determining if they have a clear shot and sometimes misjudge.

"We need really clear policies so you don't expect people to be perfect in the middle of a chaotic scenario to be able to discern how and when to fire something that is a potentially lethal round," Liccardo said.

Knopf countered by saying rubber bullets are not considered a "lethal round" by the courts.

A 2017 study found rubber bullets can be lethal in some cases or at the very least can cause injury. At a May 29 protest, a local musician was left with a black eye, blurry vision and scarring after being hit by a rubber bullet.

"I don't believe that as a council we should



A police officer keeps watch on protesters in San Jose. File photo by Luke Johnson

allow for situations that we know are highly likely to cause serious injury or even death to our residents when we see what the evidence is around the country," Liccardo said.

Police officials acknowledged the potential danger posed by the projectiles but worried about officers' inability to defend themselves during protests marked by anger toward law enforcement.

"I'm not going to commit the officers in this department to stand on the line and not be able to defend themselves in a riotous situation," said Knopf. "You need to be prepared to deal with that situation if we can't go in and protect this city from burning when people are lighting things on fire, looting and wanting to take us on."

Alternative methods

Capt. Jason Dwyer said chemical agents such as tear gas and pepper spray, as well as wood batons, are some of the only other realistic alternatives for quelling crowds.

Dwyer said batons can be grabbed by protesters. One of the newly released body cam

videos from the police department shows an incident where a protester grabbed a baton and a fight ensued.

"We don't want to have that toe-to-toe confrontation," Dwyer said. "The officers get attacked too."

As a former police officer, Councilmember Raul Peralez, who pushed for the ban of rubber bullets against peaceful protestors, said he understood the need for officers to have protective tools at their disposal.

"Ultimately, if other tools are ineffective, we should not take away the opportunity of this tool that we know is much less impactful and less lethal than a handgun," Peralez said.

The push to consider a rubber bullet ban began at the request of Liccardo, Peralez, Vice Mayor Chappie Jones and Councilmembers Lan Diep and Magdalena Carrasco following injuries of protesters in May.

Peralez, who now works as a reserve officer, said he was happy with the approved changes.

The City Council also approved other police policies, including the minimum age at which minors can be placed into handcuffs and prohibiting the hiring of people who have tattoos or body art that aligns with hate groups.

Officers will also be barred from covering their badge and will have to provide their name and badge number upon request.

In addition, officers will be prohibited from "no knock entries" where a warrant is required except where evidence is at risk of being destroyed if officers knock.

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Report: 2020's Best & Worst Places to Retire in California

With California having the fourth-highest cost of living in the nation and being one of the states hit hardest by COVID-19, the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2020's Best & Worst Places to Retire in California.

To determine the most retirement-friendly destinations in the Golden State, WalletHub compared 260 California cities across 29 key metrics. The data set ranges

from adjusted cost of living to health-care facilities per capita to number of attractions. Retirement-Friendliness of San Jose (1=Best; 130=Avg.):

- 165th – Adjusted Cost of Living
- 154th – % of Population Aged 65 & Older
- 102nd – % of Workers Aged 65 & Older
- 153rd – Health Care Facilities per Capita
- 1st – Family Medicine Physicians per Capita
- 82nd – Fishing Facilities per Capita
- 39th – Museums per Capita
- 149th – Property-Crime Rate
- 11th – COVID-19 Cases in the Last Seven Days per 100,000 Residents

Top 50 rankings for places to retire in California:

