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Melissa Durkin of Republic Urban Properties answers questions during the community meeting hosted by the San Jose Planning Services Division. Durkin represents the developer for the proposed 27 acre commercial development at Evergreen Valley College.

Residents speak out at Evergreen Valley College land use change meeting

Next meeting Aug. 25

By William D. Bellou
Publisher

It was standing room only as residents gave their input to San Jose City staffers regarding the proposed General Plan Amendment land use change request allowing commercial development on a 27 acre parcel at Evergreen Valley College.

The developer of the project, Republic Urban, asked the City to cancel the meeting which was granted by San Jose Planning

Services Division Manager Kimberly Vacca, but in a surprise statement, City staff reversed the decision allowing the meeting to proceed as planned.

In a written statement, Vacca said: "Earlier today I sent a notice stating that the community meeting for the EVC General Plan Amendment had been postponed to August 25th. However, after discussing with members of the community, staff has decided to continue with the original meeting date of August 15th and hold a second

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EVC economics professor David Moglen killed

By William D. Bellou
Publisher

David Moglen, 37, a beloved economics professor of Economics and instructor at Evergreen Valley College was

robbed and killed near downtown San Jose on Thursday, July 28.

Moglen was tragically shot and killed after chasing a man who had just robbed him at Willow and First St. Moglen passed away at the scene and the killer remains unidentified.

Professor Moglen leaves behind

two daughters, Nina 9 and Emily 5, his wife Trang, two brothers, his father, a sister and brother-in-law, and two nephews.

Moglen was an adjunct instructor with an expertise in macroeconomic and microeconomic theory. He

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Professor David Moglen with (l to r) daughters Emily 5, Nina 9, and wife, Trang.



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Local firefighters spent the day behind the BBQ at last year's Day in the Park.

Day in the Park Festival Oct. 1

Save the date for Vice Mayor Rose Herrera's 8th annual Day in the Park Festival at Lake Cunningham Regional Park, 2305 S. White Rd in Evergreen on Oct 1.

This signature District 8 event will be even bigger and better, with live entertainment, interactive children's activities, enticing ethnic food trucks, and the ever-popular free BBQ.

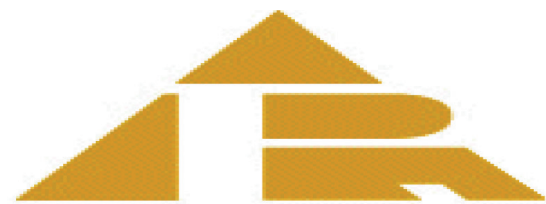
The festival will also feature an

informational and job fair of over 90 organizations. New this year are two entertainment stages, an automobile showcase, and much more.

Applications are now being accepted sponsors, vendors, and performers. This is also a great opportunity to gain community service hours by volunteering.

For more information, please contact the District 8 office by email: rose.dhaliwal@sanjoseca.gov or (408) 535-4908.

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Times **Local News**



Booming to your 70's and 80's

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

Unlike the 1960's, many Baby Boomers today are planning to continue working well into their 70's and 80's in what is being called a "worktirement."

Worktirement is for people concerned about running out of money, or what many call outliving the money. Others are working longer because they enjoy being around people and get satisfaction from their job.

The benefits of having the additional income from working — even part time — helps supplement Social Security checks and IRA or 401K withdrawals.

In a recent study by Smart Asset, several factors were studied, including the number of seniors, the average effective tax rate, and the senior unemployment rate to identify the best cities for a worktirement.

AJ Smith, SmartAsset's VP of Content, discussed with FOXBusiness.com some of the findings from the study.

What factors should Boomers take into consideration in choosing where they retire?

Smith: Everyone's needs and desires will be different in retirement. It's a good idea to continually think about what's important to you and factor that into your retirement plan. Regional factors that affect the quality of life for retirees, like medical care and social opportunities, can be important considerations when choosing where to retire.

Additionally, factors like the average effective tax rate, median housing costs, and the senior unemployment rate can be particularly important for Boomers who plan to stay in the workforce in their golden years.

What were the key findings from the study?

Smith: Florida is not only a popular destination for retirees, but also a great state for a "worktirement," according to our study. Four of the cities in our top 10 are located in the Sunshine State. Along with low average effective tax rates, Florida offers high concentrations of seniors and senior-related amenities, like doctors' offices and recreational facilities.

According to our analysis, the West is also a great region for seniors who would like to stay in the workforce. Four western cities crack our top 10 cities for a "worktirement."

Not one Northeast city ranked in our top 10, perhaps due to high housing costs and taxes. Erie, PA and Buffalo, NY did manage to crack our top 25, however.

What were the top three cities for Boomers to retire to and why?

Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Pompano Beach, Florida and Medford, Oregon rank as the top three cities for Boomers who are interested in working (at least part-time) in retirement. These cities have high concentrations of seniors and low average effective tax rates, which may help seniors in the work force keep a larger portion of their paychecks.

Moglen

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taught economics at Evergreen Valley College for more than 12 years.

"David touched the lives of countless students" and was "highly regarded and respected by his peers and his students," said Evergreen Valley College President Henry Yong.

Moglen's students said he had a profound impact on their lives. He was a dedicated and compassionate instructor and he treated everyone with respect, according to his peers and colleagues at the campus.

As a dedicated husband and father, David was also a part-time Economics instructor at Foothill College, and a musician.

Unfortunately, Moglen was a part-time professor and thus his family will not receive any death benefits.

To honor David's memory, a campaign was created to support his family by Lauri Adachi, Development Officer, SJECCD Foundation on behalf of the Moglen, EVC and Foothill College families. All donations raised will go directly to the Moglen family.

Memorial service

Evergreen Valley College is hosting a Celebration of Life for David on Friday, August 26, at 3:15 p.m. in the college theater. David's colleagues will be sharing their memories. David's daughter Nina may sing a song she wrote about her dad.

Editor's note: Contributions to the Moglen fund can be sent directly through the GoFundMe account: www.gofundme.com/DavidMoglenEVC

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Heroes & Villains Fan Fest: It's not your dad's comic con!

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

Super heroes and villains will face off in San Jose at the second annual Heroes & Villains Fan Fest on August 27 and 28 at the San Jose Convention Center.

The brainchild of actor Stephen Amell (who portrays Oliver Queen/Green Arrow) and James Frazier (creator of the zombie/horror event Walker Stalker Con), Heroes & Villains Fan Fest seeks to revolutionize the comic con landscape, offering something for everyone, from the diehard fan, to those with a growing interest in the genre. "Our biggest draw is our celebrities," says Frazier, "like Amell and his cast from *Arrow*, the cast from *Once Upon a Time* and Clark Gregg from *Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.*"

Heroes & Villains Fan Fest began when Amell attended a previous con and asked if Frazier would be interested in doing a similar type of event based on a superhero universe featuring shows like *Arrow* and *Flash*.

Fans will have the opportunity to meet their favorite celebrities through panel discussions, photo ops and interactive panels like charades and Pictionary. They will also gain insight into their favorite shows from the creators and talent behind them. See a full list of celebrity guests at: heroesfanfest.com/sanjose/guests.

Frazier says that San Jose is an ideal site for Heroes and Villains Fan Fest as it's a short flight for the cast, whose CW Network shows shoot in Vancouver, has a large population and is supportive of fan events.

While other cons focus on vendors, Heroes & Villains Fan Fest is mainly a fan meet and greet event



Fans dressed as Mr. Freeze, Two-Face, and Poison Ivy have all escaped from Batman to show up at a Heroes & Villains Fan Fest. Cosplay is popular among attendees of the event.

with 50 rather than 500 vendors. In addition to shopping for unique items, attendees can view artists at work. "We really tried to build our artist base this year," says Frazier, "with leading artists like Rob Prior, who paints live to music." His previous works include Batman and another piece featuring the various Jokers. "His attention to detail is phenomenal," says Frazier. Other featured artists are Brian C. Roll and Lord Mesa.

"There's lots of fun stuff like dance-offs and Q&As with the actors," says Frazier. "We're not the standard comic con." Fan Fest-goers can immerse themselves in the superhero experience by participating in zip lining, climbing walls and shooting arrows. "People are looking to do more things at cons and have more interactive experiences," says Frazier,

"so that's what we're trying to do at our event."

At the Nocking Point San Jose Wine Mixer, attendees can mingle with Stephen Amell and Andrew Harding (Nocking Point co-owner) while wine tasting. Stephen and Andrew will even pour wine for the guests. In addition to a live band, actors will sing and entertain the guests. "It's a very social mixer and people really enjoy it," says Frazier.

Adding to the fun, some attendees cosplay (dress as characters from a movie, book, or video game) or take pictures with those in costume. "We had an amazing Captain America last year," says Frazier. "A girl did her hair up in WWI big curls and was wearing a bombesque costume. Suicide Squad was big and will probably be bigger this year. People take a lot of time designing their costumes. They do a phenomenal job." Some of his past favorites include Harley Quinn, Flash, Green Arrow and Mr. Freeze. There will be a costume contest on Saturday.

"Our venue is different and more intimate," says Frazier. "Other events have 60,000 people in a weekend. We have a thousand people a day, so their opportunity to interact with celebrities is much greater and I think people really appreciate that. You just don't get that type of interaction at any other event. When people see it for themselves and get a real understanding of just how small the event really is, they get very excited about it."

Please see: heroesfanfest.com for more information.



Celebrity guests are a big draw for Heroes & Villains Fan Fest. Photo courtesy of Heroes & Villains Fan Fest. Here, **Caity Lotz** (with camera) and **Charlotte Ross** pose for a selfie after a panel session. Photos courtesy Heroes & Villains Fan Fest.

OP ED

Clinton or Trump: who will do more for the leaders of tomorrow?

As the 2016 presidential elections approach, it becomes clear that Americans will be choosing between Hillary Clinton, representing the Democrats, and Donald Trump, representing the Republicans. Now, lots has been said about each of these two candidates in order to determine who will ultimately be a better president, but in terms of the education system of America, who will have a bigger, more positive influence?

On one hand, we have Hillary Clinton. Her educational plan consists of making all community colleges free. This means that all students attending Evergreen Valley College, De Anza College, Foothill, etc., will be admitted tuition free.

As for public universities, Clinton aims to allow students to graduate debt-free, meaning that students that come from families that make a household income of less than \$85,000 per year will receive free tuition. But what will she do for the younger generation? More specifically, what will Hillary Clinton do to make the Evergreen School District a more enjoyable environment to learn in?

As president, Clinton intends to pay the teachers and educators of public schools a higher salary as well as integrate computer science courses into the curriculum of K-12 students. Living in the Silicon Valley, it is fundamental for the children of today to be familiar with computer basics, and

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Times **Community News**

16th Annual Antique Autos in History Park

By **Allan J. Greenberg**
Special to the Times

Antique Autos returns to History Park San Jose for the 16th year on Sunday, September 11, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The event opens with a dancing pair from the Swing Cats Rhythm Revue performing Swing and Charleston dances. Following will be the return of the Toot Sweet Jazz Band

playing music from the '20s and 30's.

The grass area between the Hotel and the Empire Fire House will feature demonstrations and displays of early day crafts and collectibles will be presented.

For antique auto enthusiasts, the streets of History Park will be covered with up to 200 vehicles from the late 1800s to 1945. This year the featured automobiles are very early Lincolns which will be on display behind the light tower and many of them will be described by their owners. Some other very rare antique autos will be on display in the Park, such as Stutz, Pierce Arrow, Mitchell, White, Stanley, Rio and Franklin to mention a few.

On display this year will be the first auto produced in the city of San Jose — an 1899 Osen & Hunt. When Willow Glen resident and antique auto buff, Dan Erceg, heard that



For antique auto enthusiasts, the streets of History Park will be covered with up to 200 vehicles from the late 1800s to 1945.

the only surviving Osen & Hunt auto could now be purchased from an estate in Redwood City, it became his mission to acquire the car for the San Jose History Museum so it could be permanently displayed and take its proper place in San Jose history. Upon hearing of this plan and loving the idea, retired San Jose fire captain, 96-year young Sam Seibert, offered to fund the purchase and promptly donated the ancient gas buggy to History San Jose. Be sure to hear Dan and Sam describe its history, where it was found, and how it was acquired. And if you are lucky, you may even see the 117-year old Osen & Hunt driven through the vintage streets of History Park.

During the event visitors to the Park will be entertained by a strolling Barbershop Quartet. Strolling also are many participants and visitors dressed in period clothing including members of the Portrait of the Past organization.

Located around the Park will be members of the Early Day Gas and Tractor Association showing their early "hit & miss" engines that powered everything including saws, water pumps, farm equipment and washing machines.

The blacksmiths will be demonstrating making tools and ornamental items and the print shop will be demonstrating early day printing. Most of the homes will be open with docents available to answer any questions.

Vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park during the event are pre-1946 original or restored-to-original. There is no registration required, and no fee to enter for participants.

The fee for visitors to Antique Autos in History Park is \$5 for all above the age of 2 year. Parking is available for a fee in the City of San Jose parking lots.

Antique Autos in History Park is presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San Jose. History San Jose is located at 635 Phelan Ave, San Jose, CA. 95112.

For more information go to www.scvmtfc.org or www.historysanjose.org or call (408) 287-2290.

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Hillary Clinton promises to advocate for the teaching of these fundamental skills.

As for Donald Trump, he doesn't seem to be as invested in the education system of the future generations of America. For one thing, Trump states that he would like "colleges to have more skin in the game". What does that mean? Well, Trump wants colleges to share the risk of student loans because, according to recent studies, student loans tend to pile up once a student fails to graduate in the given 4 years because, as a result, they must pay the extra tuition for an unplanned year of college.

Therefore, Trump encourages colleges to be more selective in their admission process in order to ensure that students admitted will surely finish schooling in the expected 4 years and avoid student debt. However, as vague and unclear Trump's plan for college is, he doesn't even have any explicit plans regarding improving the education system for today's K-12 students.

Within 5 months, a new president will be elected to lead the USA for the next four years. While neither candidate is perfect, we must keep in mind what Hillary Clinton and Donald Trump promise to do for our nation. People always say that Today's Students are Tomorrow's Leaders, but which presidential candidate will ensure the well-being and advocacy of today's students? Which presidential candidate will become the role model for tomorrow's leaders? Only time can tell.

Neharika Bandaru
Evergreen Valley

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THIS IS THE 2ND TIME REZONING HAS BEEN PROPOSED

In 2005 SJECCD Board of Trustees attempted similar zoning changes and their proposal was turned down. Today, the proposed annual return to the district for their land lease is roughly 1% of the district's annual budget.

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Times **Local News**

Packed Rotary meeting indicates bright future for local area club

By **Charlie Wasser**
President Rotary Club of San Jose East/ Evergreen

The new Rotary year began last month and I proudly took the reins as club president for the San Jose East/ Evergreen.

My first meeting as president was packed, indicating we are starting to get noticed in the San Jose East and Evergreen areas. Three individuals were to be inducted having submitted their applications a few weeks back, and the board had approved the applications.

The more community minded individuals that join, the more we will be able to assist our neighbors with issues including but not limited to cleanups, literacy, and scholarships.

What is becoming one of the club's strong suits is the variety of programs giving a strong feeling of fellowship during our meetings.

New members

On August 11, at our club meeting, we induct three new members and we also gave a special membership to a 7 year old girl. Of course the special membership gets the new member a Rotary Teddy Bear. The little girl is the daughter of Lupe Chavez-Garcia, one of the three newest Rotarians.

The other two newest Rotarians inducted Thursday are Arpita and Harbinder Sikka, husband and wife who brought their daughter Denzil to watch. Arpita is proving herself

to be a rather good photographer taking pictures at events and lunches. All three new Rotarians bring a great new spirit to the club and continue to get involved.

All of our new fellow Rotarians have donated their time to the recent National Night Out, where we cooked more than 1200 hamburgers and hotdogs. Denzil also took part in the National Night Out.

The spirit in the club is growing. We have had several guests over the last few weeks that commented on how inviting the club has become.

This week's speaker was Lucia Maria Calve, Executive Director of the San Jose Public Library Foundation. Her topic was, "It's Not your Grandmother's Library." As in, libraries are more than just books. It was a very informative and enjoyable talk.

Join the club

Not a member of San Jose East/ Evergreen Rotary yet? Come to a club meeting, and let's chat about your passions and how you would like to get involved with the community.

We welcome you to visit the club and enjoy the camaraderie and the upcoming talks. We meet at the Ranch Golf Club, 601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose, CA 95138, on Thursdays. We gather around 12 noon and the meeting starts at 12:15 pm. We end the meeting at 1:30 p.m. Hope you can join us at our next meeting.

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Silver Creek Academy honored for test prep programs; named 'Best Learning Center'

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times staff writer

Evergreen Valley's Silver Creek Academy received some good news. It has been named "Bay Area's #1 Learning Center" by Bay Area Parent Magazine for the seventh year and the academy was recently honored for its test preparation programs.

"Our staff is gearing up to offer additional courses to accommodate the demand for their academic programs," said Silver Creek Academy owner, Shelley Swircek. We're definitely ready for another school year full of sharpening students' skills and broadening their academic horizons."

Swircek said that that study skills are an important key for a successful start to the school year. "The academy is offering several "Study Skills for Academic Success" workshops to teach students valuable skills such as note-taking, test-taking techniques, and organizational strategies," she said. "In addition, they have added additional writing and grammar, math problem solving, reading comprehension, and public speaking & debate courses to the school-year schedule."

Swircek said the Academy's HSPT and

SAT test preparation programs are becoming so popular, they are filling up several months in advance. "Admission into private high school and college is more competitive than ever," said Swircek. "Our test preparation programs are individualized and designed to provide our students with the skills needed to excel on the exams."

For additional information about Silver Creek Academy contact 408.839.5905 or visit www.SilverCreekAcademicAcademy.com.

Times Local News

Disabled woman faces predatory bank practices; El Dorado County freezes bank account

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The *Evergreen Times* recently ran a story about how many senior citizens are being preyed upon by banks and mortgage companies in setting up reverse mortgages.

The latest case of bank abuse involves Evergreen resident Steven Leonard's mother Janet Ristau who had her bank account confiscated earlier this month by El Dorado County, leaving her without the means to buy food or pay her bills.

History

On February 20, 1999, Mrs. Ristau's husband Richard passed away shortly after purchasing a home for wife Janet. Prior to Mr. Ristau passing away, Mr. Ristau paid off the mortgage and set aside enough money for his wife to live comfortably for the rest of her life.

In 2004, Mrs. Ristau was approached by Financial Freedom, a division of CIT Bank, N.A. Senior Funding Corporation and the Trustee Corps, the Original Trustee. According to Leonard, they related that they could provide a reverse mortgage to Mrs. Ristau and that she could stay in the house rent free for as long as she lived. Financial Freedom said they paid off the deed of trust in the amount of \$146,000. Today the Deed of Trust according to Financial Freedom has a face amount of \$544,185.00.

Leonard is preparing a legal brief to be presented as evidence at an upcoming trial that his mother Janet did not seek out any of the three mortgages or request the two additional reverse mortgages. "I specifically asked Financial Freedom, who initiated the mortgages, and benefited from the money being taken out of his mother's estate?," said Leonard.

On May 26, 1999, Janet sold the house that she and her deceased husband had owned together. On May 7, 1999 Janet executed a Deed of Trust against the home in favor of El Dorado Savings in the sum of \$64,950.00. On June 12, 2001, Janet refinanced the home by executing a Deed of Trust against the home in favor of El Dorado Savings in the sum of \$90,000.00. On August 12, 2002, Janet refinanced the home by executing a Deed of trust against the home in favor of El Dorado Savings in the sum of \$128,000.00. On Jun 11, 2004, Janet refinanced the home through a reverse mortgage by executing a Deed of Trust against the home in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation ("Financial Freedom") in the sum of \$435,478.50. On May 19, 2006, Janet refinanced the home through a reverse mortgage by executing a Deed of Trust against the home in favor of Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation ("Financial") in the sum of \$544,185.00.

Leonard does not believe that his mother benefited from the equity being stripped from her home. He explained that prior to the 2008 meltdown lenders crashed the derivatives market by providing loans to anyone including the unemployed. Documents were uncovered that found that they even provided loans to the names of the deceased and even pets.

"The person in charge of my mother's estate at the time and the easy lending practices by the banks allowed this to happen," explained Leonard. "I believe that the person in charge of my mother's finances at the time and the banks should be held accountable for the fraud they perpetrated against my mother. This is the very reason our economy crashed in 2008 and will crash again in the near future."

A lawsuit was filed in El Dorado County Superior Court, Case num-

ber: PC 20160181, on April 20, 2016 for predatory reverse mortgage practices against a widow, senior citizen and a disabled person. "Through disclosure I wanted to find out the answer to my mother's financial meltdown through discovery," said Leonard.

Financial Freedom, a division of CIT Bank, N.A. Senior Funding Corporation and the Trustee Corps, the Original Trustee (Defendants) claim that the subject deed of Trust is a reverse mortgage and was due and payable on September 9, 2015 for the following breach: Failure to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the failure to pay taxes and insurance. Financial Freedom claims that the Deed of Trust, recorded May 26, 2006, as instrument No. 2006-0035627-00, of the official records in the Office of the Recorder of El Dorado County,

California; secures the payment of and the performance of certain obligations, including but not limited to, the obligations set forth in a Promissory Note with a face amount of \$544,185.00 and that a breach of, and default in, the obligations for which said Deed of Trust is security has occurred in that the Trustor(s) has failed to perform obligations pursuant to or under the Note and/or the Deed of Trust, specifically: Failed to pay the principal balance which became all due and payable based upon the failure to pay taxes and/or insurance and that by reason thereof, the present Beneficiary under such Deed of Trust, has delivered to MTC Financial Inc. dba Trustee Corps, said Trustee, a Declaration and Demand for sale and a foreclosure on the home.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ristau

"Several major banks have recent-

ly agreed to a \$25 Billion dollar settlement agreement for fraudulent reverse mortgage practices and breach of contract against widows, elderly and disabled," said Leonard. "Here is just one more case that banks have masterminded taking advantage of a disabled senior citizen.

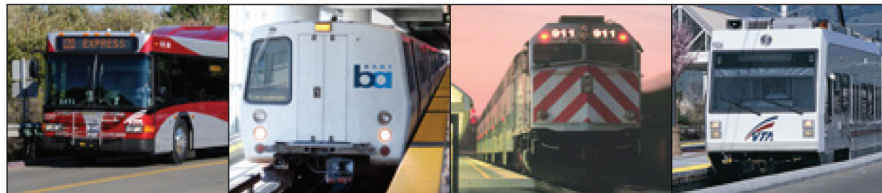
Bank of America just settled for \$16.5 Billion dollars for homeowner relief, and Mrs. Ristau received a notice of default and notice of sale within the last three years which entitles her to damages in the amount of \$10 million dollars. "Even if she is in default of her reverse mortgage, the loan is considered "current" because of a special provision in her FHA mortgage note and deed," said Leonard.

Leonard explained that current FHA and HUD laws require reverse mortgage lenders to set aside taxes

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Citizens Watchdog Committee on 2000 Measure A Program Expenditures



RESULTS OF INDEPENDENT COMPLIANCE AUDIT on FY 2015 2000 Measure A Program Expenditures

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PUBLIC HEARING: The Citizens Watchdog Committee (CWC) for the 2000 Measure A Transit Sales Tax Program is holding a ballot-required public hearing on FY 2015 Measure A expenditures to receive input from the community:

Wednesday, September 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.
VTA Auditorium

3331 N. First Street, San Jose, CA 95134
(This location is served by VTA Light Rail and Bus Line 58.)

The public is encouraged to attend but for those unable, **written comments will be accepted until 5:00 p.m.** on September 7 by email to: board.secretary@vta.org or by mail to: Office of the Board Secretary, 3331 N. First Street, Building B-1, San José, CA 95134-1927. Sign language and additional interpreter services will be provided upon request by contacting VTA Customer Service at least five days prior to the meeting at (408) 321-2300, TTY (408) 321-2330. Questions on the public hearing should be directed to: Stephen Flynn, Advisory Committee Coordinator, at (408) 321-5720 or to stephen.flynn@vta.org.



INDEPENDENT AUDIT: Fulfilling its ballot-defined responsibilities, the CWC commissioned an audit of the Measure A Program financial records and schedule for Fiscal Year 2015 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015). Macias Gini & O'Connell LLP, independent certified public accountants, conducted the compliance audit in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. They issued an unqualified ("clean") opinion on Measure A Program compliance with the ballot, making this the tenth consecutive audit receiving a clean opinion. Copies of the audit results and other related reports are available at the locations stated above and at www.vta.org.

2000 Measure A Transit Improvement Program

Citizens Watchdog Committee Summary on Fiscal Year 2015



San Jose, CA in the Building B lobby. They are also available for viewing at local public libraries and at VTA's website: www.vta.org.



Times Feature

Land use

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additional meeting on August 25th. We understand that many of you have dedicated much of your money and time throughout this process and we want to ensure that your voices are being adequately heard.”

The Aug. 15 meeting was held so that City staff could provide the community with an opportunity to learn about the proposal for rezoning the property located at the Northeastern corner of Yerba Buena Rd. and San Felipe Rd. Present at the meeting were Kimberly Vacca, representing the City of San Jose, and Melissa Durkin, representing the developer.

The controversial project calls for a rezoning of a 27 acre parcel of land owned by the Evergreen Valley College property for commercial development. The proposal calls for Republic Urban Development to be awarded a 95 year lease on the property. The revenue of \$1.5 annually for the college was estimated with the housing component which has now been removed. Thus the actual revenue benefit to the college has been diminished and the development will require new negotiations with the college.

Community input

The first part of the meeting was informational regarding the proposal process and the remainder of time was devoted to community input on how this land should be used.

Community members were allowed a one minute time limit to express their opinions, but the time limit rule was not enforced.

The consensus expressed at the meeting is the same as the meeting held last month at Evergreen College on July 11, when only two people raised their hand in favor of the project, College Chancellor Dr. Debbie Budd, and San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Trustee Dr. Jeffrey Lease. However, at the Aug. 15 meeting, there were several construction trade union members present who endorsed the building of the property, saying the project is a good way to bring jobs to Evergreen Valley.

Two members spoke in support of the development citing that it would bring jobs to Evergreen. When one union trade member explained that he personally persuaded many that were against the project to support it, the audience quickly shouted down the speaker.

An audience member expressed his opinion that he believed most of the residents of Evergreen were not against the trade organization having jobs for the proposed project as long as the development was for the construction of classrooms, not commercial buildings.

The following are comments expressed by residents during the



Wesley Lee, a member of All4Education and Evergreen Friends read a statement on behalf of organizations against the development and also announced that the petition against the proposal had more than 300 signatures.

question and answer period.

“The City needs to reject the application for the land use change because the application has not been evaluated to State general plan guidelines. State Education Facility Bonds approved by the voters at the time the land purchase was acquired can only be used for public school facilities. The developer has not provided any evidence that State Education Facility Bond Funds were not used. The developer has cited California State Education Code 813060 as a basis of legal right to develop on the land. However, these legislative statutes are inapplicable to land purchased with voter approved bonds when the use requirements are specified. Voter approved bond requirements have precedence. In

order for the City to adhere to principles of equal distribution of public facilities as required by the State constitution, the application must be rejected and the City must start planning accordance with the State General Plan guidelines.

No response from the City or the developer.

“I am disappointed that the City is not authorizing an environmental impact report at the staff level. It seems like the City is letting our residents down by not looking at the impact of the proposed commercial development.

No response from the City or the developer.

“The applicant’s paperwork is incorrect. It states that the size of

the land is 32 acres, but it is actually 27 acres. Also, the land use box is checked for multi-use, yet the City has made no effort to change the application. We need to see some corrected applications.”

Vacca Response:

“The City does not require the applicant to submit a new application.”
When pressed by the speaker, Vacca responded “it’s not our policy.”

“I am a long time resident of Evergreen with my family. I represent Operating Engineers Local 3. I support the land use change. I am a tradesman, and I appreciate the integrity of the developer and I support the development of the project and the land use changes. My question is how many jobs the development will provide in con-

struction of the building and those employed for the long term?”

Vacca Response:

“This is a land use change, so at this time there is no data to determine the number of jobs the development may create.”

“We need our children and our grandchildren and future generations to be able to compete worldwide. Yes, we can have them build buildings, but we want classrooms, not commercial buildings with a 95-year lease. The investment should be made on behalf of our children, not on commercial buildings. The return on investment is our children.”

No response from the City or the developer

“I hear you referring to this land as belonging to the college, but the college is totally supported by our taxes. We don’t want 18,000 of our students commuting across town. We don’t want seven or eight people to decide what they do with our land and our tax money. We want Evergreen to remain beautiful and peaceful. We want Evergreen Valley College to grow, but instead they are letting it deteriorate and eventually, I believe, they want it gone.”

Durkin Response:

“At this point we are looking at all uses considered for the proposed designation such as retail, offices, and medical offices. So, we are providing jobs, but we are not saying that educational uses cannot be developed. These are amenities that the residents will benefit from. In terms of residential, that would have to go through another land use cycle. I am not sure if that would be supported.”

“We desperately need land for soccer fields. The surplus land would be great for our community’s children.”

No response from the City or the developer

Community meeting:

The next community meeting regarding the land use change is scheduled for Aug. 25, 6 p.m. at Grace Church.

Planning commission meeting:

Scheduled for September 28, 2016

San Jose City Council meeting:

Scheduled for November 15, 2016

Contact information:

The applicant is Republic Urban (Republic Family of Companies). The applicant’s contact Melissa Durkin can be reached by phone at 408.292.1601 (ext. 1228) or by email: mdurkin@republic-urban.com.

The City of San Jose Planning Services Division Project Manager, Kimberly Vacca can be reached by email or voicemail, Phone: 408.535.1241 or by email: kimberly.vacca@sanjoseca.gov

Air China to Begin Shanghai-Silicon Valley Service

Air China’s will launch its nonstop service between San Jose and Shanghai on Sept. 1, 2016. The new flight will be operated with A330-200 aircraft, offering business and economy class cabins. Shanghai will mark the eighth nonstop international destination available at the San Jose Airport. San Jose will be Air China’s tenth gateway in North America and its first destination with direct connections to Shanghai from the Silicon Valley.

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iMentor matches every student in their high schools with a committed college-educated mentor, equipped to guide that young person on their journey to college graduation. It builds rigorous, high-impact mentoring relationships that ensure more students from low-income communities suc-

ceed in college. By partnering with public high schools and matching every student in the school with a mentor, iMentor leverages the community to reimagine the counseling function in schools. For questions, email bayarea@immentor.org.

Alaska Airlines to Begin Nonstop Service to New York

Alaska Airlines announced nonstop service between Mineta San Jose International Airport (SJC) and Newark Liberty International Airport, a key gateway to the New York area, beginning March 12, 2017. The new service marks Alaska Airlines’ first-ever service from SJC to the New York area which is highly requested by Silicon Valley business and leisure travelers. Tickets are now available for purchase at www.alaskaair.com. Alaska will operate the daily, daytime nonstop flight between SJC and Newark using modern Boeing 737 aircraft.

Times Feature

Abuse

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and insurance funds for widows, senior citizens and the disabled over the age of 65. FHA and HUD laws state that it's the responsibility of the reverse mortgage lenders to set aside enough funds to provide taxes and insurance for the entire duration of the reverse mortgage. "My mother believes that the foreclosure was based on fraud and breach of contract in direct violation of FHA and HUD laws," Leonard said.

"My home was foreclosed upon under a noncompliant process that violated my legal rights," said Mrs. Ristau. "I received a temporary loan modification and I didn't have a single point of contact to help me stay in my home."

Mrs. Ristau was foreclosed on while a loan modification application was in process. To protect the homeowner, (laws AB 1950, SB 1474) specifically extend the statute of limitations to file claims for fraud and breach of contract in violation of FHA and HUD laws. These laws were created and passed by Congress to insure that widows, senior citizens and the disabled do not fall victim to predatory reverse mortgages practices by banks and lenders.

The lawsuit filed by is requesting \$10 million dollars in damages for breach of contract and fraudulent predatory reverse mortgage practices against widows, elderly and the disabled.

Times Media investigative reporters have discovered that the Guardians of El Dorado County have filed an Ex Parte Petition for Temporary Probate Conservatorship with the Superior Court for the State of California in and for the County of El Dorado. Mrs. Ristau and son Leonard were informed during the Conservatorship investigation review on July 12, 2016, that it was determined this procedure was deemed to be in Janet Ristau's best interest. They contested this petition in Court on July 22, 2016. Mrs. Ristau contacted Alexis Zoss, Public Guardian on July 12, 2016 to contest their notice.

On July 12, 2016, Bryan Payne, a detective with the Sheriff-Coroner's office, El Dorado County drove to Mrs. Ristau's bank at Wells Fargo Bank with Bethany Taylor, Deputy Public Guardian 1, and ordered the bank to freeze Mrs. Ristau's checking account without her consent. "They did this act without a court order in violation of my civil rights," said Mrs. Ristau. "They denied me the right to due process of law and denied me a fair hearing to contest their actions at a hearing before freezing my checking account."

"I'm now contesting their petition for the removal of my son as power of attorney over my estate," said Mrs. Ristau. "I am very pleased with my son's handling of my financial and health matters, and I will contest any action taken against him in

"My mother believes that the foreclosure was based on fraud and breach of contract in direct violation of FHA and HUD laws," Leonard said.

court."

Mrs. Ristau and her son submitted a plan in writing to utilize her money to buy food and pay her bills, but their efforts to contact the Guardians at El Dorado County have been ignored. They are requesting damages in a civil suit, filed on July 22, 2016; Case Number PC 20160325 in the amount of \$1,000,000 for denying her access to her own money in order to pay her own bills and buy her own food.

Mrs. Ristau stated that her son has always handled her finances and this was the first time she was not able to buy her own milk or food or pay her bills with her own money. She's requesting an emergency injunction against the county and an order granting her immediate access to her funds and damages for the harm caused against her and her son. Mrs. Ristau and her son filed a lawsuit against Financial Freedom, a division of CIT Bank, Case #PC20160181. They believe that this lawsuit was the prime motivator for El Dorado County acting against her and her son.

The Guardians of El Dorado County filed a Petition in the Superior Court for the State of California, Case No. PP 20160129 for an order suspending the powers granted by Janet Ristau under the durable power of attorney (DPOA) executed by Janet on December 4, 2013 to remove her son Steven Leonard as her power of attorney.

Attached to the petition were three letters written by her daughter Karen Ristau in 2014 disgoring the reputation of her son Steven Leonard. These letters were attached to the petition proving that Janet needed to be protected from financial fraud, abuse, or undue influence by her son Steven Leonard.

Mrs. Ristau and Leonard believe that when Karen was homeless and living in Evergreen Valley, she lashed out at her brother by fabricating stories to the Adult Protective Services of the County of El Dorado that her brother Steven Leonard was not providing adequate care for their mother, committing financial fraud and elderly abuse.

Leonard stated: "Karen currently lives with me and my mother and has apologized many times over the years for her betrayal, accusations and disgorgement of her brother's (my) reputation."

Karen said she plans to recant her story as told to the El Dorado County Adult Protective Services and apologize to the court for issuing false statements damaging the reputation of her brother.

NEWS BRIEFS

County Fair reports attendance increase

Preliminary figures show this month's 2016 Santa Clara County Fair attracted more than 15 percent more guests than last year's event.

"Any time you can increase attendance by double digits you know you have been blessed with a great year," said Delana Romero, Executive Director. "I was awed and humbled by the streams of people who came through our gates to have a great day with their friends and families."

"Building upon several years of investment in facilities, entertainment, rides, exhibits and outreach to the community all paid off this year" said Romero. "We are poised to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Fairgrounds next year with an even bigger and more spectacular event held the first week of August 2017."

Positive comments from various social media outlets were acknowledged by Fair Manager Rich Thomas. "Everyone seemed to really have loved this year's Fair" said Rich Thomas, Fair Manager.

Register for R.O.C.K. After School Program

Recreation of City Kids (R.O.C.K.) after school program offers enrichment, healthy recreation, developmental assets, homework assistance, safety and fun after school care for students in K-6th grade. Program runs Monday-Friday, from when school is out until 6 p.m. R.O.C.K. is offered at the following Evergreen Elementary School District campuses: Laurelwood, Norwood, and Millbrook.

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Times **Feature**

Op Ed: A new breakthrough idea B.Y.O.L (Bring Your Own Laptop) ensures equality of learning in schools for all students

As a parent of an elementary school child in Evergreen, this idea is now being presented to the local school district by me and I write this article in the hope that the suggestion takes wings and is used by all children, parents, teachers, schools, and school districts, throughout our nation.

What happened to formal handwriting?

So long to cursive writing, it's not a school learning standard anymore. Most teachers do not demonstrate it for children to learn. These days, children are texting. They communicate more and more with keyboards. They are absorbing knowledge differently than their parents did in school.

Google has rolled out a nice method of teacher to student learning called Google-Classroom. The majority of all schools in the country

use it. Mostly middle school children use it but can it also be used in elementary school too?

This is a wonderful program because it allows access of artfully teacher designed tailored lessons to be greeted by the student digitally. The computer becomes the paper and pencil and the students navigate it like sailing a ship, charting their own navigation of exploration. Privacy concerns have been worked out too so that student confidentiality is addressed and explained in a parent and child technology-use-contract with each school district and student agreeing to abide in proper use of all things electronic.

Benefits and drawbacks?

In a classroom setting, the computer in the hands of adolescent can be switched into multiple screen settings, so when a teacher walks the

room, games could be played on screen number two or three at the same time when the classroom learning assignment is to be worked on by students. Thus, the teachers can lose control. Also, some students can text negative things, watch inappropriate videos, cyber bully and copies of tests can be snapped clicked and delivered quicker than a spy in an old movie. However, the use of computers for classroom has existed for many years now and innovative school districts have established strict firm consequences which extinguish the problems associated with computer learning. Instead of losing control, teachers learn to ride the electronic wave of teaching offering more freedom to students without experiencing a riptide of revolt. We as a society still have a hidden problems and probably always will.

The mindset that is currently embraced is the schools with lots of monies will have lots of computers and the majority of schools with limited budgets will have less. Currently teachers must make-do, reserve in advance a roll cart of computers, and roll it into this room or that one to get class learning to take place with computers. It's cumbersome. Can we find a way to make learning by computer equitable for all children in all schools? Can it be done with ease?

In the state of California, monies were distributed to schools for things that do not eat (meaning, no people should get the monies, just use the monies for education asset purchases) but often in many or most school districts, the monies went quickly into salary increases for employees with the view, notion, or interpretation being that paying teacher salaries is upping education quality. In the opinion of this author the school districts and classrooms across our country will always face friction in getting computers into the hands of all children due to economic funding situations.

A simple breakthrough idea is here now so let's all explore it deeply!

B.Y.O.L. (Bring Your Own Laptop) to school is the new idea and can be embraced by everyone in California and elsewhere. It is seen that the Chrome-Book laptop works well with Google-Classroom free software and apps. In years past only the schools had these laptops and only the schools would check them out for the students to use. The Chrome-Book is inexpensive because Google designed the chip and found ways to deflate costs in production and bring down the retail cost to just \$180 dollars (including the operating system).

Now the costs are going down even more, so now Grandma, Grandpa, Mom, and Dad can buy the laptop for the child attending elementary, middle and high school.

Exponentially, dramatically, instantly, we as a nation can build equality to all children in all schools! Everyone, all children, can carry a laptop to school and it will no longer be considered a novelty.

This means, the low income child has a flat screen playing field, so to speak and no longer will this or any other poor child have to run uphill out of breath, trying each day to learn how to write code or practice skills. No child will be shut out of the tech- boom as compared to elite private schools in wealthy neighborhoods.

Segregation of learning by computer will end. Also, School districts can limit the types of computer model laptops brought to school too, so that no status quo is gained by a student bringing in an expensive one.

Schools can offer the engraving of the student's first name on the com-

puter case cover, and repair shops for quick fixes on laptops on the campus site. In some cities free refurbished computers are given to families, why not here in the Silicon Valley?

The Google Company and others could offer a code or log in that will disable the laptop (any laptop stolen) so that if taken, it instantly becomes



worthless. Stiff consequences can be enacted to allow for students to develop a caring culture and climate around the learning on computer laptops. A new culture and climate can be created at all schools (both low income areas and high income areas) where theft is considered uncool. Such environments have been established at some middle schools that had the monies to issue the laptops for home checkout, thus, the experiment has been successful with high level school management. It's working!

The buy in of all children having their own laptop and bringing it to school will replace the old fashion binder and notebook. Books are now squeezed into the internet to become weightless, thinner than a sheet of paper, and not only that, the books can read aloud (audio) by the authors themselves. The future is tomorrow and tomorrow is here!

The day old bread hard cover textbooks with stale stories used in English are now supplemented by the buzz and excitement of new current fresh out of the oven expository news articles that relate to the culture and micro-climate of each neighborhood, yearned to be read by children and the teachers who have picked up the computer mouse baton and are the orchestra leaders directing the class to new songs of learning that not only interest the students but adjust to their individual style.

All of us learn in different levels and unique ways. Online companies such as RAZ KIDS reading and IXL MATH have innovative online learning programs that adjust to each child's learning level by use of a software computer brain that moves up or down adjusting to learning levels each child is currently at while offering rewards of on line things to stimulate the student to challenge themselves.

If there is now any idle time in class, children can log on to these exciting programs and of course there are millions of others to choose from. This cuts down on behavior issues! Unforeseen benefits arise.

What about the problem of a child
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Times **Local News**

Children receive new backpacks at Sacred Heart Community Service's Annual campaign

Sacred Heart Community Service provided 3,300 children new backpacks and school supplies at its 14th annual Pack-A-Back education campaign.

Each child was given the opportunity to "shop" through our Pack-A-Back storeroom, select the perfect backpack, and receive grade-appropriate supplies.

More children enrolled in the Pack-A-Back program this year compared to five years ago when Sacred Heart distributed 2,100 backpacks.

"Sacred Heart's Pack-A-Back program provides important resources for families in our district," said Teresa Castellanos, Board Member, San Jose Unified School District. "It's more than a backpack with school supplies. Every child deserves to start the school year with confidence, ready for a new

year of learning."

Families receiving backpacks include members of Sacred Heart's "Familias Unidas". Familias Unidas is a network of parents who teach other parents how to work within their school district to bring more resources and support to low income schools to help children be successful. They rely on the Pack-A-Back Education Campaign to supplement the cost of school supplies while they empower each other to build a stronger community of parents.

Pack-A-Back is made possible through the generous support of Sacred Heart's community. This year's sponsors include Bank of America, The Boris and Vera Bogart Foundation, Intel, MDI, Bergeson, and Xilinx.

Laptops

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not having enough money to purchase a computer? What if we can't find the monies to ensure all children get a good working laptop? What does the future hold?

Computers break down all the time. There can be a culture that students who need a computer can share with a TEAM member in each class. Also, each city agency can create a low income free computer repair shops run out of public libraries and community centers that can be offered on Saturdays. New breakthroughs are here that cut the cost of a laptop in half and access it to a cloud. The computers will be there if enough families and donations fulfill the demand for it to happen and the people reach out to wish it to happen! It is about creating a new state of mind with regard to learning for all and making things equitable.

Students now live in a dynamic world and they want their fast food faster. They can get stir-crazy sitting on the edge of that shiny classroom seat each day, waiting for the packet work to be passed out and deciding if the pencil needs a sharper point while ritually following routines of harnessed muzzled instruction by some dimensional instructors with walls buoyed up with plastered trite quotes of wisdom. Instead, students want the starting gate to swing open for learning as quick as a high speed race on an arcade screen, yet even faster. Google Classroom offers this breath of fresh air for children and the same product concept is used in colleges too.

Suddenly we have entered the new computer world in which high paying jobs are gained by hopping over any roadblocks using technology tools while bending their use with pro-

gramming. It is a brave new world after all.

Teachers and principals may welcome the B.Y.O.L. to school concept or it may be frowned upon. It may create a four day work week and some lessons may be taught by screen and earphones from professors long since retired living on a website in virtual reality.

Should we give this power to the children? Share power? Take off the chains of explicit directives of learning?

Some believe we diminish learning if we don't get the buy in from all involved in the process of education. Have we forgotten to ask everyone what their opinion is to gain buy-in? Children are also learning by phone and the phone is a computer and all have them.

Schools will need to upgrade their Wi-Fi systems, for many networks are too slow and impede the use of hand held computers. The school wi-fi must have filters and this costs monies. Parents and stakeholders will decide if they wish to address spending priorities of Wi-Fi to allow for equality for all children to carry their own laptop to school.

The B.Y.O.L (Bring Your Own Laptop) to school movement is here and it has begun! Parents will need to look upon the \$180 expenditure for their child the same as a binder, scissors or notebook expenditures made each year. In the near future, textbooks will be obsolete and instead the hand scrolled math calculations that were once done on paper, will be done on screen with notes and doodles saved for eternity.

"...The times they are a changing..." thanks Bob Dylan for your wisdom.

Kevin Larsen

Evergreen Valley (Parent of child attending school in the Evergreen School District)

The Villages Concert Band



Performance Season

The band's five concert season, led by conductor Natalie Chia, runs from September through early June. The band performs a wide variety of literature, including band classics, modern band concert music, popular songs, show tunes, film, and television music. These special musical events provide listeners and performers alike with an enriching experience. The band also brings in concert soloists for many of its concerts. Distinguished guest performers in past seasons have included Jeanne Smith (mezzo soprano), Carlos Aguilar (bass), David Ladd Anderson (flute and sax), jazz and blues vocalist Nate Pruitt, Dr. Carl Blake (piano), Robert Calonico and Andrew Kotarba (clarinet), John Russell (trombone), Dale Wolford (alto saxophone), Rick Vandivier (guitar), and jazz singer Michelle Hawkins.

Membership

The band is a community group welcoming anyone who plays a woodwind, brass or percussion instrument, even pianists who are feeling adventurous to play percussion! Members of the band include Villagers, adults from the nearby San Jose community, and students from local schools.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are on Tuesday evenings from 7PM – 9:30PM at Cribari Auditorium, The Villages Golf & Country Club, 5000 Cribari Lane, San Jose CA 95135.

Contact Us

To inquire about joining the band or anything else, contact the Villages Concert Band Manager Larry Miller at (408) 238-1030/email larry.wm.miller@sbcglobal.net. Also, look for us on Facebook ([The Villages Concert Band!](#))



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Sikh Community Celebrates 412th Anniversary of Compilation of their Scripture (Guru Granth Sahib)

The word "Sikh" means student or the seeker and Sikhs worship their "Guru" the teacher or enlightener. The Sikh religion originated in India in 15th century and Guru Nanak was the first Guru. He was followed by nine Gurus in human form. The tenth Guru, Gobind Singh declared that after him the holy scripture Granth Sahib will be the eternal Guru. Hence the title Guru Granth Sahib.

Sikhs hold Guru Granth Sahib in great reverence. It presides over all the religious ceremonies in the Gurdwara, the Sikh place of worship. Sikhs seek guidance from the writings in the scripture for their everyday life conduct.

Sikhs are justly proud of the message in the Guru Granth Sahib. Guru Granth Sahib preaches worship of one almighty formless God that pervades the whole universe and is creator of everything in this universe. Guru Granth Sahib rejects any type of discrimination based on gender, religion or caste. It preaches us to control our vices of lust, anger, greed, worldly attachment and vanity. It exhorts us to imbibe values of worship of one almighty God, truthful living, compassion, contentment and sexual discipline. It emphasizes liberty from false rituals, equality, justice and welfare of all.



Guru Granth Sahib is also a unique example of interfaith dialogue. It contains not only the writings of Sikh Gurus, but also of several Hindu saints and muslim holimen from India. Some of these saints came from families considered untouchables by the Indians of that time.

First version of the Guru Granth Sahib was compiled by the fifth Guru, Arjan Dev and carried in a procession to the newly built shrine called Harimandir Sahib (now known as Golden Temple) in city of Amritsar in India in month of September 1604. It is the anniversary of this day that Sikhs are celebrating in San Jose. The tenth Guru later added the writings of the Ninth Guru to it and in November 1708 declared it to be the eternal Guru of Sikhs.

A highlight of this year's celebration is the **Sikh Awareness Parade** that is planned in the Evergreen area of San Jose on **September 4, 2016**. It will start at 11:00 AM from Sikh Gurdwara San Jose, 3636 Murillo Avenue and end around

2:30 PM at the same venue. From Murillo Avenue, it will proceed via Quimby Road, Ruby Avenue, Aborn Road and then back on to Murillo Avenue. We invite the Evergreen residents to join the parade.

- We are expecting ~ 3500 people will join the parade. Refreshing drinks will be served to those attending.
- SJ police and volunteers would be providing guidance on the day of the event
- Sound/noise level will be kept within permissible limits
- It is a great opportunity to learn more about your Sikh neighbors

As a part of the same celebration, Sikh Gurdwara San Jose will also host a conference on the message of Sri Guru Granth Sahib on Saturday September 10, 2016 from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Most of the talks in this conference will be in English. The registration is free and we invite anyone desirous of knowing more about Sikhs and Guru Granth Sahib to register at the following link,

<http://sikhnet.us1.list-manage.com/track/click?u=0e8fac217c541270c5fd9d236&id=615d835af2&e=5285765410>

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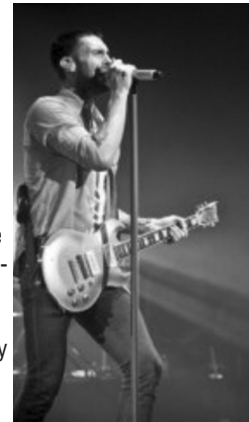
Far more than a guitar legend, Pat Metheny is a brilliant builder of bands, and he opens the Fifth Anniversary season with his latest game-changing ensemble. Featuring a powerhouse international cast of players who've distinguished themselves on a multitude of creative fronts, the quartet continues Metheny's groundbreaking run with Mexican-born drummer Antonio Sánchez. The quartet is just the latest sign that Metheny isn't easing into his revered veteran status. Busier than ever these days, the 20-time GRAMMY winner recently released two new Nonesuch albums, and even did a sideman stint on rising sax star Logan Richardson's Blue Note debut.



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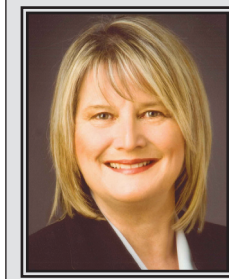
Times Features

Alternative pension reform will be on the November 2016 ballot

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times

There is a new measure B on the November 8 ballot, that if supported by the voters will put into place an alternative Pension reform settlement framework agreed to last year by the city and all of its labor unions. We succeeded in negotiating a settlement with all of the city's bargaining units that will save the city \$3 billion dollars over the next 30 years while helping to restore services including retaining police officers and other city staff. All of this was done in a collaborative effort with city management and our city workforce. Even the leading advocate of the 2012 Pension Reform Measure, former Mayor Chuck Reed, supports the new ballot measure stating, "The pension reform litigation settlement is a good resolution that secures billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayers, and I urge all San Jose residents to support it."

new measure does not achieve pension savings from current employees which the courts have said are off limits. However employee unions have agreed to close the defined benefit retiree health care program which was not a part of the previous Measure B. Moving to a defined contribution plan for retiree health care is a huge win for the city, tax payers and the employees and will save the city hundreds of millions of dollars over time.



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Vice Mayor

Also Tier 2 employees have a 50/50 risk sharing between employees and the city which is an incentive to avoid unfunded pension liabilities since everyone is on the hook to pay. The Supplemental Retiree Benefit Reserve (SRBR) eliminated in the previous Measure B stays eliminated

Our alternative path to pension reform helps eliminate persistent uncertainty for employees, reduces long-term City costs, ensures the long-term sustainability of our retirement plans, and helps keep the City as a competitive employer so that we can successfully recruit and keep great employees.

To view the staff memo and full text of the Alternative Pension Reform Act, go to: http://sanjose.granicus.com/MetaViewer.php?view_id=&event_id=2147&meta_id=584636.

As always, my office is open to input or questions by e-mailing district8@sanjoseca.gov, or calling 408- 535-4908.

Mark Your Calendars

This year marks my 8th year of hosting our Annual Day in the Park celebration at Lake Cunningham Regional Park. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 1, 2016 for a day of fun, wholesome community celebration! We are planning a bigger, better festival this year with two performance stages, additional inflatable activity courses, and of course the very popular free pumpkin giveaways! For more information go to: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3874>.

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the McKean Road location. Our Parish Office is open Monday 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Tuesday thru Thursday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m. For more information, stop by the Parish Office or call 1+ (408) 997-4800, or visit our website at www.churchsthanthony.com. Fr. Larry Hendel, Pastor.

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Thursday 4/28 7 a.m. Morning Vespers
Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
7 p.m. Nailing of Christ to the Cross - Reading of the 12 Gospels
Friday April 29 7 a.m. Royal Hours
3:30 p.m. Descent from the Cross

7 p.m. Lamentation Service
With candlelit funeral procession around church
Saturday April 30 8:30 a.m. St. Basil morning Vespers
Divine Liturgy 11p.m. Candlelight Resurrection Service - "Come receive the light!"
Midnight-Sunday Pascha/Easter Service - Divine Liturgy
Sunday May 1 Easter Sunday
11 a.m. Agape Vespers - Christ's Good News in many languages
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Please come join us to worship at one of the following times and locations:
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St. Francis of Assisi Gathering Hall
Sunday 9:00 AM, Sunday 11:00AM, Igbo Mass - Second Sunday of the month 12:30 PM Mt. Hamilton Grange - 2840 Aborn Road
Sunday 9:30 AM
The Villages Gated Community (Cribari Auditorium)
Sunday 8:15 AM
For more information, please call or visit us at the Parish Mission Center open M-F 9:00 AM -12:00 PM; 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM. Come join us and share your presence with us so that together we may grow and share our gifts to help build God's Kingdom!

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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)

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization

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

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

Meetings are typically held on the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the ESUHS Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for

agendas and updates: www.esuhdsd.org

The Evergreen AI-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 a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. 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 EEVRMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San

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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

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.

The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and well balanced meal to seniors 60 and over every Monday – Friday at noon. The suggested donation is \$3 per person. Please make reservations at least one day in advance by calling (408) 270-1244. The center is located at 4860 San Felipe Road.

Friends of Evergreen Library

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 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 Barbary 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)

Rotary Club

of San Jose East/Evergreen Meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association

Meets third Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. at Prusch Park, South King

Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

Normally meets second Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Meetings in the District Office, Board Room, 40 S. Market St., San Jose, CA 95113.

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

Meets every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. at Jimmy's Restaurant, 222 W. Capitol Expressway in San Jose. Contact Barbara at 373-2815, or email barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student 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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