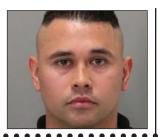
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Union members sign in before attending the proposed land use change for Evergreen Valley College.

## Union members turn out for final land use change proposal for Evergreen College

By William D. Bellou Publisher

nion members turned out. but the developer was a no show at the last community meeting for the proposed Evergreen Valley College 27 acre land use change held on Aug. 25 at Grace Church on Aborn Rd. The meeting was a followup to the Aug. 15 meeting.

More than 40 percent of those attending the meeting to provide input to San Jose City staff were union members from two local trade unions. The developer and its representatives of the project, Republic Urban, did not attend the meeting.

The controversial project calls for a land use change of 27 acres owned by Evergreen Valley College on the northeastern corner of Yerba Buena and San Felipe roads from Public/-Ouasi-Public (PQP) to Neighborhood/Community Commercial (NCC).

The proposal calls for Republic Urban Development to be awarded a 95-year lease on the property providing revenue of 1.5 million dollars annually to the college which is approximately 1 percent of its current budget.

The next meeting regarding the land use proposal goes before the San Jose City Planning Commission at City Hall on September 28.

#### Community input

The first part of the one hour meeting was informational regarding the See PROPOSAL, page 3

## **Evergreen dance troupes win top awards at 2016 World Dance Championships**

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer vergreen dancers from Achieve Dance Arts Academy (ADAA) have won the 2016 World Dance Championship in New Jersey on Aug. 2.



One team of 9 members won the 3rd place in the 11 and younger small group competitions, and the other nine member team won the 5th place in the 12 and older small group competitions.

In 2015, ADAA won the 1st place Champion of the National Finals at the US National Dance Competition in Orlando, Florida, for the 12 and older solo division, with the Pointe Ballet routine, La Esmeralda.

ADAA has been providing innovative programs, including classical dance, contemporary dance, Latin dance and Gymnastics for the Evergreen Valley for several years. The Dance troupes have performed frequently at community events, charity events and other social gatherings throughout the Bay Area.

The Achieve Dance Arts Academy has received awards by the City of San Jose and the County of Santa Clara.



Inset: Winnie Mu took first place overall in the 2015 national finals. Above: Evergreen dancers from Achieve Dance Arts Academy (ADAA) win the 2016 World Dance Championship in New Jersey on Aug. 2.

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## **Proposal**

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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.

The City of San Jose Planning Services Division Project Manager, Kimberly Vacca, reviewed the comments received from the last community meeting.

Here's the summary of individual comments from community members at the Aug. 15 meeting.

- The college should preserve the land for school purposes and expansion.
- There are not enough classes and amenities at Evergreen Valley College to accommodate local and regional populations.
- The land should be maintained for public use and not include commercial buildings or retail stores with minimum wage jobs.
- The 27 acres should be used for recreational purposes and open space.
- If the development must be constructed, it should only be built on the corner of Paseo de Arboles Rd. San Felipe Rd.
- The level of service on the nearby roadway is inadequate and unsafe.
- The proposal restricts educational opportunity for Evergreen.
- There is an oversaturation of commercial development in the area.
- Commercial land use is best served in urban areas, not at the college.
- There should be an environmental impact report.
- There is a current lack of land for public uses within the city.
- The current land proposal is inconsistent with the State of California general plan guidelines.
- Evergreen Valley College is moving forward with the application illegally and requested the city attorney look into the issue.
- There is a fault line on the property which makes the land unsafe.
- Evergreen Valley College cannot renovate existing buildings due to cost.
- There is inadequate funding for the San Jose/Evergreen College District.
- There is minimal payback to the community on the current proposed lease agreement.

Community leaders opposing the project site traffic concerns, and increased air pollution. They also expressed concerns about additional strain on the police department's four officers assigned to the Evergreen Valley Foothills Division. Several residents pointed out that the earthquake fault line running along the eastern side of the college property can only expand westward using the 27 acre parcel. If the 27 acres are designated for commercial use, the expansion of educational facilities is diminished. Others point out that the 1967 bond passed by voters set aside the land for education, not private ventures.

Union members attending the meeting were asked to stand to show their support of the project. After the meeting, several residents talked to the union members and pointed out that they are not against the trade unions and that Evergreen College uses union workers for all of its development. They told the union members that they will have jobs whether commercial buildings are constructed, or whether classrooms are constructed, but that they prefer college expansion over commercial development.



Division Project Manager Kimberly Vacca addresses the community at the Aug. 25 land use change proposal for Evergreen Valley College.

Several union members were surprised that the salaries of the Evergreen Valley College administrators currently total the projected \$1.5 million dollar annual revenue of the proposed project. One resident said that a lot of people in the community took wage cuts during the last recession, but not college administrators. He suggested they take one now and keep the land for a future college expansion.

Jim Zitto, member of the Evergreen School District, spoke against the proposal. "We are looking for sites for new schools in which we need at least 10 acres per site and it is impossible to find and land which is running \$3 million per acre," said Zitto. "We need to keep the 27 acres at Evergreen Valley College designated only for education."

Some of the residents attending the meeting said they want the police academy to come back to Evergreen Valley College. Others want the college to sell the downtown office and come back to Evergreen. A few residents mentioned that a UC extension would be beneficial, but not office space or apartments. One speaker said the community needs to vote every San Jose-Evergreen Valley College Board of Trustee member out of office in November.

Some questioned why Evergreen Valley College would consider building commercial buildings when there is more than 35,000 sq. ft. of vacant space at Village Square, and a vacant food store on Aborn Rd.

Upcoming meetings:

San Jose Planning Commission meeting (City Hall): Sept. 28, 2016

SJ City Council meeting to vote on SJ Planning Commission proposal: Nov. 15,

#### **Contact information:**

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## Big Band concert 'Your 40's Hit Parade' a big hit

By Sean Eastwood

oncert goers were treated to a high energy, very professional "Your 1940's Hit Parade"17-piece big band jazz concert featuring vocalist Mary Blaser at Evergreen

The band, featuring vocalist Mary Blaser and Music Director Mark Russo plays popular big band music from the 1930s and 1940s.

Valley College on August 20.

The production company, Gary Vecchiarelli Productions, a successful Las Vegas production company, brought the show to Evergreen "because bringing quality music from the 30's and 40's is very special and everyone knows it's missing from most venues in San Jose, said Vecchiarelli.

#### Back by popular demand

Your 40's Hit Parade"17-piece big band jazz concert returns for a second concert at Evergreen Valley College on Sept. 11.

Evergreen Valley College Theater is located at 3095 Yerba Buena Rd., San Jose, CA.

Tickets and upcoming concert information is available at: www. EvergreenConcerts.com. Or, call 408.294.5555. Will-call tickets are also available.



Concert goers were treated to a high energy, very professional "Your 1940's Hit Parade" 17-piece big band jazz concert featuring vocalist **Mary Blaser** (inset below) at Evergreen Valley College on August 20.



## OP ED

## **Evergreen Valley College proposed land use change**

Special to the Times

Overview

sing the developer Republic Urban as an agent, the SJECCD Board of Trustees is asking the City of San Jose to amend the General Plan designation for the 27 acres on the northeastern corner of Yerba Buena and San Felipe roads from Public/-Quasi-Public (PQP) to Neighborhood/Community Commercial (NCC). Essentially this means a land use designation change and eventual rezoning of the acreage to make it available for commercial and retail development. In addition, the district has accepted a bid from Republic Urban to lease and develop the property for up to 95 years.

This property is where the San Jose Police Academy training center used to be located. It is also where the district's administration buildings were located. The district requested the police academy to vacate the premises and moved their own SJECCD offices to a multi-million dollar downtown facility

#### What Has and Has Not Changed

Then things changed. Chancellor Bud announced in a meeting in July that the amount of property to be initially developed is still under negotiation with Republic Urban. Chancellor Bud said the SJECCD expects the "initial phase" to be somewhere between 9-12 acres and the amount received annually by the district to be less than the \$1.5 million originally proposed. This is roughly less than 1.5 % of the annual budget.

What has not changed is the proposal for the entire 27 acres being reclassified as NCC. This is not under negotiation with the developer. Changing all 27 acres to a land use designation of NCC is the first

step. The second step is rezoning the property. Even if the district rezones and develops the property in phases, the community will still have lost the 27 acres for education and public land use (PQP) because the designation will have already been changed to NCC. This should be read as "commercial and retail" only. The "amenities" referred to by the developer's representative at the San Jose Planning Division meeting on August 15th are the services that commercial and retail store fronts have to offer. Under NCC there are no requirements for education or partnering with the SJECCD for internships or any other public land

#### Viewpoints on the Impact

At this juncture the re-zoning of the property is a secondary issue and is distracting. If we want to save the 27 acres for education, the See OP ED, page 11

## Indian burial site records shed light on solar project

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

anta Clara County admits it should have checked Indian burial site records before starting its solar panel project on a field near Guadalupe Parkway.

After being informed about the burial records by a community newspaper, the Ohlone Indian tribe has been aked to assist the County in ensuring any human bones or artifacts buried there are not disturbed during the final installation of solar panels on the 5-acre site.

San Jose State University records reveal that an archaeological survey was conducted in the early 1970's along Highway 87 between Capitol Expressway and Branham Lane.

#### Too late?

Most of the panels have already been installed, but it's still possible that workers may encounter native soil when they complete a trench for a fence adjacent to Highway 87, according to a spokesperson.

The contractor, Far Western, said its onsite archaeologist will look at the proposed trench excavation and survey using GPS coordinates before their construction crews resume finish the project.

The Ohlone tribe can monitor the excavation to make sure the archaeological work is performed to the highest standards possible.

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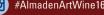






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**Times Community News** 

## Secret investigation 'Gang of Thrones' details revealed by SJPD

Stash found: guns, drugs, cash, jewelry, and one alligator

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

secret undercover investigation code named "Operation Gang of Thrones" conducted by the San Jose Police Department began in March of 2016.

Detectives of the San Jose Police Department's (SJPD) Gang Investigations Unit began building a criminal conspiracy investigation against a Vietnamese criminal street gang.

SJPD worked closely with the Santa Clara District Attorney's Office, Drug Enforcement Adminis-tration, and Federal Bureau of Investigation. On Tuesday, August 23, 2016, all the agencies, as well as personnel from the Santa Clara County Sheriff's Office, Milpitas Police Department, Santa Clara Police Department, Orange County Sheriff's Office, and the Louisiana State Police, served search warrants and arrest warrants at various locations in the cities of San Jose, Santa Clara, Milpitas, Fremont, Anaheim, and an undisclosed location in the State of Louisiana.

This collaborative investigation resulted in the arrest of 23 suspects who are known members or associates of a criminal street gang in San Jose. The suspects were booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on charges ranging from extortion, public corruption, narcotic trafficking, assault, illegal gun possession, and conspiracy. Two of the suspects were arrested

in Anaheim, California, by the Orange County Sheriff's Office. There are six suspects at large for various felonies, including; Conspiracy, Accessory After the Fact, Narcotics and Gambling.

A total of 34 search warrants were served during this investigation in California including one in Louisiana. The following evidence was seized:

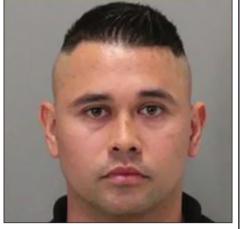
- 5 handguns
- 69 illegal gambling machines
- Over \$200,000 in US currency
- Body armor, jewelry, phones, computers, and financial records

Investigators also recovered more than 4000 Ecstasy pills, 300 Zanex pills, 200 Molly tablets, illegal steroids, over 600 pounds of Marijuana (420 lbs. of which was seized by the Louisiana State Police in transit from San Jose)

Several vehicles were also seized; which included one with a hidden compartment containing \$100,000, and one alligator.

During the course of the investigation, SJPD was alerted to the possible criminal involvement of a San Jose Police Officer. Upon learning this information, SJPD took immediate action by implementing extraordinary investigative measures to determine the extent of the officer's involvement in this criminal investigation.

The investigation revealed that SJPD Officer Derrick Antonio, a 9 1/2 year veteran, was providing confidential law enforcement information to members of a criminal street gang in



SJ Police officer Derrick Antonio

San Jose. The Santa Clara District Attorney's Office reviewed the investigation and issued

warrants for Officer Antonio's arrest, charging him with five felony counts of 502(C)(3) PC - Unauthorized Computer Access and one felony count of 32 PC - Accessory After the Fact.

Officer Antonio was arrested in the City of San Jose by members of the SJPD's Criminal Investigations Detail on Aug. 23. He was booked into the Santa Clara County Jail on the above charges. Officer Antonio has been on paid administrative leave since June 2016.

Lastly, during the course of the investigation, SJPD identified three suspects who conspired to bribe a uniformed member of the SJPD. The suspects are allegedly affiliated with the Duong Café, located at the Pearl Center Plaza, 2268 Senter Road in San Jose, and according to police, are associated to a criminal street gang in San Jose.



**Dr. Alejandro Garcia**, professor of Physics and Astronomy at San Jose State University, will discuss his consulting work for DreamWorks and the upcoming movie "Trolls" at the next free talk and stargazing event at Evergreen Valley College.

# 'Creating Worlds: Physics in Hollywood' Free public talk and stargazing offered at Evergreen Valley College Sept 9

By William Bellou
Publisher

r. Alejandro Garcia, professor of Physics and Astronomy at San Jose State University, will discuss his consulting work for DreamWorks and the upcoming movie "Trolls" at the next free talk and stargazing event at Evergreen Valley College.

The talk will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday Sept. 9 at Evergreen College Visual Performing Arts Theater.

Motion picture directors strive to tell interesting stories set in compelling worlds, and during the creative process, physicists can help them in a variety of ways. Professor Garcia has been a physics consultant for DreamWorks Animation since 2011 with screen credit on Madagascar 3: Europe's Most Wanted and Mr. Peabody and Sherman. He also teaches Physics of Animation, a course developed with the support of the National Science Foundation.

Following the talk, a social gathering will be held from 8 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the Visual Performing Arts Theater at the college. Free food will be offered for the science loving Evergreen community. A free raffle will be held for a \$25 Fry's Electronics Gift Card from WeMo Connect. WeMo Connect offers Tech



Dr. Alejandro Garcia

trainings and boot camps.

Following the social gathering, enjoy a free public stargazing session at the Montgomery Hill Observatory of Evergreen Valley College from 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

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#### **OFF THE SHELF**

## **Evergreen Branch Library tenth anniversary** celebration scheduled for Sept. 17

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

vergreen's 10th anniversary is coming on Sept. 17, 2016, 1p.m. – 4 p.m. Save ✓ the Date! Special events will kick off with a Lion Dance performance by the Vinh Son Liem Group, a cake, special guests, a visit from Conroy the Cougar, balloons, face painting, a special Musical Storytime and more! The original Evergreen Branch goes back to March 1976. Our newer, current building was opened at the same popular Aborn Road location on Sept. 16, 2006, with expanded space, parking, and a neighboring playground park. Success was so great that San José opened the new Village Square branch last spring to help meet the demands of this vibrant community!

#### Evergreen and Village Square Libraries offer Flu vaccines

Free Flu vaccines will be available for anyone age 7 or older, so stop by 4 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. at Village Square Library on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2016 or at Evergreen Library, Sept. 13, 2016.

#### Tween "Sew Easy" workshop

Unique to Evergreen is a new "Sew Easy" bear workshop for Tweens. In four Friday afternoons, Sept. 23 - Oct. 14, 4-5 p.m., children 8-13 years old will learn to thread a needle, sew on a button, master at least three basic stitches, and make a stuffed teddy bear. Unique to Village Square is Fun Crafts4Kids, where 7-11 year olds can have drop in for fun Thursdays, 5:45-6:45 p.m.

#### Homework and tutoring available

School has started, and both library branches are ready to help with homework, tutoring, and assistance in finding the right resources to support learning for all ages. Visit sjpl.org/kidshomework to find free online tutoring in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese, as well as links to online encyclopedias and magazine articles that you can use with your San José Public Library card. September is National Library Card Month. so come in today for this valuable asset available free to infants through seniors!

#### Computer classes

Computer classes and Homework clubs will be happening at both branches. Homework help is available at Village Square most Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Wednesdays to 5 p.m.; and will be sharing space with Math Companions at Evergreen on Mondays, 4 – 5:30 p.m., starting Sept. 19.

#### Coding

Register now for one of two "Girls Who Code" year-long programs, starting soon at Evergreen Library on Tuesdays and the Village Square Library on Fridays. Sign up at Evergreen for eNvision Cloud Programming intermediate level series of classes for all ages starting Saturday, Sept.

#### Preschool storytimes

Preschool storytimes continue at 11 a.m. on Tuesdays at both branches, and for Babies and Toddlers on Thursdays at 11 am at Evergreen. As Reading buddies, Reading to Children, and Furry Friends happen at both locations, check out which times and places work best for you, or visit both!

#### Additional Events

You can view both library branch's complete event listings and information on activities at other library locations at events.sjpl.org. Updates on library events are also available on our Facebook page (facebook.com/sanjoselibrary).

Edith Sutterlin is a librarian at the Evergreen Branch Library, (408) 808-3060. Evergreen Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. Village Square branch is located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square Road. Both branches are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, sjpl.org.

## Students complete summer internship at Santa Clara Valley Water District

his summer, the Santa Clara Valley Water District hosted 48 local high school and college students for a paid summer internship program.

Out of 500 applicants this year, 10 participants were high school students from MetroED's Silicon Valley Career Technical Education. These students marked the first time high school teenagers were selected for the water district's summer internship program. The hands-on learning opportunity introduced these students to water career pathways based on their individual interests.

Several key partnerships helped make the summer internship program possible at the Santa Clara Valley Water District. These include: San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, Metropolitan Education District, TeenForce, and Silicon Valley Career Pathways.

Students began the program with an orientation, developed a learning plan with their mentors, completed safety trainings, completed assigned duties within their specialty, and attended social events to connect with business professionals. Students completed a five-minute capstone presentation in addition to a performance evaluation by their mentor.

According to Peggy Donatelli, Program Administrator for Recruitment at the Santa Clara Valley Water District, student interests included engineering, environmental related programs, business, political science, and computer science. Feedback from mentors was very positive and the water district has hired 18 former interns, to date.

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District's Chancellor, Dr. Deborah Budd, told the water district board that the partnerships are the beginning of "the collective impact we can have, all working together, between the high schools, MetroED, community college, and four year institutions with business so that we can really build those pathways for our students in the community, hire within the community, and really build everyone's future.'

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## Dramatic 'Bloodless Bullfight' held in Silicon Valley last weekend

The drama and flair of bullfighting took place at the Santa Clara County Fairgrounds last Saturday, August 27 featuring Matador (bullfighter) Omar Villaseñor from Mexico (pictured above right) and Cavaliers (horsemen) Alberto Conde from Portugal and Jorge Hernández (above) from Mexico.

Both Portuguese and Mexican-style bullfighting was featured with all the pomp and circumstance of a traditional Corrida de Toros including a live brass band, bullfighters in their Traje de Luces (suit of lights), and Cavaliers on horseback along with the danger of fighting in the ring with a very live bull but without the kill.

California's Bloodless Bullfights which take place mostly on Central Valley's cattle ranches and dairy farms are rare to see in a more urban environment such as Silicon Valley where techies and hipsters may find themselves engrossed in an ancient practice not found in an app.

## **OpEd**

Continued from page 4

primary issue is to keep the land use designation as Public/Quasi-Public (PQP).

Allowing the land use to change from PQP to NCC has long lasting negative consequences to the residents of the City of San Jose and its ability to meet our future educational and public land use needs. If Republic Urban and the district convince the San Jose City Planning Division and Planning Commission to approve the amendment for NCC the land use will no longer be Public/Quasi-Public. Essentially the district's board of trustees can do what they want with the entire 27 acres within the NCC land use guidelines.

The Envision San José 2040 General Plan is very clear on the land use designations of Public/Quasi-Public and Neighborhood/Community Commercial. The district does not need to amend the land use designation the property. As is, Quasi/Public Land can be already used for the purposes the district has stated. Examples are an aquatics center, educational partnerships with Silicon Valley companies, UC Extensions, and medical facilities providing internships for our nursing program.

**Public/Quasi-Public** (Chapter 5, Page 11): This category is used to designate public land uses, including schools, colleges, corporation yards, homeless shelters, libraries, fire stations, water treatment facilities, convention centers and auditoriums, museums, governmental offices and airports. Joint development projects which include public and private participation such as a jointly administered public/private research institute or an integrated convention center/hotel/ restaurant complex are allowed. This category is also used to designate lands used by some private entities, including private schools, daycare centers, hospitals, public utilities, and the facilities of any organization involved in the provision of public services such as gas, water, electricity, and telecommunications facilities that are

consistent in character with established public land uses. Private community gathering facilities, including those used for religious assembly or other comparable assembly activity, are also appropriate on lands with this designation. The appropriate intensity of development can vary considerably depending on potential impacts on surrounding uses and the particular Public/Quasi-Public use developed on the site.

Neighborhood/Community Commercial (Chapter 5, Page 9): This designation supports a very broad range of commercial activity, including commercial uses that serve the communities in neighboring areas, such as neighborhood serving retail and services and commercial/professional office development. Neighborhood / Community Commercial uses typically have a strong connection to and provide services and amenities for the nearby community and should be designed to promote that connection with an appropriate urban form that supports walking, transit use and public interaction. General office uses, hospitals and private community gathering facilities are also allowed in this designation. NCC designations are frequently a part of Urban Villages plans.

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

The next public meetings on this proposed amendment is with City of San José Planning Commission in September, followed by a San Jose City Council meeting in November.

San Jose Planning Commission on Wednesday September 28.

San Jose City Council on Tuesday November 15. The agenda items will include the council's vote on the planned amendment.

If you have an interest in this amendment proposal then please come to these meetings to voice your opinion. Many members of the community will voice their opinion for maintaining this property as PQP. Instead, they want the district to provide a vision and a plan that includes this land and serves the needs of the community and its students. This community, faculty and our students deserve a community college that we can all be proud of.

#### Ways to get involved:

Mark you calendars and come to the city meetings.

Sign the petition to oppose this amendment change to the General Plan and rezoning of the property. Save Evergreen Valley College from Rezoning for Commercial Development

Sandi Randles

Evergreen Valley

#### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

## Reader offers advice on picking leaders

Editor,

The Op Ed in question, published in the Evergreen Times, August 19 – Sept. 1, 2016 by Neharika Bandar, Clinton or Trump: who will do more for the leaders of tomorrow?

My response is as follows:

"Ask not what your country can do for you, but rather ask what you can do for your country."

This phrase, spoken by President John F. Kennedy, is often repeated, and the meaning of which is embraced by many Americans. The phase strikes at being self-reliant, at valuing what one has worked hard to achieve, at being a Patriot.

The offer of "free" of most things from government, (except for those Americans in need of basics) should be considered in direct opposition to President Kennedy's directive, request, and philosophy.

Carol K. Allsup

Evergreen Valley

#### **Times Features**

## Cambrian Park Plaza carousel will remain despite redevelopment of shopping center

By Ken Yeager County Supervisor

any residents of the Cambrian Park neighborhood have been worried about the fate of the Cambrian Park Plaza carousel since the family that built the landmark shopping center sold it last year.

I have been very concerned about the carousel as well. That is why I am happy to report that the Board of Supervisors is expected to officially declare it a county historic landmark on August 30.

The new owner of the shopping center, Texas-based Weingarten Realty Investors, has pledged to keep it intact if any redevelopment of the plaza is undertaken. The historic landmark designation gives the sign an extra layer of protection and recognition as a community landmark.

The 17-acre Cambrian Park Plaza



shopping center was built between 1953 and 1954. It contained eight acres of stores complemented by nine acres of parking. Cambrian Park Plaza joined Rancho Los Altos as one of the first of Santa Clara County's first new style shopping centers that fully embraced the postwar car culture.

Because the shopping center was made up of low-slung buildings that were as much as 200 feet from the street, it lacked visibility in the rapidly suburbanizing neighborhood. The carousel solved the visibility problem and became an area landmark.

In a report to the County's planning department, architectural historian Kara Brunzell called the carousel an "eye-catching example of Roadside Vernacular architecture." Brunzell says that type of mid 20th Century architecture used "bright colors, exaggerated scale and kitschy panache to seize attention." The carousel is one of only a few examples of in the San Jose area of Roadside Vernacular that she cites. The others are the orange Mark's Hot Dogs building as well as the Babe's Mufflers and Futurama signs.

Developers Paul Schaeffer and Christian Wilder built Cambrian Park Plaza using Wilder's earlier Rancho Los Altos shopping center as a template. The Schaeffer family continued to own the shopping center, with its 170,000 square-feet of retail space, until it was sold to

Weingarten Realty Investors.

While the shopping center currently sits on an unincorporated parcel of land, state law will require it to be annexed by the City of San Jose if Weingarten undertakes and significant redevelopment of the property. That redevelopment would be governed by the city. The Board of Supervisors would have no authority over how the property is ultimately developed.

I am happy that the Board is poised to agree with the architectural historian's conclusion that the carousel deserves historic landmark status, and I am heartened that Weingarten has publicly committed to preserving it. I hope that officials in San Jose will ensure that the future redevelopment of the shopping center maintains the neighborhood character of what has long been considered the unofficial town center of Cambrian Park.

# San Jose City Council votes to give San Jose Police authority to shift officers

he San Jose City Council voted 10-1 Tuesday to give San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia the authority necessary to reassign police officers from investigations and special operations to patrol, where the city most needs them.

The emergency declaration gives Garcia the authority to sidestep the police union contract and immediately assign officers where they're most needed, regardless of their personal preferences.

The council declared emergency empowers the city to do what needs to be done promptly.



# Hyundai's concept pickup gets reality check in '18

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

yundai is ready to start producing its concept truck prototype for the 2018 model

Dave Zuchowski, he of the automaker's American Division has confirmed to that the Santa Cruz pickup, first shown as a concept at the 2015 Detroit Auto Show, will go on sale in 2018.

Zuchowski says the decision to put it into production has been made, but the official announcement is yet to come. He added that the final design of the car-based pickup will be locked in soon.

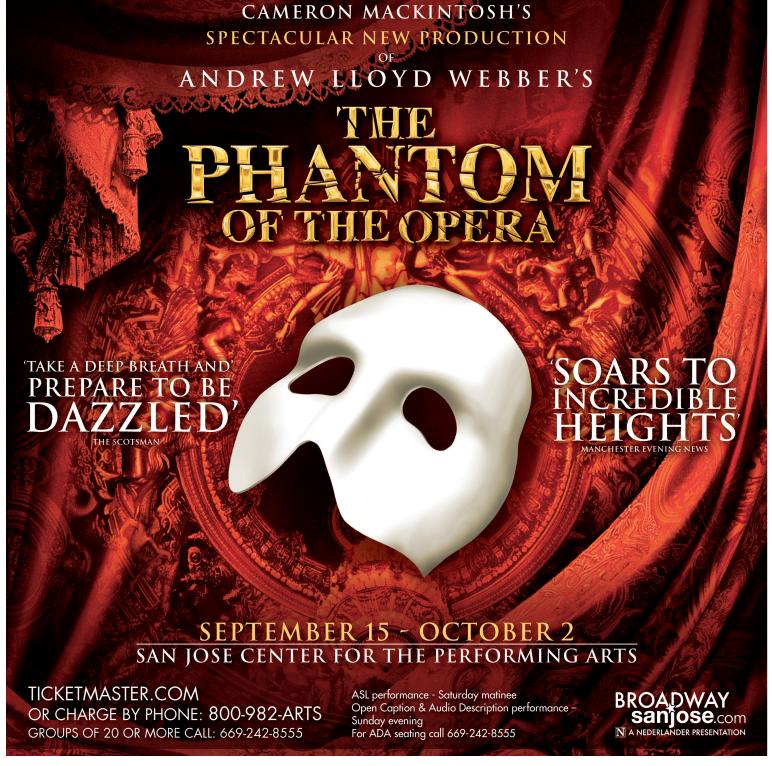
The Santa Cruz is a midsize pickup that aimed more at lifestyle than commercial buyers. It will likely share a chassis with the Santa Fe, or another of Hyundai's crossovers.

The concept was powered by a 2.0-liter diesel engine, but the power-train offerings for the United States have not been finalized.

One feature on the concept that hasn't been confirmed for production is its unique bed, which can be extended like a drawer to accommodate longer items when necessary.

Pricing has not been set, but the Santa Cruz is expected to start in the \$25,000.





## Meet the 12-year-old kid who could become Cornell's youngest graduate ever

Jeremy Shuler has been ahead of the curve since day one.

"Early on we realized Jeremy wasn't really ordinary," parents Harrey and Andy Shuler, both aerospace engineers, told Texas Tech Today. While the two have impressive academic backgrounds themselves, they'requick to admit that their son is "much smarter than either of us, for sure."

At age 2 Jeremy was reading books — in English and Korean. By 5, he was studying pre-calculus, and when he took the SAT at age 10, he placed in the 99.6 percentile for all college-bound seniors that year. He also tested as "profoundly gifted" on the WISC-IV — an IQ test for children — with a score of 156, his parents told CNBC.

The latest addition to Jeremy's resume is Cornell University, where the 12-year-old joins the Class of 2020 this fall. According to the school historian, he's could become the youngest graduate ever from the Ivy League institution.

Jeremy received his high school diploma from Texas Tech University Independent School District — an online program that lets students work at their own pace -

admissions. The application process wasn't tedious or intimidating — it was exciting, he told CNBC. "It meant the start of a big adventure."

applied to several colleges through regular



Jeremy Shuler

CNBC. "It is academically very strong and perhaps the best in applied and engineering physics. Cornell also is good at a wide range of subjects, so Jeremy can dive into other topics that interest him, like linguistics.'

He was accepted to other schools,

but not every one he applied to. "In

the end, Cornell was really our top

choice for a few reasons," Andy

Shuler, Cornell Class of 1997, told

The Shuler family packed up their home in Grand Prairie, Texas, this summer and headed to Ithaca, New York, where they will live within walking distance of campus.

Like most rising freshman, Jeremy is excited for the food, he told Texas Tech Today. "I'm also excited to learn new things and make new friends," he said. "Cornell will be different, though, especially in the first few weeks, as I'll need help to navigate campus and get used to life at school because I've been homeschooled my whole life."

Classes started this week, and Jeremy who plans to major in physics and minor in math — isn't exactly easing his way into the coursework. He's currently enrolled in calculus, computing, Latin, and physics in mechanics and spatial relativity.

Graduation is far off, but that hasn't stopped Jeremy from thinking beyond college. He told CNBC he wants to go to graduate school for math or physics, and his dream is to solve an unsolved math problem.

## Add a **HEALTHY TWIST** to Your Favorite Foods FAMILY FEATURES f vou are like most Americans, vou

might have lapsed a little on your New Year's resolution to eat healthier. Getting back on track is easy and guilt-free, and can be done with just a

Celebrity chef and registered dietitian Diane Henderiks offers three simple ways to help you get back on the right track and make sure you are eating the right foods:

- Eliminate sugary drinks, like soda, as they don't offer any nutritional value.
- Identify ways to reduce the amount of food you eat, as we all tend to eat more than we need to.
- Most importantly, limit the amount of carbohydrates you eat – this means trying to reduce the amounts of pastas, breads and sugars you are consuming – and focus on eating more fiber-rich vegetables, healthy fats and optimal protein.

"It's easy to transform your favorite meals into healthy, low-carb meals that are rich in flavors and will satisfy you,' Henderiks said.

Henderiks said:
Henderiks has transformed some of her favorite meals into low-carb deliciousness for each meal of the day, including dessert, because you can still enjoy your favorite sweets and all of their great flavors with a few twists that make them healthier.

Living a low-carb lifestyle can also be effective in helping you lose and keep off unwanted weight – just in time for spring. Find more recipes that make it easy to eat low-carb all year long at Atkins.com.

#### Waldorf Chicken Salad in **Lettuce Cups**

Serves: 2

1/4 cup Greek yogurt

cup mayonnaise

teaspoon rice wine vinegar teaspoon dry mustard teaspoon dried thyme

pinch of salt freshly ground black pepper

2 cups cooked, skinless chicken breast, coarsely chopped

rib of celery, diced

English cucumber, diced apple, washed, peeled and diced

cup toasted, chopped walnuts large Boston lettuce leaves,

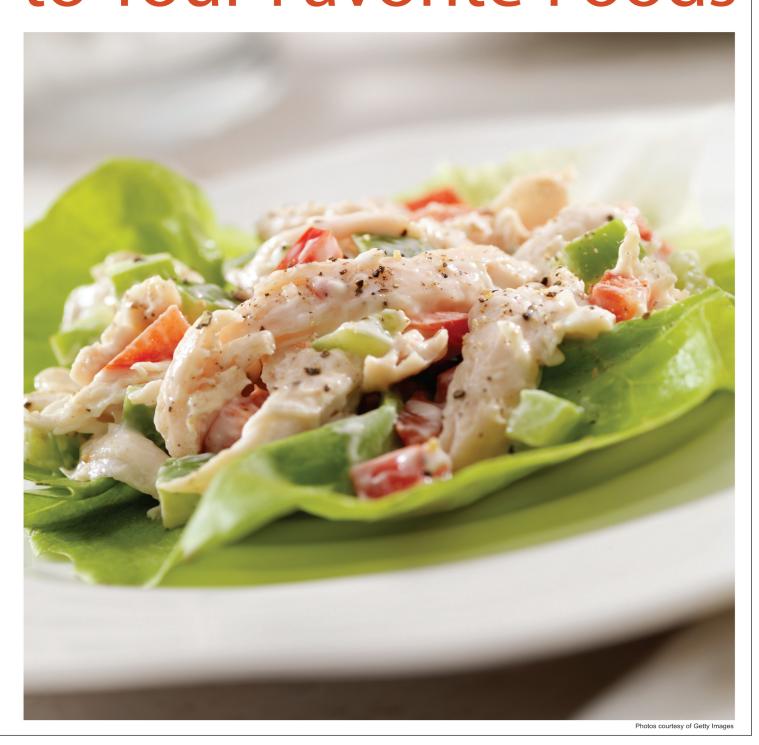
rinsed and patted dry

1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese

In medium mixing bowl, whisk together yogurt, mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard,

thyme, salt and pepper.
Fold in chicken, celery, cucumber, apple and walnuts.

Place 2 lettuce leaves on each plate and spoon 1/4 of chicken salad into each cup. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and serve



Times Features

## Exploring ways to help your children to disconnect from electronic world

Pokemon Go video-game app available, young people have been exploring their communities with their eyes firmly fixed on their smartphones rather than on the wonders of the world.

If endless hours spent capturing imaginary creatures seems like an electronic addiction, it very well may be, but that's nothing new. Many children have been plugged into electronic devices for a long time now, rarely looking up as they help virtual animals save the day, keep race cars on track and watch endless loops of videos on YouTube.

And that can be a concern, says Elaine Fogel Schneider, Ph.D., a therapist and author of "7 Strategies for Raising Calm, Inspired & Successful Children"

"They are so attached to technol-

ogy at such an early age and it's changing their brain circuitry," Schneider says. "They begin to lose the back and forth communication with their parents, and/or siblings, and the whole notion of empathy. For really young children, these devices have become the babysitter. I fully understand that parents need a break (as do grandparents), but there have to be limits."

Schneider has tips for parents who worry about how they can control their child's electronic pastime

• Set rules. Limit the amount of time your child can spend on an electronic device and be consistent in enforcing those rules. This way your child knows that when you say he or she only has two minutes left, then there really is only two minutes left, not three or four hours.

• Use a timer. A timer does not "lie" and can take the blame away from you when you're limiting your child's time on the device. Use the timer that measures down the time your child is spending on the tablet, smartphone, and/or technological game, so that your child knows the end for using that device is approaching, and it won't be a surprise when time is up. You can even have your child select a tone on the smartphone that he or she likes.

• Be ready with another activity. Plan an alternative way of engaging your child so when the device is turned off, some other interest can be provided and take his or her mind off the electronic device. "Describe what you're going to do so the child's interest is piqued into doing something else that he or she enjoys," Schneider says.



Photo: Flickr.com / Chris Parfitt

• Use these tips in your home at | first. As with everything, at first there's a learning curve, so there may be tantrums, tears, melt downs and even depression. That's why Schneider recommends following these tips at home first. "I wouldn't think of trying this out in public right away since I don't think you want to endure the wrath or glances of diners or shoppers as they hear your child scream," Schneider says. In time, though, the child will know what is expected, she says, and will be able to disconnect from a smartphone, tablet, or other electronic device without major melt-

"In the long run, you're doing a service for your child by limiting

the amount of time spent on an electronic device," Schneider says. "I can remember hearing my own mother's words, 'I'm doing this for your own good!' And that's really true."

#### About Elaine Schneider, Ph.D.

Elaine Fogel Schneider, author of the Amazon bestseller "7 Strategies for Raising Calm, Inspired & Successful Children, is the country's leading authorities on touch therapy, and founder of Baby Steps, preparing young children for educational readiness and providing parent coaching. As a sought-after speaker and trainer, she offers interactive presentations and workshops for educators, parents and healthcare professionals. For more information, visit askdrelaine.com



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## **Cahill recipient of Pat McMahon Masters Level Scholarship**

By William Bellou Publisher

ine Cahill, who makes her home in Dublin, Ireland, is this year's recipient of the Pat McMahon Masters Level Scholarship, sponsored by the San Jose - Dublin Sister City Program in partnership with Cypress Semiconductor, San Jose State University (SJSU) and Dublin City University.

Cahill is currently attending Dublin City University this fall, followed by spring semester 2017 at San Jose State. While at SJSU, her curriculum includes a three-unit accredited practicum at Cypress Semiconductor, followed by a fourmonth paid summer internship.

Cahill is an electrical and electronic engineer who was awarded first calls honors degree and a gold medal in her Bachelors of Engineering at Trinity College Dublin in June 2016.

She is also the recipient of the Intel Leixlip Women in Technolo-



**Aine Cahill** 

gy Scholarship.

Founded in 1986, by then Mayor of San Jose, Tom McEnery, and former Irish Prime Minister and then Lord Mayor of Dublin, Bertie Ahern, the mission of the San Jose – Dublin Sister City Program is to develop civic, cultural, economic, educational, artistic and athletic ties between San Jose and Dublin as well as Silicon Valley and Ireland.

#### Times Local News



The Katherine Smith Elementary School Back to school event is a great example of the exciting back to school week across the Evergreen School District.

## Evergreen kids get back to school

#### By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

"Welcome Back BBQ" was held on the first day of school to kick-off the start of the new school year in the Evergreen School District at Katherine Smith Elementary School.

This year Quinton Dial, Defensive Tackle for the 49ers, sponsored the school by providing a number of back packs for the kids, he was just one of several sponsors most of whom were organized by Pastor Randy Capistrano of River of Life Church. The year's sponsors included: Quinton Dial of the San Francisco 49ers, River of Life Church, QDKids, Stay Golden Foundation, Stay Dry Go Green, and St. Francis of Assisi Church

Along with the free meal and backpack give away, the school used the occasion to provide a forum for a number of family resources and agencies to share what they can offer to our families such as after school programs, enrichment opportunities, Walk-N Roll, migrant education, and PTA



Quinton Dial, defensive tackle for the 49ers, donated backpacks.



#### 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 corest their contents. 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.

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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Times Feature

#### Olivero's plan to staff police department gets negative reaction

an Jose City Councilmember Pierluigi Olivero's plan to staff the San Jose Police Department with members of the Santa Clara County Sheriff department and the California Highway Patrol is not getting an enthusiastic response.

Oliverio says the police department is stretched dangerously thin, with just 812 street-ready officers. "I want to ask the sheriff's office and the California Highway Patrol for help.'

Police Chief Eddie Garcia opposes the idea. He wrote the city council a letter saying he's concerned that asking for outside help would have a detrimental effect on morale, and recruiting efforts.

It's not clear if the sheriff's department has the ability to help out in the first place. The Sheriff's office released a statement saying it, "Remains focused on protecting public safety in the current communities it serves.'

## 'S' Wonderful Celebrating **Gershwin set for Sept. 11**

an Jose Musical Theater's Fundraising Concert and Gala featuring some of the finest entertainers in the Bay Area singing and dancing to the music of George Gershwin at the newly reopened Hammer Theater.

Guest Star is Kathryn Crosby with Special Appearances by Tammy Nelson of Beach Blanket Babylon and Prima Ballerina Karen Gabay with Solo Dancer Alex Kramer. Gershwin's music is vibrant, lush, jazzy, sophisticated and uniquely American.

The concert features songs such as "Our Love Is Here to Stay," "The Man I Love," some "Fred and Ginger" classics and selections from the inimitable Porgy and Bess. The Gala will include live auctions and an optional reception beginning at 5:45.

The venue will be the recently reopened Hammer Theater in San Jose at 101 Paseo de San Antonio, formerly referred to as San Jose Rep.

Included in the evening's festivities will be a live auction and raffle tickets start at \$44.00. Reception Tickets \$20.00 are sold separately. For tickets go to www.sjmt.org or call 800-838-3006.

## Internationally renowned pianist Jon Nakamatsu launches new season for Steinway Society

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

nternationally acclaimed pianist Jon Nakamatsu, Gold Medalist at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, leads off the 22nd Season for Steinway Society - The Bay Area, 7 p.m., September 11, 2016 in the McAfee Theater, Saratoga.

Nakamatsu grew up in San Jose and graduated from Stanford University; his wife teaches at Saratoga High School. Though his busy touring schedule often keeps him away, he is immensely popular with Bay Area audiences.

Nakamatsu came to international attention in 1997 when he was awarded the Gold Medal at the Tenth Van Cliburn International Piano Competition, the only American to win the Competition since 1981.

Since his dramatic Van Cliburn Gold Medal triumph, he has become a favorite throughout the world both on the concert circuit and in the recording studio. He has performed widely in North and South America, Europe, and the Far East.

His extensive recital tours throughout the United States and Europe have featured appearances at I



Jon Nakamatsu

Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City, at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., The White House, and in Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati, Paris, London and Milan. Nakamatsu records exclusively for harmonia mundi USA, which has released thirteen of his CDs. His all-Gershwin recording with Jeff Tyzik and the Rochester Philharmonic featuring Rhapsody in Blue and the Concerto in Frose to number three on Billboard's music charts, earning extraordinary critical praise.

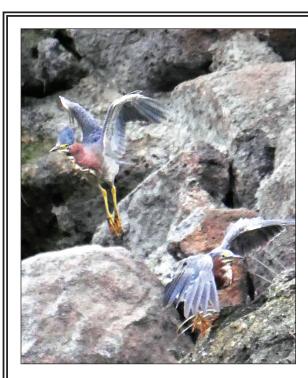
#### **PROGRAM**

- MOZART Sonata No. 13 in Bflat Major, K. 333 "Linz"
- BRAHMS Sonata No. 3 in F minor, Opus 5
- SCHUMANN Papillons, Op. 2
- CHOPIN Scherzo in C-sharp minor, Op. 39; Nocturne in F-sharp Major, Op. 15, No. 2; Polonaise in A-flat Major, Op. 53; McAfee Performing Arts and Lecture Center, 20300 Herriman Ave, Saratoga, CA

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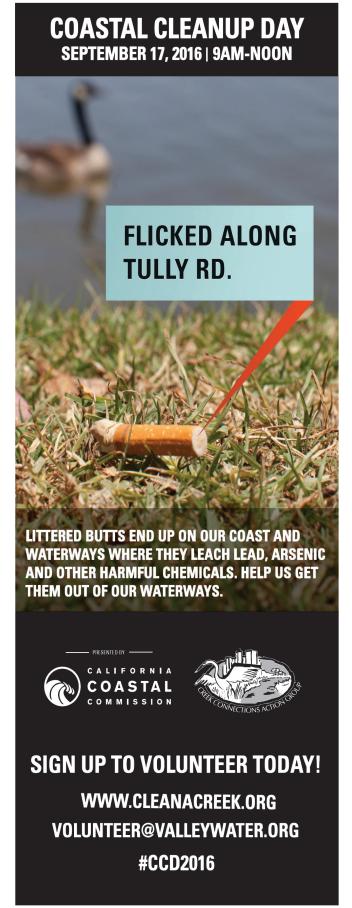
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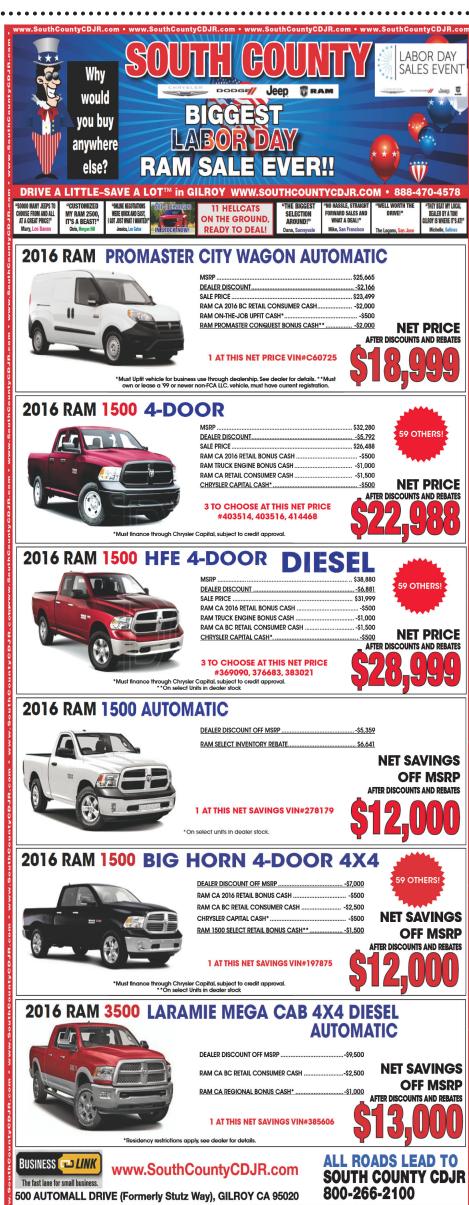




## Bird watching at the Villages

Two green herons who fight over the best fishing spots on the golf course many mornings. Photo by Lou Alexander. At right, snowy egrets skim the surface of the water at the Villages.





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## Community Calendar



Learn DIY Beauty Treatments on September 14 at New Seasons Market. *Photo: Zenspa1 (via Flickr)* 

#### Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

Fridays, 5-7pm: Wine Tasting & Cheese Pairings. Explore different wines each week and get pairing ideas: 9/2: Santa Cruz Mountain Winery, 9/9: Robert Hall Winery, 9/16: Scotto Family Wines, 9/23: Martin Ranch Winery, 9/30: Champagne Tasting & Acoustic Music. Complimentary.

September Weekends, 12-4pm: Tastings. Enjoy samples of different products every weekend afternoon. 9/3 & 4: School Lunches/Snacks, 9/10 & 11: Nut Butters and Jams, 9/17 & 18: Peppers, 9/24 &25: Tomato-Fest. Free.

Wed, September 14, 5:30–7pm: DIY Beauty Treatments. Learn how to create your very own beauty products with a few natural and easily accessible ingredients. Take home a jar of your own creation. \$10. Register at the Solutions Counter or at:

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Sat, September 17, Essential Oils 101, 2–3:30pm. Join Heidi Dagman and learn what essential oils are, how they work and how you can use them to support your family's health and wellbeing. Register at:

www.newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com.Free.

Wed, September 21, 6-7pm: Intro to an Anti-Inflammatory Diet. Is an anti-inflammatory diet right for you? Learn about the health benefits of following this diet, the right foods to eat and which to avoid. Register at the Solutions Counter or at: www.newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com. Free.

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# LGBT history to be taught in California public schools

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

The Board of Education approved sweeping curriculum changes aimed at weaving the contributions of minorities into the story of America this month.

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The new curriculum stems from the Fair, Accurate, Inclusive and Respectful Act, a 2012 California law seeking greater representation of the LGBT community and other minorities in history, social and civic lessons.

The State Board of Education approved curriculum changes to include the history of gay and lesbian leaders and their civil rights struggles. Starting as early as early as second grade, students will learn lessons about families with two moms or two dads.

In a KCRA-TV interview, Lauryn Wild, a curriculum specialist said "We are proud to represent a diverse state, and we are proud that this framework reflects the state that we serve"

But State Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Torlakson sees the change as overdue. "It will give our students access to



the latest historical research and help them learn about the diversity of our state and the contributions of people and groups who may not have received the appropriate recognition in the past," he told the Los Angeles Times.

In the new framework, second graders will learn that some families have two moms or two dads, a concept that is presented as part of normal diversity among people.

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#### **Times Entertainment**

## Ben-Hur

Ben-Hur.

**By Steven Leonard** *Times Media Movie Reviewer* I liked Jack Huston as Judah

Prior to going to see Ben-Hur, I lost a court case. I didn't mind losing, but what I didn't like was the judge allowing people to testify against me while I couldn't call any witnesses to my defense. I can now see how the world can evolve into conflicting viewpoints that allows hatred to rise.

I went into Ben-Hur thinking we didn't need another interpretation of this story, but I left no longer angry at my enemies. The movie allowed me to let go of my anger,

hatred and fear.

This movie does not escape the shadow of its namesake, but when this Ben-Hur comes

its namesake, but when this Ben-Hur comes into its own, it does so with a thrilling fire-and-brimstone ferocity followed by an emotional release of forgiveness and mercy towards those who have caused great harm in our lives.

Ben-Hur has two strong lead performances, a terrific first act, an exciting chariot race, and a message of hope and forgiveness. Is the chariot race as exciting as in the original 1959 movie? Yes, but the original race, directed by Andrew Marton, was extremely dangerous to film (no CGI) and a stunt man died during the



**Jack Huston** stars as Judah Ben-Hur. *Photo courtesy Paramount/MGM* 

filming.

I walked out liking this Ben-Hur with its pulsating battles and chariot races, its proclamation that mercy and sacrifice are more revolutionary than anything happening in our world today or on screen.

Paramount's remake of Ben-Hur stands on its own as a decent film. Timur Bekmambetov delivers a solidly entertaining, well-shot, biblical epic. I believe Charlton Heston would like this film, although it won't earn any Academy Awards.

The film's opening is mediocre but finishes above average. The drama is somewhat stilted during the first half of the film, but Morgan Freeman shows up as Ilderim to rescue the film. I walked out with a tear in my eye.







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## Keeping up the faith

- community
- Provide interfaith networking
- Connect the faith community to the needs of the San Jose community to help close service gaps

It has been my hope that by bringing these faith communities and nonprofit organizations together and recognizing their strength and influence in our community for doing good, we can share common goals, resources, and needs to address such issues as:

- Housing the homeless,
- Providing hope,
- Breaking cycles of violence and poverty

It's been an amazing annual event where faith communities gather and sometimes meet for the first time at the breakfast. They make connections with other faith communities as well as non-profit agencies and city services.

Our host faith communities over the past six years have been at the local stake of the Latter Day Saints, the East Valley Pentecostal Church, Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, the Sikh Gurdwara, and this year at The Village Library co-hosted by the Evergreen Islamic Center.

Years ago, under Mayor Reed, the City of San Jose reached out to their Faith Communities to help us address social challenges such as gang violence and prevention, homelessness, and neighborhood beautification projects. Under the Community Engagement Subcommittee of the Mayors Gang Prevention Task Force, which I chair, faith leaders like

Pastor Danny Sanchez have created a faith crisis response team that provides crisis chaplaincy at Valley Medical Center and a program to allow faith communities to share their facilities for programs and space during crisis, as well as provide spiritual and emotional emergency response to families in crisis affected by gang violence

Currently, faith com-

munities have become actively involved in programs with the City Attorney's Office, San Jose Police Department, and others to engage community volunteers in NightWalks, which will serve as a presence of peace in gang impacted

Other faith leaders and communities have worked on issues such as Housing One Hero – an initiative to house homeless veterans. Evergreen Valley Church, led by Pastor Tim Wood, has taken up the call to commit to housing one veteran through the Housing One Hero program along with 14 other faith communities throughout the city. The unique partnership with faith communities has the added benefit of not only housing a homeless veteran but also supplying the needed support services and resources. I heard the testimony of homeless people who were reminded of their worth and humanity through an experience of being welcomed by a faith community.

I look forward to this year's breakfast and the wonderful people of faith who will gather together to connect and activate a communal call to collaborative improvement of our City. We have a flourishing city, but we can always be better. With our wonderfully, diverse faith community, we can be better.

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

I want to keep you informed! Sign up for the District 8 newsletter - go to www.sanioseca.gov/district8.

#### 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.as px?NID=3874.



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3:00 p.m. Call 408-997-5100 for recorded information or 408-997-5101 to speak with someone in our parish office. Information on Faith Formation for children and adults can be obtained by calling our Catechetical Office at 408-997-5115. Get in the loop with our 3sixty High School Youth Ministry by calling 408-997-5106. Holy Spirit School serves grades Pre-K through 8th, and is located at 1198 Redmond Avenue. You can reach the school office at 408-268-

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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)

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Teachers Organization. Meets bimonthly 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 ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for

agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.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 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/Evergree

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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/

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.

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Friends of Evergreen Library
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#### **Hidden Glen Community**

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#### 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)

## 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

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#### 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)

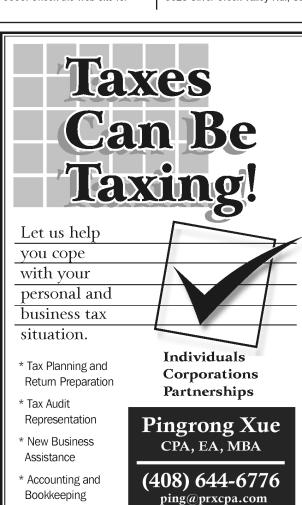
Branch 114 meets every first Tuesday of the month in the Villages' Clubhouse Fairway Room. The meeting agenda includes a noon luncheon for all SIR Branch 114 members and a 12:30 p.m. speaker open to all Villagers and friends. For more information, call Lou Figone, SIR 114 BIG SIR at (408) 966-4175.

#### 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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