Overall Rank (1=Best)	City	Total Score	'Quality of Life' Rank	'Health Care' Rank	'Activities' Rank
1	Los Gatos, CA	73.9	8	2	42
2	Los Altos, CA	73.11	2	11	101
3	San Ramon, CA	71.25	3	20	175
4	Walnut Creek, CA	70.67	25	5	32
5	Saratoga, CA	70.15	4	34	128
6	Novato, CA	69.27	9	7	191
7	Danville, CA	69.05	1	61	189
8	Palo Alto, CA	68.23	44	6	23
9	Oakley, CA	68.17	7	39	151
10	Yorba Linda, CA	66.13	16	50	41
11	Laguna Hills, CA	65.93	54	12	47
12	Pleasanton, CA	65.42	19	31	183
13	Pacifica, CA	64.88	37	14	149
14	Walnut, CA	64.87	24	65	24
15	San Rafael, CA	64.74	144	3	20
16	Morgan Hill, CA	64.52	30	26	169
17	Sunnyvale, CA	64.46	47	16	139
18	Menlo Park, CA	64.29	56	19	94
19	Foster City, CA	63.72	18	38	252
20	Cupertino, CA	63.59	38	29	153
21	Newport Beach, CA	63.52	77	35	18
22	Martinez, CA	63.22	21	63	126
23	Livermore, CA	63.16	34	47	97
24	Union City, CA	62.74	74	9	235
25	Torrance, CA	62.72	75	28	40
26	Burlingame, CA	62.68	141	1	196
27	Castro Valley, CA	62.65	28	53	167
28	Mountain View, CA	62.62	89	15	78
29	Dublin, CA	62.53	32	46	229
30	Milpitas, CA	62.49	61	22	179
31	Fremont, CA	62.3	36	44	163
32	Glendale, CA	62.26	51	62	30
33	Hollister, CA	62.13	41	40	224
34	Alameda, CA	61.58	49	45	164
35	Campbell, CA	61.56	162	4	107
36	Brentwood, CA	61.34	52	54	168
37	Laguna Niguel, CA	61.29	15	113	117
38	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	61.2	10	158	114
39	Mission Viejo, CA	61.18	27	91	131
39	Lincoln, CA	61.18	5	183	195
41	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA	61.15	13	163	108
42	Daly City, CA	61.13	60	37	233
43	Redwood City, CA	61.04	79	27	124
44	Pleasant Hill, CA	60.79	116	10	155
45	San Jose, CA	60.71	115	24	28
46	Camarillo, CA	60.67	12	154	159
47	Thousand Oaks, CA	60.52	11	161	170
48	Encinitas, CA	60.52	55	70	69
49	Moorpark, CA	60.45	6	193	220
50	Aliso Viejo, CA	60.07	22	147	132

For the full report, visit: wallethub.com/edu/best-cities-to-retire-in-california/38260

Times Feature

Soccer

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and Spanish. With time, I was able to speak to the German referees in German, speak Portuguese to my teammates, and effectively use my leadership abilities to their fullest effect.”

“Being in a new country without knowing the language or having many native friends was extremely difficult,” Espinoza said. “Being away from your family for so long and having little support in close proximity was daunting at times. What helped my psyche were the friends I was able to make. One, Valdrin Tahiri, Kosovo-German, helped immensely, as well as other players on the team.”

“We had some difficulties at times with our share of the drama of disorganized aspects. However, the main appeal to being there was the talent of the players,” said Espinoza.

“The team’s raw talent is so impressive; the soccer club was granted the opportunity to play friendlies against a variety of higher league teams in the 5th Hessenliga division. As a result of winning the title, our team was promoted to a higher league.”

Racist altercations

“The opposing teams were sometimes racist in their comments to our team because we were a team of essentially all foreigners,” Espinoza explained. “The referees, the opposing fans, and the opposing players would say whatever they could to ease their anger and frustration. It was only magnified by the unsurpassable quality we had on the pitch. Their anger would increase as we would score again and again and again. At first I could not understand their remarks, then once I learned enough German, I would do my best to defend my teammates, who themselves really did not know what was being said, but unfortunately it was appalling at times.”

The art of Winning

“Our strong team was the top of the table for the entirety of the season leading up to the league being cancelled due to COVID-19,” Espinoza explained. “The most pivotal game was the 17th, and the last one before the winter break. On December 29th, we played against the 2nd place team called Groß Gerau. We were scored on very early in the game around the 1st minute. And all hell broke loose, where the team was ab-

“...all hell broke loose, where the team was absolutely bashing one another in criticism. But as the leader I recognized the situation and focused on playing simply effective soccer. After some time, I began to heavily praise every single motion of my teammates; and as time went on, the moral improved immensely...” – Eric Espinoza

olutely bashing one another in criticism. But as the leader I recognized the situation and focused on playing simply effective soccer. After some time, I began to heavily praise every single motion of my teammates; and as time went on, the moral improved immensely, where we were able to score the tying goal. From an interception I had a long pass to the winger, a cross to the attacking midfielder in the box and a wonderful finish.”

“We ended up winning the game with seven minutes left, from a brilliant left footed curler towards the far post. The game extended our lead in the league by 11 points (3 for win 1 for draw 0 for loss). As we celebrated, I heard the chant from our club president, Derby Sieger... “Derby Sieger ay ay,” translated to Derby Winner! I knew this would put us in phenomenal position to win the league when it resumed again in March 2020. The season ended up being suspended and finally cancelled. Speculation was looming as to whether the 1st place would be crowned champions, and if the last places would face relegation etc. However, in the end on June 20th 2020, the German Federation announced that FCA04 Darmstadt were the winners of the Kreioberliga, and gained promotion to the GruppenLiga,” stated Espinoza.

Team captain at Whitworth University

At Whitworth University as a Community Health and Psychology double major, Espinoza captained his soccer team to three conference championships and a national ranking each year he attended. After graduation, Espinoza moved to Europe so he could pursue a career in professional soccer.



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