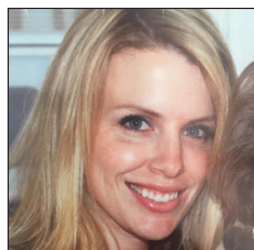


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Ballot measures debated at AVCA forum

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

On Nov. 8, San Jose residents will vote on local initiatives ranging from pension reform to parcel taxes for school funding.

At a recent Almaden Valley Community Association forum, proponents and opponents of several ballot measures presented their viewpoints to an interested, standing-room only crowd.

MEASURE B: Sales Tax for VTA Transportation Projects

Santa Clara County Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) is seeking approval of a 30-year, half-cent sales tax measure. The additional sales tax would generate \$6 to \$6.5 billion for transit-related projects: \$1.5 billion for BART Phase II expansion, \$1 billion for Caltrain infrastructure, \$750 million for highway interchanges, \$750 million for county expressways, \$1.2 billion for local streets and roads, \$350 million for Hwy 85 express lanes, noise abatement and an alternative transportation study, \$250 million for a bicycle/pedestrian safety program and \$500 million for transit operations.

The ballot measure incorporates results from VTA's Envision Silicon Valley effort – an 18-month public outreach project which gathered input from transportation professionals, stakeholder groups and community organizations on transportation needs.

Gladwyn d'Souza, Transportation Chair of the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter, is against Measure B. He believes that VTA needs to go in a new direction. "Among the measure's goals, its authors intend it to 'relieve traffic on the express-



Several November ballot measures were debated at a recent AVCA forum. From left: Debate Moderator & AVCA Director Bob Strain, Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Prior Councilmember Pete Constant. Photos by Lorraine Gabbert

ways and key highway interchanges.' Unfortunately for county residents, this is wishful thinking," he says. "History shows that traffic only gets worse as the population and the economy grows. Back in the 1970s, a plan was developed for a network of light rail lines that would cover Santa Clara County. However, rather than implement that plan, a network of expressways and highways was built instead. That decision is the direct cause of today's traffic congestion."

Chris O'Connor, Senior Associate for Transportation and Housing for the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, supports Measure B: "The city and federal government are getting out of the business of funding transportation infrastructure," he says. "We've been successful getting money to bring BART to Milpitas and San Jose this year because we asked for specific protected funding. Infrastructure is collapsing. We need to pass this ballot measure now, at pace with our red hot economy, or things will get worse."

d'Souza says that VTA promised that the center divider of Hwy 85 would be used for light rail. O'Connor agrees but notes that the development of a transit only lane on Hwy 85 would cost hundreds of millions of dollars and require sound mitigation along the corridor.

"I see plans for high speed rail going from nowhere to nowhere," says d'Souza, "but I don't see high speed rail from San Jose to Los Angeles. How can we ensure anything VTA does will help us?"

"Measure B doesn't have anything to do with high speed rail," says O'Connor. "Measure B

funds infrastructure improvements like longer platforms for eight cars instead of six for BART and infrastructure improvements for Caltrain."

d'Souza is unconvinced that VTA will finish what they start. "Look at the BART project," he says. "Not a single BART station has opened since the funding. Some of the light rail lines promised with the last measure were never built.

Look at their record; clearly VTA doesn't need more money."

"The 2000 measure didn't start until 2006," says O'Connor. "It's a third of the way through. Measure B brings BART to Santa Clara University, where a people mover can finally break ground with platform connections with Caltrain and improved connectivity to San Jose Airport."

"Expansion was promised to Caltrain in the last ballot measure and cancelled," says d'Souza. "Vote 'No' on Measure B. The record is clear. They can't do what they claim they're going to do." d'Souza is also unhappy with the existing transit system. "About 20 years ago, I would've taken a bus or rode my bike to San Jose," he says, "but a generation of road expansion's made it too dangerous or polluted to; a nice country road turned into Hwy 87. So, I took a train and bus from Milpitas to get here. It took 2.5 hours. Going home due to the decreased transit schedule would take four hours, so I'm taking Uber. I can't imagine spending time doing that on a daily basis. What did we hear today to make you think there are solutions in Measure B for your average working stiff? A failed strategy cannot be trusted."

O'Connor has every faith in upcoming VTA projects. "This solution was developed by your elected officials over a three-year period," he says. "BART is coming next year. We're continuing our vision and bringing safety improvements throughout the county. This is the most

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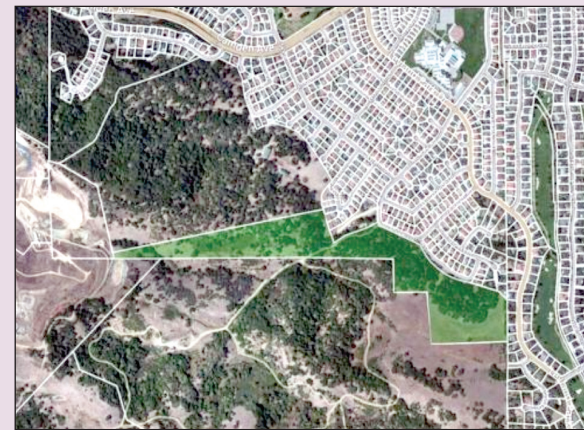


From left: Chris O'Connor and Gladwyn d'Souza

Almaden Pierce Ridge parcel sells for \$2.55 million

The 41-acre Pierce Ridge parcel in Almaden Valley has been sold to a private buyer for \$2.55 million. The property borders the Almaden Quicksilver County Park, with access from the end of McAbee Road and Whispering Pines Drive in San Jose.

The parcel is now in control of the buyer who will most likely build a single family home next to Almaden Quicksilver Park. The property has rolling hills and oak trees. It's inhabited by a variety of wildlife includ-



ing black-tailed deer, quail, turkeys and wild pigs.

Santa Clara County officials have expressed interest in the parcel for more than a decade with a hope of someday utilizing the parcel for the parks and trail system. According to sources, the agreement was not forthcoming. See PIERCE RIDGE, page 8

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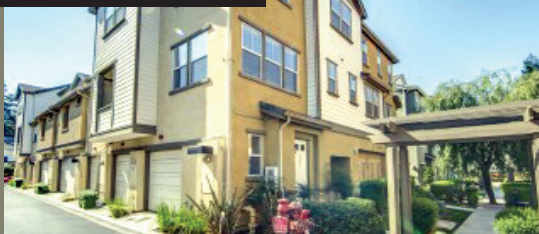
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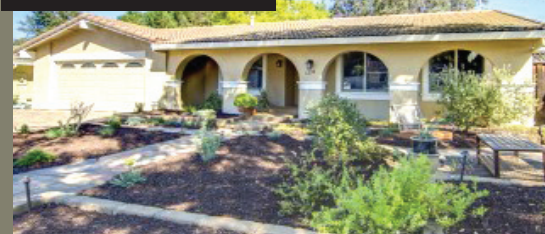
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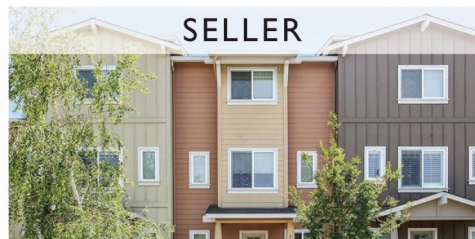
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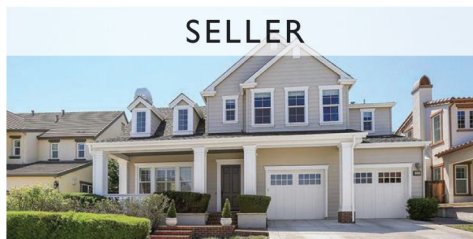
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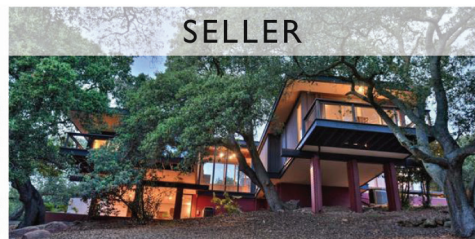
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Holy Spirit Girl Scouts efforts benefit many

More than 55 Girl Scouts from Holy Spirit School and 20 volunteer parents recently gathered on an early dismissal day for the first all-troop community service project of the year.

The girls made blankets for the homeless, pet toys for animal shelters and holiday cards for our military men and women.

Holy Spirit School Daisy Girl Scouts, from Kindergarten and first grade, worked alongside the Brownie, Junior and Cadette Girl Scouts from grades 2-7.

Parent volunteers cut enough fleece for 51 blankets, while the older girls patiently taught the younger ones how to tie knots to secure the blanket pieces.

One Girl Scout was overheard explaining that you should, "Tie each knot on these blankets with love." The blankets will be donated to Sacred Heart Community Services for distribution this winter through their homeless outreach programs. When the blankets were complete, the girls piled them all together and paused to admire their handiwork and pray for those who will use their blankets this winter.

Part of the Girl Scout Law teaches girls to "use their resources wisely," and the Holy Spirit Scouts put the law to work when they turned the blanket scraps into something useful instead of throwing them away. They braided and tied the fabric's selvage pieces into dog toys that will



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be donated to a local animal shelter. For some, this was their first experience braiding and once again, the older girls offered a helping hand.

The girls also spent part of the afternoon creating cards for Operation Holiday Cards 2016, a popular Girl Scout community project that gathers thousands of cards and sends them to the armed forces serving in Iraq and Afghanistan during the holiday season. The girls hope their artwork and kind words will help lift the spirits of those serving our country

far from home this holiday season.

Holy Spirit School is a PreK through eighth grade Catholic school located on Redmond Avenue in Almaden. For information, please visit their website at <http://www.holyspiritschool.org>.

For information about Sacred Heart Community Services, a non-denominational, non-profit organization that provides integrated services on site, free of charge to all in need, please visit their website at sacredheartcs.org.

Police seek help in locating 91 year old woman

The San Jose Police Department needs the public's assistance locating a 91 year old missing female at risk.

Kimiko Toji, 91, walked away from her home on Cresta Vista Way in South San Jose earlier this week and has not returned. Toji has a medical condition that requires immediate attention.



She was last seen wearing glasses, black sweat-shirt and light blue pants. She has a broken left arm and is wearing a splint for support. Ms. Toji is approximately 5'2" and weighs 104 pounds. She has brown eyes and grey hair.

If located please call San Jose PD Dispatch at 408-277-8911.

Holy Family Parish Annual Holiday Boutique Nov. 19-20

Holy Family Parish has announced their 14th Annual Holiday Boutique will be held on Nov. 19-20.

A wide variety of gifts for children and adults alike will be on sale for the two day event. Hours for the event are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Raffles will also be conducted for several valuable prizes such as an American Girl Doll, a LEGO kit, a Nespresso machine, jewelry, decorated Christmas trees, and more.

Lunch will be available at the Parish snack bar. Holy Family Parish Community Center is located at 4848 Pearl Ave., San Jose.

For more information, call (408) 265-4040.

Friends of Almaden Library book sale Nov. 5

The Friends of the Almaden Library Fall Book Sale event will be held on Nov. 5 at the Almaden Library.

The book sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Almaden Library, located at 6445 Camden Ave. in San Jose.

Nearly all of the library's huge selection of gently used books will be priced at \$1 each. All proceeds support local neighborhood library programs benefitting the Almaden community.

Please bring your own bags.

The Almaden Library is located at 6445 Camden Ave San Jose, CA 95120

Board to Vote on Emergency Proclamation for Loma Fire

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors will vote on ratifying a Proclamation of a Local Emergency proclamation for the Loma fire.

The meeting is scheduled Tuesday, October 4, which would allow the County to receive mutual aid in repairing damage caused by the Loma Fire and firefighting efforts. Several mud slides were reported due to the recent storm.

The Board action is necessary to extend a proclamation of emergency issued by County Executive Jeff Smith, acting as Director of Emergency Services, on Thursday, September 29. Within 14 days of its ratification, the Board can review the proclamation to determine if it is still warranted.

"Even after the fire is 100 percent contained, there will be a lot of work to do," said Board President Dave Cortese. "We will need help with recovery and rehabilitation of the land. This proclamation will allow us to request mutual aid for work in those areas."

The Tuesday meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Board Chambers of the County Government Center, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. Click here for a report on the resolution the Board will consider.

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Mayor, San Jose

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Times Feature

California jury instructions are many and varied

By Donald J. DeVries
Special to the Times

This week's question:

I served on a jury in Santa Clara County Superior Court a few weeks ago. Quite an experience. One question I have is still on my mind. Please let me know what the judge was reading from the end of the case that dealt with the judge's "instructions".

George G.
Almaden Valley

Dear George:

Very good question, George. Not that many individuals get to serve on a jury and not that many seem to notice the "instructions" at the end of the trial phase of the case.

The judge is an expert on the law, of course, but jurors do not know the law and therefore need to be told what the law is in that particular setting. Jurors decide matters of fact that are in dispute and the judge helps the process by explaining what the law is and is not, based upon the facts as found by the jury.

The above may sound a bit involved, but it is part of the best system of justice on our planet, in my opinion. Bar none.

The "instructions" are based on a couple of hundred years of experience in this country, experience dealing with a combination of previous cases decided by our state and federal courts, statutes passed by our legislative bodies, and matters of which the Court can take judicial notice.

You did not say in your question if you served on a civil case or criminal case, so these comments will apply to both types of cases.

It is no easy job to create proper jury instructions, and they do not appear out of nowhere overnight. A special committee has been set up

for many years to prepare and update good jury instructions, a committee of judges called the "Judicial Council of California Advisory Committee on Civil Jury Instructions."

The Judicial Council of California has worked hard at making all jury instructions easy to understand by using plain language so that all jurors and we attorneys can understand.

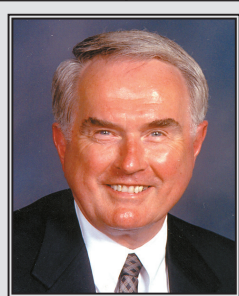
Almaden Times readers can go online and enter "California Jury Instructions" in their browsers and up will come a wealth of information about our jury instructions, both civil ("CACI") and criminal ("CALCRIM"). (The acronym "CACI" is pronounced "Casey".)

In preparation of this article, I went online, brought up google.com and entered "California Jury Instructions". The first option for information was "Jury Instructions for Judges and Attorneys" with a subtitle "Plain Language Civil and Criminal Jury Instructions for Judges and Attorneys."

You also can go online and find the same material, of course. You can read all about our jury instructions and why they are stated as they are. A lot of valuable information is available with a few mouse clicks.

You will see for yourself how many hundreds of instructions are available and how much variety there is. It is quite eye opening.

In trial work, toward the end of the case the attorneys typically meet with the judge in his or her office, called "chambers", to discuss what



Ask The Lawyer

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instructions the Court should give to the jury. This is a very important step in the trial of the case and cases are often won or lost, depending on what instructions the judge reads to the jurors when the evidence is in and legal arguments are completed by both sides.

The judge wants to have it right too, since the side that lost the case may have the right to file an appeal with the Court of Appeal, based on faulty jury instructions. Often some compromise language in the instructions may work to the satisfaction of both sides. So, you can see how important those instructions are in considering the whole case.

I am sure the attorneys for both sides expressed their gratitude at the end of the case for your jury service, but just in case they did not, for some reason, thank you so much for your jury service.

Once again, good question, George. I would think that you are ready for a break in jury service now, but best wishes in the process if you ever serve again as a juror.

Donald J. DeVries
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Tips for safe driving

By Barbara Broyles
Special to the Times

Do you have a new driver in the family? My best advice to new drivers is take and complete Driver Training before driving with parents. Very often new drivers pickup unsafe driving habits and techniques without realizing what they are doing wrong.

Parents are normally aware the new driver is making mistakes, but don't always know what the cause of the mistake is, so they cannot correct it. It is very easy to turn a driving error into a lifetime bad habit which may lead to collisions.

Learning to drive is difficult due to the fact that we have so much traffic and so many uneducated and/or under skilled drivers on the road. The DMV does not have the time or resources to give a real skill test, which should consist of 30 to 45 minutes of on-the-road driving. So it is up to each individual to work at traffic safety - and of course, turn off the cell phone while driving. No text or call is worth your life.

So parents, watch your driving habits. Someone important is watching you.

Barbara Broyles is from Allied Driving School, which is celebrating 39 years of business in San Jose at 1064 Lincoln Avenue. Call (408) 972-4591 for more information.

Pierce Ridge

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The original owner of the parcel, Joe Pierce, is a Modesto dairy farmer. Pierce has expressed interest in selling the property to the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department, but the window of opportunity expired. The county said the price was too high at an asking price of \$2.95 million.

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Times **Community News**

Police seek help in finding missing person

The San Jose Police Department is asking for the public's assistance locating a missing person at risk, 36-year-old Ryann Jennifer Kasses.



5 feet 4 inches, 150 pounds, long blonde hair, and hazel eyes. She was last seen wearing a black fleece jacket, black cropped workout leggings, and pink jogging shoes.

Jennifer was last seen on Oct. 5, 2016 at approximately 7:55 p.m. at the Target store located on Cottle Rd. in South San Jose. The family reported the missing person is possibly suicidal.

The vehicle associated to the missing person is a medium gray 2014 Mercedes Benz ML 350 SUV (CA Lic. # 7FHC871).

If seen, please notify the San Jose Police Department's Missing Person Unit at (408) 277-4786 or call 911.

Episcopal Church Pumpkin Patch now open

By Sean Eastwood
Times staff writer

The Episcopal Church in Almaden is sponsoring a special Pumpkin Patch event, which is located at the tree lot next to the church property located at 6581 Camden Avenue, two blocks east of Almaden Expressway. The event runs through Oct. 31 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday.



Pumpkin love

A couple show their devotion to pumpkins at the Half Moon Bay Pumpkin Festival, which was held Oct. 15.

The event is a family-friendly offering for the enjoyment of Almaden residents. All proceeds from the pumpkin sales are distributed to children and families in need through existing programs at The Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA).

Farmington, NM. The field workers and full time staff are Native Americans. The organization has a positive and lasting impact on a region that experiences 42 percent unemployment.

The Pumpkin Patch has 25 varieties of premium quality pumpkins, including Swan Pumpkins. Unique gourds will also be offered. Informational displays highlighting ECA programs that support children and families in need, and will provide fun for small children and families.

ECA has organized and planned this event and have asked for volunteers to help to staff the Patch, but they didn't stop there – the Marines are coming to help unload 700 pumpkins on the morning of October 8th. Other community based organizations are also being asked, such as the San Jose Police Department, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, and other community-based organizations to volunteer as well.

The church is participating with a 30 year-old organization, Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, a faith-based group. Their pumpkins are grown only for fundraising for charitable purposes, and are sustainably grown, both agriculturally and socially. The pumpkins grow on a 1200 acre farm on the Navajo reservation in

ECA is inviting everyone to come and have fun and purchase a pumpkin to help support those in need. If you have any questions or would like to help, contact ECA at Office@eca-sj.org.

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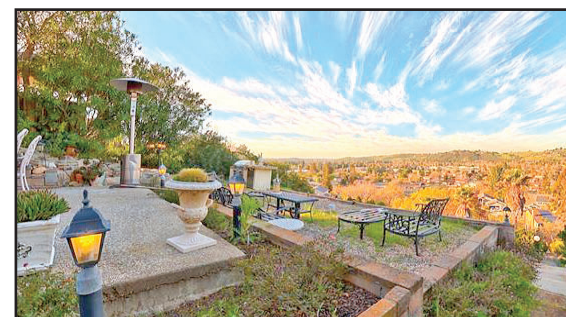
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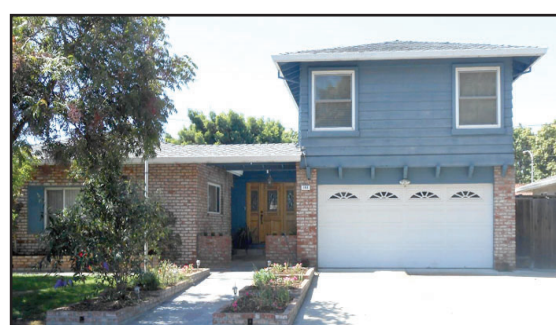
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Times Local News

Measure	Summary	Total bonds issued or revenue estimated	How is it paid for?	Cost (estimated cost for ad-valorem taxes)	Yearly cost for owner of a \$500,000* condominium	Yearly cost for owner of median-priced San Jose home of \$822,700* (from Zillow.com)	Area Affected	Vote required for passage	Is there a Senior or other Exemption?
A	Affordable Housing Bonds	\$950 million	Ad-valorem tax (based upon property value)	\$12.66/\$100,000 of assessed property value for up to 30 yrs	\$63.30	\$104.15	All of Santa Clara County	2/3 vote	No
X	San Jose-Evergreen Community College District bonds	\$748 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$18.95/\$100,000 of assessed property value for up to 30 yrs	\$94.75	\$155.90	Much of San Jose & nearby unincorporated County areas.	55% vote	No
Y	San Jose Unified School District parcel tax	\$5 million annually	Tax on each parcel of property	\$72/parcel for 8 yrs	\$72.00	\$72.00	Parts of north, central, south San Jose - including much of Council District 10	2/3 vote	Yes - seniors
Z	East Side Union High School District bonds	\$510 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$29.90/\$100,000 of assessed property value, for up to 30 yrs	\$149.50	\$245.99	Much of central, northeast, east, & south San Jose	55% vote	No
AA	Campbell Union High School District bonds	\$275 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$30/\$100,000 in assessed property value for 30 yrs	\$150.00	\$246.81	Parts of San Jose Districts 1, 6, 9, 10, Campbell, parts of Saratoga, & more.	55% vote	No
CC	Campbell Union School District facility upgrade	\$72 million	Ad-valorem tax	\$17.05/\$100,000 of assessed property value for up to 30 yrs	\$85.25	\$140.27	Parts of west San Jose, Campbell, Saratoga, & more.	55% vote	Yes - seniors & disabled
EE	Oak Grove School District Program upgrade	\$3.1 million annually	Tax on each parcel of property	\$132/parcel for 9 yrs	\$132.00	\$132.00	Parts of Council Districts 2, 7, 8, 10.	2/3 vote	Yes - seniors
HH	Franklin-McKinley School District parcel tax	\$1.2 million annually	Tax on each parcel of property	\$72/parcel for 9 yrs	\$72.00	\$72.00	Central San Jose	2/3 vote	Yes - seniors

Local bond measures explained for property owners

By Councilmember Johnny Khamis

Special to the Times

After receiving many requests to explain local measures, I asked my staff to research our local Bond measures that will have an effect on your wallet if you are a homeowner or property owner in San Jose.

When a bond is described in the ballot summary, it will list the total amount of the bonds. The bond repayment is funded with a tax applied to your yearly property tax bill. The tax information is not typically provided in the ballot summary, but it is included in the full ballot information that you will receive. You may visit the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters website at www.sccvote.org for ballot summaries and more election-related information.

When bonds are issued, the cost of the bonds is spread over the taxable property within the jurisdiction of the entity issuing the bonds. This cost is then added to your property tax bill as a new assessment on the value of your property (an ad-valorem tax).

We have taken a look at each local measure that may have a direct effect on your finances and illustrated what it would cost for someone who owns a condo with an assessed value of \$500,000 and what it would cost someone with a home assessed at the current median price for a San Jose home of \$822,700 (from Zillow.com), in the chart at the top of the page.

By adding up the relevant cost estimates, you can calculate the total effect on your household budget were each of these measures to pass. For example, if you live in San Jose (which is within Santa Clara County), within the San Jose-Evergreen Community College District, the East Side Union High School District, and the Oak Grove School District, and own a property assessed at \$500,000, you could pay \$439.55 in additional tax each year (\$63.30 + \$94.75 +



District 10 Report
Johnny Khamis,
City Councilmember

\$149.50 + \$132.00). If you own a home assessed at the median price of \$822,700, you could pay \$638.04 in new taxes (\$104.15 + \$155.90 + \$245.99 + \$132.00). If you are not a property owner, but you rent, the additional property-based taxes that your rental property provider is paying can have an effect on your own monthly rent when you next renew your lease, or more quickly if you are a month-to-month renter.

In addition to the new parcel and property-value-based taxes that you will vote on other local measure that may affect your household budget, so be sure to

review your ballot information carefully. Measure G, for example, increases the business tax for most businesses within San Jose, but provides new exemptions for small businesses and those who earn a little extra money from self-employment. You may read more details about Measure G in the City Attorney's impartial analysis of the measure. : <https://sanjose-ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/60153>

However you decide to vote on the numerous ballot measures on the November ballot that you will consider - be sure to get fully informed and know how these measures will affect you, your friends, and neighbors before you make your decision!

If you are not registered to vote, the deadline is October 24th. To register online, visit registertovote.ca.gov. Also, the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters needs hundreds of poll workers (Elections Officers) for election day, Tuesday, November 8th. Elections Officers receive a stipend of \$115 to \$200 for the day. If you are part of a non-profit and have a group of people that wants to volunteer, you can raise money for your non-profit in lieu of the stipend. For more information call 408-299-POLL [7655].

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Times Features

Football: Branham blanks Leland

By Kunal Dutta
Prep2Prep.com

Tanner Scattini's 24-yard touchdown pass to Jesus Ruiz was the first score in a Branham Homecoming blowout over Leland, 31-0 on Oct 7.

"All we did was drive down the field and play hard," Scattini commented.

The momentum of the game carried on from there, with a Scattini pass to a diving Nick Majors for a 30-yard touchdown. The Bruins led 17-0 at halftime, after a Tyler Pesavento field goal late in the second quarter.

Leland (0-6, 0-3) failed to create offense into the second half, punting to Ruiz, who returned it 63 yards to the Leland seven-yard line. Branham capitalized on the field position with a one-yard run from Nolan Gallagher, as the lead went up to 24-0. On the next Branham drive, fueled by a 60-yard run from Gallagher, Ruiz ran in a 15-yard touchdown with



Branham celebrates their win over Leland.

six seconds left in the third quarter.

Branham was able to maintain their shutout into the fourth quarter, as Leland was stuffed at the one-yard line on fourth down. To end the game, D'Ante Bonnard picked off a desperation pass to culminate a dominating victory.

"Hard work and practice got us here," said Branham coach

Nick Gardiner. "We set a goal tonight and we achieved that goal through working hard in practice."

Gardiner also recognized that the team's current success in league play has created higher expectations.

"When you're undefeated this far, people will notice you," Gardiner said. "And we have to practice that much harder."

"It all comes from practice," