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"Together, we'll provide a model to the world for civic innovation, but also for civic commitment," said Mayor Sam Liccardo. *Photos by Lorraine Gabbert*

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### Sneak peek of the Village Square Library

*New, unique Evergreen Village Square Library to open April 16; project under budget*

**By Sandhya Iyer**  
*Times Staff Writer*

The new, unique library in the Evergreen Village Square is scheduled to open on time and under budget on April 16 at 11 a.m.

"I'm thrilled that after 8 years of

hard work and effort, our Village Square Library will open, welcoming our community to a 21st century learning center that will meet the needs of preschoolers, students, job seekers, and retirees alike," said San Jose Vice Mayor

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## Mayor's address focuses on public safety, innovation and inclusivity

**By Lorraine Gabbert**  
*Senior Staff Writer*

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo focused on public safety, innovation and inclusivity in his State of the City Address to a receptive audience of about 1,500 at Overfelt High School on Saturday.

"Together, we'll provide a model to the world for civic innovation, but also for civic commitment," he said. "With our minds, we'll unleash our geek, but with our hearts, we'll ignite the power of our imaginations to transform our city. We can embrace a bolder vision and a more magnanimous

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**Mayor Liccardo with Councilmember District 8 and Vice Mayor Rose Herrera:** The Mayor praised the Council and city workforce for rising above the acrimony of the past to work collaboratively.

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Times **Local News**

Girl Scouts visit the Our Cabaña Girl Scout Heritage Center in Mexico (from left to right) **Kirthi Nandi, Mallika Jain, and Nicole Hui** in front of, a Girl Scout Heritage Center.

## EVERGREEN TROOP VISITS GIRL SCOUT HERITAGE CENTER

### Cookies: Giving Girl Scouts opportunities to serve humanity in the global community

By **Sandhya Iyer**  
Times Staff Writer

**S**amoas! Thin Mints! Cookies are generally the first thing that comes to mind when people think of Girl Scouts. After that, it's probably camping.

Most people are aware of how dedicated Girl Scouts are to community service, but some girls go above and beyond, really representing what it means to be a scout who makes a difference, not only locally, but internationally.

Every year, during cookie season, you'll find Girl Scouts everywhere- at schools, in front of grocery stores, malls, even at your doorstep. Selling cookies definitely helps girls develop self-confidence and responsibility, but it's also a great way to make a little extra cash for the troop. A lot of scouts like to allocate the money towards camping or trips to amusement parks. Some use it to purchase snacks for weekly troop meetings. Not many troops choose to do something that will leave a lasting global impact. Having a significant amount of troop funds is so thrilling that spending it on something immediately holds a lot of appeal.

Troop 60929 from the Evergreen Area decided that they could stretch their cookie money out a little further. This past year, the troop travelled to a Girl Scout Heritage Center, Our Cabaña, which is located in Mexico. There are four heritage centers around the world; the other three are in England, Switzerland, and India. The girls, under the guidance of their dynamic Troop Leader, Anjali Mehta, spent three years fundraising for the trip, collecting most of their funds through cookie sales. It's phenomenal that these girls saved up for three years to fundraise for a service trip that would take them to another country.

Nicole Hui reminisces, "The best part of going to Our Cabaña was not only getting to serve a global community, but also getting the chance to meet girls from around the world."

Out of the eight days that the girls stayed at Our Cabaña, five were spent volunteering at a safe house for women and children. The women and children, victims of domestic

violence, could spend up to 90 days at the safe house, but weren't allowed to leave its walls during that time, for their own protection. Young children in my neighborhood would lose their minds if they had to stay inside for a few hours, let alone 90 days.

It was a blessing that Troop 60929 was able to regularly spend time at the shelter; for each of the days that they went, the girls brought small items for the children such as coloring books, crayons, soft toys, toothbrushes, jigsaw puzzles and more. And the happiness was reciprocated. Kirthi Nandi, an 11th grader at Silver Creek High School says, "I hope my experiences with these children are as memorable for them as they are for me."

Mallika Jain, who has been a Girl Scout for twelve years, adds, "We all thoroughly enjoyed playing with the children and creating a bond with them despite the language barrier."

So next time Girl Scout cookie season rolls around, consider the difference that buying a box of cookies can make in the lives of young girls and of people in need around the world. Buying a box of cookies can give Girl Scouts the opportunity to serve the global community, and that's worth much more than \$5.



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# Valley Currents

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

## 'Career Day' Held at Laurelwood Elementary School

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

March 10 was 'Career Day' at Laurelwood Elementary School in the Evergreen School District. Various speakers volunteered and showed up for the yearly event.

Prior to the beginning schedule, a continental breakfast was served to the speakers and the staff of Laurelwood, coffee, rolls, and fresh fruit being the order of the day.

The event was made possible by Principal, Dr. Hong Nguyen who welcomed all the participants prior to their speaking engagements. Arrangements for, and scheduling all the speakers, was made by Bobbi Majors, Kindergarten teacher at Laurelwood, who was commended for a great job.

Speaking engagements were set up for 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 10:40 a.m. in the various classrooms. The speakers were: Jason Jenkins, from Animal Control; Manmeet Mavi, Librarian; Eric Conly, from New Seasons Market; David Maxwell, an engineer; May Higgins, a banker; Christina Gastelu-Villareal, an editor and writer for various publications; Sylvia Arenas, who is on the School Board; Greg Othon, a Public Safety representative; Chris Chechinowski, a soil engineer; Stephanie Kass, an interpreter; Mark Villareal, a cameraman/reporter for NBC channel 11; Robert Ouellette, of the Civic Theater; Dr. Freeman, a local orthodontist; Master Mark, a karate expert; and Frank Shortt, a reporter for the Evergreen Times.

Presentations were altered so that younger students could also enjoy the sometimes diffi-



The children pictured were guides for the event. At left: **Bobbi Majors** and **Dr. Hong Nguyen**.



cult agendas. The Fire Department was scheduled to do a demonstration for first and second graders but was unable to make it as there were some emergencies that took precedent.

A special lunch was given for all the presenters and Laurelwood staff after the event. The luncheon included carne asada and chicken tacos as well as all the trimmings.

The students showed great interest in these varied and interesting careers, and they expressed their appreciation with students looking forward to the next Career Day event.

### OP ED

## 'Under the Tuscan Moon' annual event a sense of pride at James F. Smith Elementary School

It has been a pleasure and honor for the James F. Smith PTA to organize and host the annual "Under the Tuscan Moon" dinner and auction gala for the past eight years. We are proud to have been able to carry on the "Under the Tuscan Moon" tradition for so long. This is an event that parents, teachers, and staff look forward to each year. With this fundraiser, we have raised thousands of dollars that have supported the needs of James F. Smith Elementary School.

Once again, the students have astounded us with their artistic talent. The most prized auction items

were the beautiful art pieces that each class created. Lucky parents were able to take home these treasures that will be cherished for a lifetime. Also included in the auction were various donated items from local businesses ranging from golf to spa packages.

We are very appreciative of the support that we receive from local businesses. One of our big contributors of the night was from Vision Martial Arts. Congratulations to them for winning our "Name the Loop" street sign and VIP parking space. Safari Kid also continued to support JFS and hosted the children's "Pizza



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Bash" party. Thank you to all our generous sponsors for their continued support: Freeman Orthodontics, Safari Kid, Vision Martial Arts, Crimson Property Specialists, Plaza Dental Group, Silver Creek Academy, Mathnasium of Silver Creek, and Sato Sushi.

This year, we raised \$36,000, all

of which will be used to purchase Chromebooks for classroom use. The Chromebooks will allow students to access and use the technology on a daily basis. We are able to keep updating our technology and staying at the forefront of technological advances with this most vital fundraiser each year.

We are proud to be a part of JFS, a National Blue Ribbon School. All of the achievements and accolades bestowed on James F. Smith Elementary School is a reflection on the importance of support from parents, teachers, and community leaders.

—Jennifer Chiou  
and Bobi Thai

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Times **Feature**

Historian **Annette Mach** stands next to a cabinet displaying images and artifacts from the Villages property.

## Permanent display of Villages historical artifacts makes its debut

By **Annette Mach**  
*Special to the Times*

The Villages has a new addition in Cribari Auditorium lobby, a historical display cabinet has been installed.

The display cabinet is funded by the Evergreen Villages Foundation, through donations by Annette Mach using proceeds from sales of her book, “Panorama of The Villages.”

On the left side, the cabinet displays images and artifacts from the time of the Ohlones (first inhabitants of our Villages

property) until present day. The Ohlone artifacts are on permanent loan from the Archaeology Department of San Jose State University.

On the back wall of the cabinet is a mural made from a photo by Scott Hinrichs, editor of *The Villager*. It depicts the hill lands just above the Villages. Hanging in front of the mural is a model of the Evergreen glider that John J. Montgomery flew on what is now called Montgomery Hill, behind Evergreen College. Bruce DeVisser made the model especially for this display.

In addition, memorabilia is displayed from the early years of this land we all love so much. This includes a replica of the Yerba Buena cattle brand, a copy of the Yerba Buena Ranchero land grant, and a stirrup unearthed in a time capsule in Village

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Times **Op Ed**

# There are better ways to fund district than to lease Evergreen Community College land

*Special to the Times*

Community colleges play a vital and significant role in higher education. They are essential in preparation for students in higher education, community enrichment, work force training and retraining. The training of the future workforce in our community depends on the vision of our community colleges to prepare our students for the jobs of the future.



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Community colleges enroll almost half of the undergraduate students in the United States. President Obama has laid out a plan to offer community college education free of charge to every American. The City of San Jose, a part of Silicon Valley needs well-developed facilitated community colleges. Most important, our San Jose community colleges need to meet or exceed the strategic training needs of our students and their needs to meet the requirements of this and our next generation's workforce.

In April 2015 the residents of Evergreen learned that 27 acres of land, part of Evergreen Valley College, was approved for lease by the district's Board of Trustees to Republic Urban Properties. In 1967 this land was initially obtained for Evergreen Valley College's expansion. Now it is being turned over for commercial development for up to 95 years.

The revenue earned for the San Jose Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) lease of this property is only 1.5% percent of their \$100 million annual budget. There are better ways for the district to fund or cut costs instead of leasing this land for 95 years.

Each resident of the City of San Jose supports the college district with approximately \$700-\$1,500 in property taxes per year. 7 percent of your annual property tax assessments are given to SJECCD and its Board of Trustees as part of the funding for their annual \$100 million budget. This is

	San Jose Evergreen CCD	Foothill DeAnza CCD
Number of Residents	1,089,457 approximate	451,198 approximate
Full Time Equivalent Students	13,052	27,441
Vice Chancellors	5	3
Degrees and Certificates	~172	~263
Campus Land	182 acres	237 acres
Number of Sports Teams	11	32
Swimming Pools	0	2 Olympic
Number of Students leaving (headcount) to attend Foothill/DeAnza CCD and West Valley/Mission CCD	-18,524	+18,524

(Foothill DeAnza CCD +9,081  
West Valley Mission CCD +9,443)

your property taxes and bond dollars that you have approved.

This decision has long lasting negative consequences to the residents of the City of San Jose. If the city approves this use of the land, the college will not be able to expand to meet the needs of the students and traffic in the area will increase significantly due to the high density housing and retail proposed. Many residents, students, faculty and the Academic Senates at Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College campuses oppose this land use, and want to see the community college expanded and not downsized or restricted.

The chart on the top of the next column illustrates how the Board of Trustees manages our college district in comparison to Foothill DeAnza Community College District:

Students from the San Jose Evergreen Community College District are the largest student population in the DeAnza/Foothill Community College District. There are ~18,500 students from San Jose Evergreen

Community College district driving hours each day to attend community colleges outside its district. More students from San Jose Evergreen Community College District attend DeAnza and Foothill colleges than students from their own district.

We will continue to pay property taxes to SJECCD for the next 95 years. However, now we have two choices, either:

We have two small community colleges with limited programs forcing a vast majority of our students to drive elsewhere for their education.

We develop our colleges into first-rate institutions that serve our students' needs now and for the future, and that we can be proud to have in our community.

What do you want?

The next step is the City of San Jose Planning Commission meeting. To stay informed, send an email to All4Education@yahoo.com. We expect this item to be on the San Jose Planning agenda sometime in Spring 2016. Be there if you care.

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Times **Community News**

# Commissioners are the voice of the community

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera

*Special to the Times*

They call it the Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), but we all know it as a drone. Those small, remote controlled helicopter-looking things with cameras mounted on them that can access areas quicker and more adeptly than humans. Recently, the San Jose Police Department (SJPd) purchased an UAS and wanted help in reaching out to the community in order to develop a recommended set of policies and protocols for consideration by the San Jose City Council. The potential use of Drones became a very controversial issue. SJPd looked to the Neighborhoods Commission for help because of their mission to represent San Jose neighborhoods' interests and concerns in matters of Public Safety, Transportation, Budget and Quality of Life issues. The partnership between the Police Department and the Neighborhoods Commission was extremely successful in reaching out to residents through community meetings, online videos of information meetings, and surveys.

After a period of five months, the Neighborhoods Commission compiled the collected data of input from the community as well as the police department and published a thorough recommendation for con-

sideration by the City Council. By unanimous vote, the council approved the recommendations during our August 11th meeting. Now the police Department will be able to utilize their Drone within strict limits for example to assist in active shooter situations or as a tool to assist the Bomb Disposal Unit, where human lives could be saved by using the drone. This is just one example of the value that the City's Boards and Commissions provide to the city council. As Nichole Edraos says about her service as a Neighborhood's Commissioner, "The Neighborhoods Commission is a dedicated and diverse group of leaders, committed to making a difference in San Jose. I have loved serving with this group, and recommend you throw your hat over the fence and be a commissioner!"

Have you ever wondered what it takes to be a commissioner? Do you wonder what each commission does and what time commitment there would be to serve? Come to our Boards and Commissions Workshop on April 13, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at City Hall and find out all you need to know about Boards and Commissions.

Last year, I hosted a Boards and Commissions Workshop in District 8 and we had a tremendous response, not only from residents of District 8, but we had peo-

ple attend from across the city. So, this year we're hosting a city-wide Boards and Commissions Workshop at City Hall (200 East Santa Clara Street) on Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 3:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Click here to view a flyer for the event: <http://files.ctctcdn.com/711f5ea9001/bce80cbcd2c7-490d-a412-c8a1ce4aebc3.pdf?ver=1457633971000>. We have a few board members and commissioners from District 8 representing you but we need more of you to fully represent our part of the city! I want representatives from Evergreen because I know that Evergreen has lots of qualified, intelligent residents who would make great contributions to our City's boards and commissions. As one of our newer commissioners, Chet Mandair, who sits on the Parks and Recreation Commission enthusiastically explains, [it's a] "Great opportunity and amazing experience to partner with [the] City of San Jose's Parks and Recreation team to help shape the future and assist with operational opportunities so our residents continue to enjoy a healthy life-style in our amazing city."

During the workshop, you will have the opportunity to learn about how to apply to a commission, details about the various boards and commissions, engage in a question and answer session with current and former commissioners, and figure out which commission is right for you! Many times, your life or work experience can help

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Vice Mayor

## Villages

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Montgomery when new landscaping was being planted.

The next cabinet section depicts the years that vintners occupied the land. William Wehner had his beautiful mansion built in 1896. Displayed in front of the mansion photograph are four original wine bottles. The first is from *Villa Vista Vineyard*, the name used by owner Albert Haentze, dated about 1915. The next bottle is from the Bisceglia family, who never lived here, but they leased some of the land here to grow their grapes. The third bottle is from the Cribari family, dated about 1960. They lived in the mansion and operated their winery here for many years. The last bottle in the vintner group is from the Mirassou family, who used The Villages' barn in the 1970's for storage of their wine.

Following the vintner group is a bottle bearing a label with *The Villages* logo on it. It was used for a special Valentines dinner and dance in 1993. With it are two commemorative wine glasses. One is from the 20th anniversary of the 4th of July celebrated at The Villages. The back of the glass has the Mirassou name on it, and Mirassou wine was served at the event. The second glass is from the 45th anniversary of The Villages in 2012. At the far right in the cabinet is a model of The Villages monument, which you see every time you enter The Villages. Villager Jim Paradis made the replica for display.

It's an exciting project that can be enjoyed by all Villagers and their guests. More detailed history can be found in the book "Panorama of The Villages," which can be obtained from author Annette Mach.

*Editor's note: Annette Mach is the Villages' Historian.*

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## Times Feature

### Herrera

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you be a valuable asset to a commission like current Council Appointment Advisory Commissioner, Denise Belisle, "The responsibility of this position is to interview candidates for the various commissions in the City. This experience has been extremely rewarding for me. It allows me to utilize my business experience, particularly my expertise in human resources, to recommend the most qualified candidates to the City Council."



#### District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera  
Vice Mayor

Often times, you are right in the middle of current news stories studying issues about to face the city council, as Commissioner Matthew Giordano of the Library and Early Education Commission writes, "I am a new Commissioner, appointed to the Library and Early Education Commission this past December. It is exciting to have a new library opening in Village Square to serve District 8. The new branch will complement the Evergreen Branch on Aborn Road which is the busiest of the 23 San Jose Public Library Branches. A current challenge for the Commission is to review the situation where we have 39% of library card holders owing \$6,800,000 in fines for overdue

materials. I hope to work effectively with residents and fellow Commissioners in coming up with a viable recommendation to present to the library staff and the City Council."

To serve on one of the City's Boards or Commissions is an invaluable opportunity to have a voice in democracy and local government. It is the opportunity to weigh-in on critical policy issues that will affect you and your neighbors. I highly encourage you to come to the workshop and check it out.

For more information about Boards and Commissions, visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=328>.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at [district8@sanjoseca.gov](mailto:district8@sanjoseca.gov).

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## Times Cover Story



Councilmember District 8, Vice Mayor **Rose Herrera**, recognized honoree San Jose Youth Ballet, with a community award during the State of the City address.

## Address

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pirit-one shard by our immigrant community and by our forebears-to make decisions today for the benefit of future generations."

Liccardo said in his first year as mayor he learned to listen more, talk less and laugh more. "I want to thank my incredible wife, Jessica," he said, "for her unfailing love and patience...and for laughing at most of my bad jokes."

He praised the Council and city workforce for rising above the acrimony of the past to work collaboratively. "Many members of our city workforce inspire me daily with their passion to improve services, even in a time of diminished resources," he said. In addition to unanimously passing a balanced budget, they reached pension reform settlements with eleven unions, saving taxpayers \$3 billion and paving the way to retaining and recruiting police officers.

Although new initiatives are being launched to recruit former San Jose Police Department officers, as well as new cadets and military veterans, restoring staffing will take several years. In the meantime, 14 firefighters will be restored this year to improve emergency and fire response and the number of Community Service Officers will double

to better address burglaries and other property crimes.

The Council will be voting this Tuesday on a tax measure to provide revenue to restore fire and police staffing, along with other critical services. "We have the opportunity to ensure that we never again see families lose their homes to fire only a few yards away from a browned out fire station, as we saw last week on Auzerais Ave.," he said.

The city is investing in technology to improve public safety; from upgrading patrol car computer terminals to expanding data analytics to identify property crime hot spots and registering residential and business' security cameras. In addition, body-worn cameras are being installed on all patrolling officer's uniforms.

San Jose Works-a jobs program for hundreds of teens living in gang-impacted neighborhoods-is another crime deterrent and the one thing Liccardo says he is proudest of. Through this program, Home Depot, Jabil, Microsoft and Target provided about 700 youth with their first jobs last summer. "We witnessed extraordinary strength of character in these kids," said Liccardo. "One teen used his first paycheck to buy groceries for his family. Another young woman started her job the day she was released from Juvenile Hall, and by the fall, she was hired full-time. This summer, let's give 1,000 kids a

path to building a resume rather than a rap sheet!"

Celebrating the city's economic success, Liccardo said that last year, San Jose boasted among the highest job growth rates of any major metro area in the country. "The economic winds moved from the front to our back and that's helped tremendously," he said. "We welcomed titans like Apple and Google, cut the ribbon on Samsung's new headquarters and announced the arrival of fast-growing companies like Dice, Silver Spring Networks and Splunk. Naturally, like any other Mayor, I'd like to take credit for all of this good news...but the thanks really goes to our incredible tech employers."

Liccardo hailed downtown's transformation into a 'vibrant urban center' through reduced fees and accelerated permitting. "Thousands of new apartments and dozens of tech employers have emerged downtown, reshaping our skyline and revitalizing our streetscape," he said. "Thank you to all of our partners for making 2015 the biggest year in San Jose's economic history!"

Noting that for small businesses to succeed in San Jose there needs to be a reduction in red tape and regulations, Liccardo said a task force is exploring creating a process of self-certification for inspection and permit approvals. "We're also broadening opportunities for minority and women-led small businesses to bid on city projects," he said.

The city is ensuring that more members of the community benefit from the valley's economic growth. "We have to do more to get thousands of our homeless residents housed," said Liccardo. This year the city is rehabilitating two deteriorating motels as apartments and building a 150-unit micro-housing village on city land. Through Downtown Streets Team, homeless residents remove graffiti and trash in exchange for housing and job training. Liccardo is also co-leading a campaign to house homeless veterans in the region by the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day in 2018. "We're going to bring all of our valley's 700 homeless veterans 'All the Way Home,'" he said.

In addition, Liccardo seeks to help families struggling financially. "We must do more to enable their boats to rise with our valley's extraordinary prosperity," he said. "This year the city is imposing inclusionary and housing impact fees on new builders to create reserve funds for affordable housing for teachers, nurses and others struggling with housing prices. The city is also working with developers to build more densely in urban corridors, because we know that smaller units and higher density are both in demand, and they're more affordable, particularly near mass transit."

As manufacturing jobs provide a pathway to the middle class, the city is boosting tech manufacturing by accelerating permits, waiving fees and assisting employers with workforce training. Through a TechHire partnership, 1,000 young adults will receive job training and digital skills needed for technology-related careers. In April, the city will take up a proposal to strengthen rent control. Liccardo is also leading a regional effort to increase the minimum wage for all Santa Clara County residents.

Engaging the immigrant community, the city has launched an Office of Immigrant Affairs to create pathways to achieve citizenship and expand access to city business opportunities and services. "Half of our small businesses are immigrant-led," said

Liccardo. "Let's make the American Dream more accessible to our many immigrant entrepreneurs."

Liccardo endorsed investing in transportation and especially in road maintenance. "We must reverse the decades of deterioration of our roads and basic infrastructure," he said. "For every \$1 we decline to spend today in basic street maintenance, we'll spend another \$5 in road rehabilitation." He also noted that BART will open in San Jose's Berryessa neighborhood next year ahead of schedule and tens of millions under budget. "We need to keep it going," Liccardo said. "In November, we must pass a measure to make critical investments in street maintenance, CalTrain, freeways, expressways, bikeways and trails, and to finally finish the job of bringing BART to Alum Rock, downtown and on to Santa Clara."

Looking to the future, Liccardo said that the city cannot afford to do the same things the same way, and must find innovative solutions to problems. "Fortunately, we benefit from living in the most limit-defying community on the planet: Silicon Valley," he said. "We are empowered to catalyze change globally through our creativity, innovative passion and our inner geek!"

The city has engaged tech companies, national foundations and local universities for their expertise and resources. Liccardo hopes residents will join them in reimagining San Jose's future. For instance, finding opportunities for retail in struggling neighborhoods and envisioning new uses for public spaces by transforming empty lots into community gardens and underutilized streets into public parks. "We'll explore these ideas together," he said, "so join us and unleash your geek!"

To make San Jose 'the most innovative city in the nation by 2020,' a series of new initiatives is being launched including using sensors to make the transportation infrastructure smarter and improve energy efficiency in buildings. A competition has been initiated for San Jose State and Santa Clara University students to design a mechanical device to paint over graffiti and high-speed internet is being provided for low-income families and small businesses at no or reduced cost. The city is also utilizing technology to be more transparent with more robust data portals.

"We're blessed to live in a place where we have the opportunity to benefit from ideas, creativity and traditions brought to us from around the world," said Liccardo. "So many immigrants and families like my grandparents first set foot in San Jose when we were the 'Valley of Heart's Delight.' They fell in love with a city in which people of any ethnicity or income could forge extraordinary lives. They shared a unique optimism, faith and passion for our future. It was our heart that defined us-our city is still defined by our heart. And while our city motto describes us as the 'Capital of Silicon Valley,' I think we are more truly the 'Heart of Silicon Valley.' Together, we'll reclaim our neighborhoods, re-engage our communities, restore the hopes of the struggling and re-imagine our collective future. We'll fall in love with our city again and inspire others to follow our lead."

Additional information came from a one-on-one interview with the Mayor following his State of the City Address.



San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo focused on public safety, innovation and inclusivity in his State of the City Address to a receptive audience of about 1,500 at Overfelt High School on Saturday.



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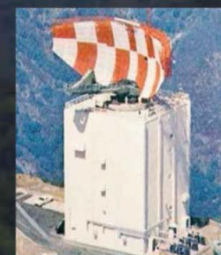
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Times Feature

# San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce selects Business Woman of the Year: Claudia Folzman

By Diane Blum  
Times Staff Writer

The San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce held their annual membership dinner and distinguished business awards ceremony on Feb. 25.

Many of San Jose's top city dignitaries were in attendance in the packed ballroom, including San

Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo, Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, and former San Jose Mayor, Chuck Reed.

Six major awards were presented, including one to Claudia Folzman as *Business Woman of the Year*.

Times Media was recently able to sit down with Folzman, the Co-Founder and COO of Iron

Construction, Inc., to congratulate her and to talk with her about both her successes, as well as her thoughts on today's Silicon Valley Commercial Real Estate (CRE) business environment.

Folzman, who majored in civil engineering at San Diego State University, hadn't even been sure what she wanted to do with an



SJSV Chamber of Commerce CEO **Matt Mahood**; 2016 Chamber board president **Jim Lynch**, CFO of SJ Water Company; **Folzman**; 2015 Chamber board president **Sean Cottle**, shareholder of Hoge Fenton Attorneys. Photo Courtesy NINICO Communications.

## How to Avoid Costly Housing Mistakes Before and After a Divorce

San Jose - Divorce is rarely easy and often means a lot of difficult decisions. One of the most important decisions is what to do about the house.

In the midst of the heavy emotional and financial turmoil, what you need most is some non-emotional, straightforward, specific information and answers. Once you know how a divorce affects your home, your mortgage and taxes, critical decisions are easier. Neutral, third party information can help you make logical, rather than emotional, decisions.

Probably the first decision is whether you want to continue living in the house. Will the familiar surroundings bring you comfort and emotional security, or unpleasant memories? Do you want to minimize change by staying where you are, or sell your home and move to a new place that offers a new start? Only you can answer those questions, but there will almost certainly be some financial

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engineering degree at the time, so had started attending school career fairs to see what types of industries were hiring civil engineers. At one of those fairs, along came a construction company, Turner Construction, and suddenly, she had her first job in CRE before she had even graduated. It was an entry level job focused on the documentation management of a hospital construction project, but it exposed her

to the many details that went into construction planning, which she found fascinating. So she stuck around and worked multiple jobs (including field engineer, superintendent and project engineer), working for Turner for some 9 years and then moving to DPR Construction later on. She eventually co-founded Iron Construction with her current partner, Dave Edgar.

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Folzman recalled her younger days of working in mainly “male-dominated” fields (both engineering and construction). “It was a bit intimidating at times, working mainly with older men, especially when I didn’t know a lot. I learned, though, that you just needed to be honest about what you didn’t know, and willing to learn. Willing to learn in particular, that has served me well.”

She sees the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) gender gap as worse now than when she was in college. While in school, SDSU’s College of Engineering was 13% women; now, having recently recruited at Chico State, she found that school to be more like 8%.

Why the decrease? Folzman believes that there are two reasons. First, younger women aren’t being exposed early on to enough STEM education, real-life/practical application, and opportunities. Learning needs to be more engaging with teachers showing younger women how STEM relates to real problem solving versus just teaching them how to solve calculus problems.

She also thinks that women need to get out of their comfort zone when it comes to STEM opportunities. “The opportunities are endless,” says Folzman, “But women need to put themselves out there, and grab every chance to learn more.” As one example, she talked about the CREW Network.

She was a past president of CREW Silicon Valley (CREW Network), an organization that advocates for advancing women in careers in the CRE industry. CREW offers college scholarships to young women interested in pursuing careers in CRE; and of the 78 chapters of CREW, a third of them have an initiative of some form of outreach to college women. Called, “U-CREW”, local chapters engage with nearby universities to design courses and programs to better educate women and girls in STEM opportunities, and to provide mentoring opportunities in CRE related career paths. CREW Silicon Valley has a U-CREW committee that does outreach to schools like SJSU to promote the scholarship opportunities. Folzman says young women should jump on such opportunities and also focus heavily on STEM basics in school.

What are the current challenges to being a successful business woman in Silicon Valley?

Although Folzman hasn’t experienced the issue, she does feel that career women with children still can have a difficult time balancing the heavy demands of long hours at work with family time. The pace is challenging, and she hasn’t seen significant changes in the struggle that working moms can have. She said that even though both women and men in leadership roles try to help make the environment more family friendly, it still seems to be a burden for working moms.

For Folzman personally, one of the difficulties she experiences daily as a part of Silicon Valley business is just the volume of communications and incoming new information. “There is so much electronic communication and news to keep on top of; and with all of the technology, people’s

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expectations for almost instantaneous response to their communication is challenging to manage. I find it very difficult and it seems to only get worse.”

When asked what she likes about her career field you can hear the excitement in Folzman’s voice. “Construction is like putting a giant puzzle together, there are so many elements to it; and I like building something tangible. The building that Dave Edgar and I built was such an incredible challenge, to make sure it was environmentally-friendly and energy efficient, as well as just a beautiful space for our employees and clients. We’re building our new space now, and the bar for that is very high given what we achieved and learned doing the first one. We also do a lot of work in the life sciences sector; we’re building these enormous manufacturing and research facilities. So many details and complexities. We construction people love that, and that is why people stay in this field.”

What’s an interesting tidbit about her career? “I worked on the *Stealth* rollercoaster ride at Great America, which was very challenging. I had to work with an International firm (the Netherlands) and the project was just incredibly complex; obviously lots of liability concerns. I still remember when we were doing sandbag testing since we couldn’t use real human riders at first. The log ride went through the *Stealth*’s path so we had to work through issues of the two rides – with riders – occupying the same space. I also worked on the *Pirates of the Caribbean* ride at Disneyland. We had to replace the complete mechanical system, so they closed down the ride and drained the water; we were working right there along with the pirate characters. They were re-costuming the characters at the same time, so they were stripped down and you could see all of the robotics; Disney was so ahead of their time, just fascinating. I was tempted, but never took, a piece of the pirate treasure!”

After achieving so many successes in her career, where is she going from here? Folzman said she was definitely mulling over her next personal goal. “I want to continue to work, and also, am trying to think of more specific ways to get involved in the greater good.” She is already involved with Rotary and other organizations such as Friends of Los Gatos Creek; and Iron Construction does a lot of philanthropy in the community, but she is still looking for an organization where she can make further impact personally.

For now, she is designing Iron Construction’s new home in San Jose, with the hopes of moving into their new building before summer. And she’ll continue to help women in the industry. “In fact, we asked female contractors who wanted to work on our new building to join CREW so that they can further advocate for women in the CRE industry.”

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"I'm very excited for this library and to see people use the facility" said **Lisa Valerio**, the Village Square project branch manager.

## Library

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Rose Herrera, Councilmember District 8. "This library is not only a community asset, but completes the Village Square by adding a service that will bring hundreds of additional visitors to the square where they can also enjoy lunch, pick up groceries, or drop off their dry cleaning, without the necessity of driving to another location," she said.

The impressive new library covers 16,000 square feet and is the newest addition to the 24 libraries in San Jose. It is also the only library that is situated in a shopping complex.

It is also one of the six libraries with brand new books and DVDs.

"I'm very excited for this library and to see people use the facility" said Lisa Valerio, the Village Square project branch manager. "The designers used a color scheme to blend in the surroundings, but added a rotunda to give it a civic look," she said.

For Valerio and her team it has been a very exciting two and a half years to plan and build the brand new library. "We wanted it to look different than other libraries and make it unique," said Valerio. "However the library had to fit in with the other buildings in the complex."

The library will have a sophisticated tech center with 29 computers, 30 laptops, iPads and Microsoft Surfaces for patrons to use. The technology used in this library is the latest among all the other libraries in San Jose. The tech center can also be used by instructors to teach classes. It also has a colorful kid-zone with a welcoming gateway.

Planes honoring John Montgomery hover above from the ceiling of the "Kid's Area", where there are plenty of books for research and entertainment. Additionally, there are group rooms,

one with video conferencing technology.

The most impressive part of this new library is a community room with a projector and a speaker system and auditorium like seating for 120 people, which extends into a beautiful patio for additional space. The patio also has unique artwork by Susan Dannenfelser and Kirk Beck which represents the Mirassou vineyards, the previous owners of the land.

The library is a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver level for energy efficiency. "We have used low-emission material, recyclable material, and used natural light in many places of this library to help the environment," Valerio says.

The main reason for building the second library in the district is to relieve the heavy use of the Evergreen Library located on Aborn Rd. and to better serve the students from the surrounding high schools.

"There will definitely be a lot of students and families visiting from the schools and homes nearby," said Valerio. "It is so gratifying for me to watch young kids read and learn new things," she said.

Even with all of these state-of-the-art features, the most commendable fact is that the organizers managed to keep the cost just under their targeted budget. However, the library is still open for more donations. It will help the library bring in new books and help maintain the facility.

Evergreen residents may make a donation of any kind. A special plaque will be installed naming those who wish to make a donation at \$100 and above. Rooms within the library can also be named by residents for a donation of \$2500.

For more information on donating to the new Village Square Branch Library, contact Shari Mullen, Donor Relations Manager at 408.808.2081, or email: [shari.mullen@sjplf.org](mailto:shari.mullen@sjplf.org).

## Amnesty program advanced for overdue book fines

You may be shocked to know that more than a third of San Jose's public library users haven't returned books and other material totaling more than \$6 million in outstanding fines.

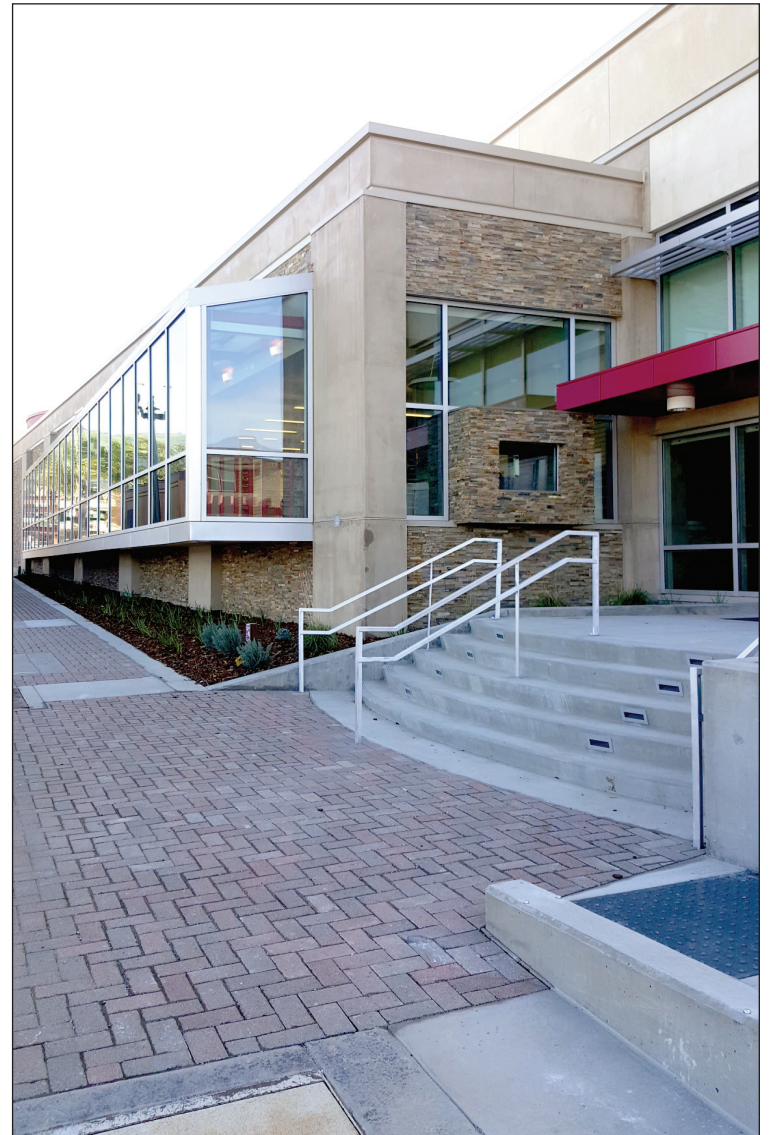
To address the problem, San Jose City officials are considering setting up a two-week amnesty program so these tardy library goers can voluntarily return library books, CDs, DVDs and other materials borrowed items, with no questions asked or penalties collected.

All library fees and penalties would be waived and those with

blocked library cards reinstated to "good" status when all the overdue materials are returned. A library material that has been lost was not addressed by city officials. Most likely a compromise on the cost of the lost items will be offered.

Forgiving fines saves money in the long run because returned materials won't have to be replaced, said Jill Bourne, director of the San Jose Public Library system. "It's usually very effective, and the value of the materials you get back is almost always greater than the fines you waive."

When the Chicago Public Library launched a three-week amnesty program in 2012, it received more than 101,300 overdue items, valued at nearly \$2 million.



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## Times Features

## OFF THE SHELF

## Reading Buddies pairs teens with early readers

By Alison de Geus  
Special to the Times

Do you have an elementary school student eager to practice his or her reading skills? If so, please join us at Evergreen Branch Library Saturday mornings at 11:30 a. m. for **Reading Buddies!** This wonderful program pairs trained teen volunteers with children in 1st, 2nd or 3rd grade. In this one-on-one program, the student will read a book of his/her choosing to the teen in a relaxed, positive and encouraging environment. This program will create a positive reading experience for beginning readers. No pre-registration is required.

**Friends of the Evergreen Library** is accepting new friends! We are sending out a friend request to anyone interested in joining the Friends of the Evergreen Library. As a friend, you volunteer to contribute to the community by helping us to organize book sales and manage donations. Volunteers must be age 18 or up. Please come in to the Evergreen Branch Library for an application form, or call us at 408-808-3060 for more information.

Students in grades 7-12 can now register for **Math and Coding: JAVA**. This 4 session workshop will meet Saturdays March 19, 26 and April 2 at 3:30 p. m. Only students who can attend all 4 sessions should register, and students will need to bring their own laptops.

To register, please visit <http://evergreen-javaforteens.eventbrite.com>.

Families with children are encouraged to attend our **Let it Rain!** program on Saturday, March 26 at 1 p. m. "Let it Rain!" is a hands-on science workshop for children age 3 to 6 presented by Science Smart Kids and Camp Captivate. Children will simulate rain in the classroom, measure rain with a rain gauge, and will explore the water cycle. In addition to the hands-on science activities, children's literature and gross motor activities will be incorporated in the workshop in order to enhance the understanding of the science concepts. Each child must be accompanied by a participating parent/caregiver.

**Additional Events**

You can view Evergreen Branch Library's complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at [events.sjpl.org](http://events.sjpl.org). Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds ([sjpl.org/updates](http://sjpl.org/updates)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/sanjoseslibrary](http://facebook.com/sanjoseslibrary)).

**Parking**

When the library parking lot is full, customers may find additional parking available at Grace Church on the other side of Aborn Road. We thank Grace Church for this generous offer that allows the library to better serve the Evergreen community.

*Alison de Geus is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. The library phone number is (408) 808-3060. Evergreen Branch Library is part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org).*

## Giordono appointed to San Jose Library Commission

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Matthew Giordono, an Evergreen resident, has been appointed to the Library and Early Education Commission.

The commission, acting as a voice of the public, reviews and evaluates existing and proposed library operations and facilities. The commission then makes recommendations to the library staff and to the City Council.

Giordono said it is very exciting to have a new branch opening in Village Square to serve District 8. "The new branch will complement the Evergreen Branch on Aborn

Road which is the busiest of the 23 San Jose Public Library Branches," he said.

"The current challenge for the commission is to review the situation where we have 39 percent of library card holders owing \$6,800,000 in fines for overdue materials," said Giordono. "I hope to work effectively with residents and fellow Commissioners in coming up with a viable recommendation to present to the library staff and the City Council."

Giordono, a graduate of Syracuse University, served 21 years in the U.S. Army. Post military employment included Financial Representative at the Campbell Branch of Fidelity Investments.

Matthew and his wife Akiko moved to The Villages in Evergreen in 2004. He served on The Villages Club Board of Directors June 2012 to June 2015.



Giordono



## 'My Fair Lady' at Cribari Center keeps audiences enthralled

Shown here is the cast of "My Fair Lady" during their performance of the ever-popular Alfred J. Lerner and Fredrick Lowe musical at the Cribari Center Auditorium on Friday, March 4. The production kept standing-ovation audiences enthralled from beginning to end. Photo by Thom Harney



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Times **Election 2016**

# Madison Nguyen running for State Assembly candidate District 27

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff Writer

**M**adison Nguyen, who has a long track record of public service to San Jose, is a candidate for State Assembly, district 27.

If elected, Nguyen would represent San Jose as the first Vietnamese American female elected official in the California State Assembly.

Supporters are impressed with Madison's work ethic and perseverance while pursuing the American dream. She served as City of San Jose Vice Mayor for four years, a City of San Jose Councilmember for District 7 from 2005-2014, as well as School Board member at the Franklin McKinley School District in San Jose 2002-2003. She taught at community colleges to help others improve their educational opportunities.

Nguyen is also an author of a book entitled "Vietnam to America: My Journey of Dreams," which was published in 2012.

## Escaped Communism

Not wanting their children to be raised under the Communist Regime in Vietnam, Madison's parents decided to attempt to escape to America to give their children better



Friends of Madison Nguyen gather to show their support.

opportunities than what was offered there.

In a small fishing boat, in the middle of the night, when Nguyen was only four years old, her family fled and eventually ended up in the Philippines living in a refugee camp until such time that they could come on to America. Her parents instilled in each of their children the value of hard work and the importance of education. Later, as the Nguyen family came to America, they ended up in the Central Valley of California.

As a teenager, Madison worked alongside her parents in the produce fields while also attending high school. She later went on to obtain degrees in undergraduate and graduate studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz and the University of Chicago. This was all made possible by financial aid and a modest scholarship. She worked part-time in order to have money for books and clothes. Nguyen holds a Bachelor's degree, as well as, a Master's degree.

Becoming a resident of San Jose, Nguyen became a leader at the grassroots level, working to register voters to improve voter participation. After being on the Franklin-McKinley Board of Education, she was elected to the San Jose City Council for District 7 where she worked to create more economic opportunities and better paying jobs, improve transportation, strengthen public safety, and development of affordable housing.

At a recent 'Meet and Greet' event at the Evergreen Coffee Company, Nguyen said: "If elected as the next Assembly member of District 27, I will work hard to advocate policies to expand opportunities for everyone in this district."

Here are the highlights of Nguyen's platform:

- To create universal pre-K, closing the achievement gap, giving all children a healthy start.
- Create college savings accounts for every child for future higher education.
- Fight to make college more affordable.
- Fight to open new University of California (U.C. San Jose) allowing members of the community to benefit from top-notch education.
- Advocate, not only for higher minimum wage, but for good, family sustaining jobs so they can thrive.
- Push for workforce housing for our teachers, nurses, firefighters and police so that these community servers can afford to live here, and also work to create more affordable housing in our communities.

■ Attempt to help create more high-paying jobs, being liaison between the community and businesses to ensure that local talents are used and not shipping jobs overseas.

"I'm committed to being a voice for every member of our community—from the newly arrived immigrant to the lifelong resident, the young person just beginning to the new mom and dad," said Nguyen. "I have listened to our children and seniors, and worked beside them, and will always be there for them. I realize that good opportunities have allowed me to climb to where I am today, I want to ensure that others have those same opportunities!"



Madison Nguyen is pictured with San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo who has endorsed her for State Assembly District 27.

**"I realize that good opportunities have allowed me to climb to where I am today, I want to ensure that others have those same opportunities!"**



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Times **Community News**

## Cortese proposes new initiatives for 2016: 'The Year of Transformation'

By Supervisor Dave Cortese  
*Special to the Times*

I am honored to serve a second year as President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, and I know the community will come together, as it did last year, to face our most pressing challenges of 2016.

At the State of the County event on Wednesday, February 24, I declared 2016 as the Year of Transformation. We can build on the progress we made last year on homelessness, health and immigration, environment, services for youth, and also take on new initiatives that will make our County a better place to live, work and play.

I believe we should make transforming our jails as our first priority, while continuing to tackle homelessness and our work on other core areas.

**Jail Reform:** After the death of inmate Michael Tyree in our Main Jail last year, we created a Blue Ribbon Task Force on Custody Operations to conduct an independent review of our jail system. I look forward to their recommendations to the Board at our meeting on April 12. Dramatic changes need to be made, and I'm hoping we can start by providing treatment for mentally ill offenders instead of jailing them. I support a permanent Oversight Commission to make sure that our jails will be safe for inmates, corrections officers and visitors.

**Homelessness:** The Housing Task Force that last year came up with new ideas to help our homeless population set us on a course to expand services and shelter, with a focus on homeless veterans. No man or woman who fought for his country should sleep under a bridge at night.

I am challenging all of us to start looking

at homelessness not as a problem to be solved by a moral obligation to be filled – by all of us. I ask you to start by keeping an open mind when a site is proposed for temporary shelter, rent apartments to homeless veterans and support non-profits that serve the homeless.

Here are some other initiatives I propose for 2016. I will keep you updated with how to get involved.

**Immigrant Relations:** Working with our new Office of Immigrant Relations, I advocate that we set up an Immigrant Programs Task Force with the goal of creating a “one-stop shop” for immigration services. We recently celebrated our future Vietnamese American Service Center, which also is a hub for services.

**Alviso Marina:** Last year, we started educational boat tours at Alviso Marina County Park, using the navigable waterway to the Bay. I'm proposing that the Alviso Marina be designated regionally as an access port for emergencies and rescue services.

**National Heritage Area:** We are embarking on a mission to have the U.S. Congress designate the County as a National Heritage Area. The designation not only celebrates our history, traditions and culture, but can open the door to federal grants. I'm proposing a Task Force to guide the process along and involve the community.

**Outreach Strike Team:** Let's create an Outreach Strike Team, a unit of employees who can mobilize face-to-face when it is crucial that information be received and understood by all the resident in our County.

To read the State of the County Speech or view it, visit [www.sccgov.org](http://www.sccgov.org).

And you can contact me at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).



**County Report**

By Dave Cortese  
County Supervisor

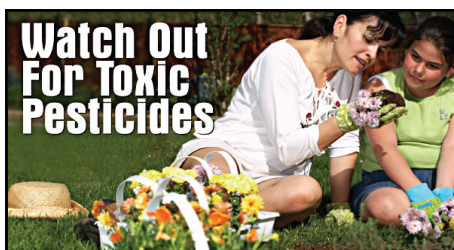
## Mt. Pleasant students producing short films that center on youth issues in Silicon Valley

Mt. Pleasant High School is partnering with SV Creates to produce seven short films that center on youth and their issues in Silicon Valley.

Each of the students has a professional mentor that provides real life, hands-on experience in editing, recording, script writing, the art of storytelling, and project management. Mentors from Cisco Systems, SV Creates, among others, will help cultivate the next generation of young creators and filmmakers.

“There are very few youth media programs in the country and this partnership is unique in that we are getting our high school students’ perspectives about the issues they face in Silicon Valley,” said William Cavada, Mt. Pleasant High School’s Multi-Media teacher helping to spearhead the program. “Most importantly, our high school students are working with professionals and producing professional work that will help further their education and career prospects.”

The seven brief films were recently showcased at the Mexican Heritage Plaza.



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## Times Features



## Easter Passion Play set to be performed at six engagements at Cathedral of Faith

In *The Name of Love, From Creation to the Cross* is the title of this year's Easter passion play produced by the Cathedral of Faith in San Jose.

The free event will feature aerialists, special lighting and sound effects, a live orchestra and more than 300 in the cast and crew.

The renowned free theatrical musical will be performed at Friday, March 18, Wed., March 23, Thurs., March 24 and Good Friday, March 25. Doors open at 7 p.m.

"This year's presentation is inspiring," said Senior Pastor Ken Foreman. "We want to celebrate Easter in an exciting way. This theatrical production will literally take you back in time to experience the life, death and resurrection of Christ."

The Cathedral of Faith has a long history of performing Passion Plays, dating back more than 40 years. More than 25,000 people attend the performances each year, travelling from all across the Bay Area for the experience. This year's production begins at the time of Creation and ends with Jesus on the Cross.

We've included music by U2, Imagine Dragons and Evanescence," said Cathedral's Worship Pastor Vaughn Thompson. "This is a great chance to invite friends or neighbors who may never come to church, but would enjoy a Broadway-style musical production."

The public is invited to see the conclusion to the presentation upon return for Easter services, Saturday, March 26 at 5 and 7 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 at 7:30, 9 p.m., and 10:30 a.m. and 12 noon.

For more information about Cathedral of Faith, log onto [www.cathedraloffaith.org](http://www.cathedraloffaith.org), or contact Kurt Foreman, Director of Operations, at



408.204.8088 or [kforeman@cathedraloffaith.org](mailto:kforeman@cathedraloffaith.org).  
Photos by Daniel Hon Photography



## Jon Nakamatsu to lead off 22nd season for Steinway Society - The Bay Area

International pianist and Gold Medalist at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Jon Nakamatsu, will lead off the 22nd Season for Steinway Society - The Bay Area.

Nakamatsu will perform at 7 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016 in the McAfee Theater, Saratoga.

"All the artists scheduled for the 2016-17 season are exceptionally well respected on the international stage, and selected for their commanding artistry, exhilarating musicianship and interpretive excellence," said Sandra Wales, Board President of Steinway Society.

The concert schedule includes:

**Jon Nakamatsu** (Sunday, September 11, 2016 at 7:00pm)

**Jongdo An** (Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 7:30pm) — South Korean pianist An was first prize winner at the Long-Thibaud-Crespin International Piano Competition 2012 in Paris (Concert with Orchestre Philharmonique de Radio France) and at the Prix SAS le Prince Albert II de Monaco.

**Vyacheslav Gryaznov** (Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 7:30pm) — Russian classical pianist, transcriber and composer, Gryaznov is assistant professor at the Moscow Conservatory, and won the Rubinstein International (Moscow) and the Italian "To the Memory of Rachmaninov" Competitions.

**Klara Frei and Temirzhan Yerzhanov** (Saturday, January 21, 2017 at 7:30pm) — Frei and Yerzhanov, both graduates of the Moscow Tchaikovsky Conservatory and concert pianists on the international stage, have delighted audiences around the globe with their artistry. They reside in the Bay Area, where they co-founded Gradus ad Parnassum Music Studio.

**Alessio Bax** (Sunday, February 5, 2017 at 2:00pm) — First Prize winner at the Leeds and Hamamatsu international piano competitions—and a 2009 Avery Fisher Career Grant recipient—Bax has appeared as soloist with more than 100 orchestras and toured with violinist Joshua Bell.

**Boris Giltburg** (Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 7:30pm) Israeli pianist Giltburg won the Queen Elisabeth Competition (Brussels) and took second place at the Arthur Rubinstein International Piano Master Competition in 2011. He has appeared with leading orchestras including the London Philharmonic and St. Petersburg Philharmonic, and performed at the BBC Proms.

**Beatrice Rana** (Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 7:30pm) — Awarded the Silver (2nd Prize) and the Audience Award at the 2013 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, Rana had already attracted international attention in 2011 when she won 1st Prize at the Montreal International



Internationally celebrated concert pianist **Jon Nakamatsu** performs the Season Opening concert for Steinway Society - The Bay Area on Sunday, September 11, 2016.

Competition.

**Sofya Gulyak** (Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2pm) — Her shimmering 2015 Steinway Society recital left patrons eager for more, and we are delighted that she is able to return in 2017. Ms. Gulyak won the 16th Leeds International Piano Competition (2009), became, and remains; the only woman awarded the First Prize and the Princess Mary Gold Medal.

All performances in the 2016-17 season, with the exception of the season-opening concert with Jon Nakamatsu, will be held at the recently renovated Trianon Theatre, 72 North 5th Street, San Jose, CA 95112. Parking is available in the City Garage directly across the street.

**Ticket availability**

The Full Season Subscription (8 concerts) prices range from \$225 to \$360 and the Mini Series Subscription (4 concerts) prices range from \$125 to \$200.

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**About Us: Steinway Society - The Bay Area** is a non-profit organization, based in Silicon Valley. Now in its 21st season, this dedicated group of musicians, pianists, teachers and arts lovers promotes excellence in piano performance and music education. Each season, Steinway Society presents a series of classical piano concerts featuring international award-winning pianists, and works with students and school leaders to bring musical performances to the schools.

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## Times News Briefs

## ETA is accepting applications for college scholarships

The Evergreen Teachers' Association Scholarship Committee is currently accepting applications for college scholarships.

Graduating high school seniors who attended either elementary, middle school, or both in the Evergreen School District with a minimum 2.0 GPA are eligible to apply.

Applicants are evaluated on their academic plans and career goals,

financial need, and community service.

The scholarship application can be accessed by visiting etanews.org and clicking "Scholarship Application Form" on the homepage. This year, applications will only be accepted through this website. Application deadline is April 8th.

Questions regarding the scholarship program can be addressed to Jean Schorr at jschorr@eesd.org

## Gas prices rise 14 cents per gallon

Average retail gasoline prices in

San Jose have risen 14.0 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.54/g yesterday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 427 gas outlets in San Jose. This compares with the national average that has increased 11.9 cents per gallon in the last week to \$1.93/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Including the change in gas prices in San Jose during the past week, prices yesterday were 82.4 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 19.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average

has increased 23.9 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 50.2 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

According to GasBuddy historical data, gasoline prices on March 14 in San Jose have ranged widely over the last five years: \$3.36/g in 2015, \$3.91/g in 2014, \$4.10/g in 2013, \$4.34/g in 2012 and \$3.96/g in 2011.

"The cheapest gas prices of the year are now solidly behind us as the national average will soon again hit \$2," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst for GasBuddy. "The current upward trend is an unfortunate one that we witness every year, but the sudden jolt this time around has been enhanced by a 45 percent jump in the price of crude oil in the last month.

Motorists still could see the cheapest average summer gasoline prices in over a decade," DeHaan said. For LIVE fuel price averages, visit <http://media.gasbuddy.com>.

Starts funding program.

The all clear sign signifies that VTA has "pre-award authority" to incur costs to advance engineering and design activities to support the environmental review process.

Phase II of VTA's BART Silicon Valley Project consists of four stations and a 5-mile tunnel through downtown San Jose, completing the 16-mile extension and vital transit solution to highly congested and constrained I-880 and I-680 corridors.

"This wonderful news from FTA means that we are continuing to make steady progress towards extending BART Silicon Valley through San Jose and Santa Clara," said VTA Board Chair and Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez. "This opens the door to BART's moving up the line for federal funding, as we continue through this pivotal year for advancements in transportation in the valley."

Activities related to the Project Development phase are necessary to refine a cost estimate and financial plan for the project. VTA must complete a number of activities during this phase which include: clearly defining the project scope after performing an alternatives analysis, known as selecting a locally preferred alternative; identifying a funding plan which is necessary for the project to be included in the regional long range transportation plan; and completing the environmental review process.

## Phase II of VTA's BART Silicon Valley project receives green light

The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has given VTA the green light to enter the six-mile BART Silicon Valley Phase II Extension into the Project Development phase of the Federal New

## Don't make these common tax-time mistakes

By Bill Spaniel  
Special to the Times

**Y**ou gather all your paperwork, finalize your tax return and you're ready to go. But just as you're about to send it off to the Internal Revenue Service, you wonder, "Should I check my math again? Did I take all the deductions I should have?"

As taxpayers scramble to complete their tax paperwork and get it in by next month's deadline, the California Society of CPAs (CalCPA.org) offers these do's and don'ts that will help minimize your tax-filing headaches.

### Do Check Your Facts

The Internal Revenue Service reports that some of the common errors it sees on tax returns include wrong or omitted Social Security numbers, math mistakes, misspelled names and forms that aren't signed or dated. Taxes can be stressful, but taking a deep breath and reviewing your work before you send it could save you time (and possible penalties) later.

### Don't Overlook Additional Income

Most taxpayers are used to getting a Form W-2 from their employers in January reporting their income and withholding for the previous year. However, you may also receive other statements if you performed any freelance or consulting work during the year (Form 1099-MISC) or if you earned money from savings or investment accounts (Forms 1099-DIV or 1099-INT). If you fail to include this income on your return, you could end up paying penalties and interest.

### Do Get Organized

Whether you're filing an individual return or one for a small business, it's always easier when your documents are in order and easy to access when you need them at tax time. Having your paperwork on hand makes it possible to identify possible deductions for which you qualify and document your eligibility to take them. It will also make it easier to spot income or other items that should be

reported on your return so that you can avoid penalties.

An added bonus: Good documentation of your investments and other financial transactions will help you better manage your personal or business finances. And if you're ever audited, you'll be ready with the paperwork you need.

### Do Deduct Donations

You know that cash you give to charities is typically deductible, but don't overlook other donations that can also add up. That may include the value of clothing, furniture, food or even cars that you give to an organization to help support a good cause. To claim the deduction, be sure that the donation is made to a qualified organization and be ready to document the current fair market value of any non-cash donations.

### Don't Fail to File

You must file a federal income tax return if your income is above a certain level, which varies depending on your filing status, age and the type of income you receive. Even if you believe you don't owe taxes, that you aren't eligible for a refund or you don't have the money to pay your taxes, it's important to send your return to the IRS in time for the deadline. If you don't you could face a penalty, either for failing to file, failure to pay or both.

Here's another incentive: In a recent year, the IRS announced that it was holding \$1 billion in tax refunds that were due to people who hadn't filed their returns. The median check awaiting these taxpayers was \$698, and they came from every state as well as the District of Columbia. Whether it's a matter of avoiding a penalty or getting a nice refund, there are many good reasons to be sure your return is in on time.

### Your CPA Can Help

Seeking a great way to de-stress your tax season? Turn to your local CPA. He or she can help you navigate the challenges of filing an accurate and complete return and offer valuable advice on tax and other financial planning concerns.

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# EvergreenAreaMeetings

## Adlibmasters Toastmasters Club

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## District 8 Community Roundtable

1st Thursday of every month from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Location: Evergreen Library. (For information, visit [d8crt.org](http://d8crt.org))

## CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization.

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

## East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: [www.esuhdsd.org](http://www.esuhdsd.org)

**The Evergreen Al-Anon** meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

**The Evergreen Business Association** is intended to allow business owners and leaders in the Evergreen community to meet, connect, and network with each other in this

fast growing part of San Jose. We believe that doing business with local business serves everyone in the community. The group will meet each month on the third Thursday at the Evergreen Branch Library. The group invites owners and leaders of B2B and B2C businesses in the Evergreen area. There is no cost for membership. For more information please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association>

## Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVERMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

## Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the second Thursday of every month, in the district boardroom at 3188 Quimby Road. For more information, call (408) 270-6800.

## Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee

The Parent Advisory Committee Meetings for 2015-16 will meet on the first Wednesday of the months of October, December, January, February, March and May. The meeting is held in the Evergreen School District boardroom, 3188 Quimby Road at 9:30 a.m.

**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

Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408) 715-7020 or email [chhaprahiya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhaprahiya@yahoo.com)

## Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club

meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

## Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/home> and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or

calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

## Evergreen Valley Service Organization

For more information, call (408) 274-6756.

## Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

Homeowners from the Madison and Pulte area developments are welcome and encouraged to attend future meetings. For more information go to the Web at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fallscreekneighbors> or call Dave Zenker at (408) 238-2591.

## The Evergreen Community Center

offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns). The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

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## Friends of Evergreen Library

Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at [friendsofvergreenlibrary.org](http://friendsofvergreenlibrary.org) or call 408-808-3060 for more information.

## Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

## LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

**Lions Club - San Jose East Valley**  
This group meets Tuesday evenings

from 6 pm to 8 pm for a dinner meeting at Carrow's Restaurant, 1696 Tully Rd. near the corner of Tully Rd/King Road. For more information, contact Lions Club member Bill Evans at (408) 274-4728.

## McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc.

Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

## Meadowfair Neighborhood Association

Meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

## Reid - Hillview Airport Association

3rd Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Location: Hillview Airport Terminal. (For information, call (408) 251-4939 or visit [rhvaa.org](http://rhvaa.org))

## Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

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#### 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](mailto:barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net) for further

information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.free-toasthost.org>.

#### Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

#### Silver Oak Educational Partnership

The Silver Oak Educational Partnership is now called the Silver Oak Elementary PTO (Parent Teacher Organization). SOEPTO will not be meeting over summer. Meetings will resume in September. New meeting schedule will be posted in August.

#### SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

Sons in Retirement (SIR) Branch 114

meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Villages' Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting agenda includes a noon luncheon for all SIR Branch 114 members and a 12:30 p.m. speaker open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Lou Figone, SIR 114 BIG SIR at (408) 966-4175.

#### Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

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 Association

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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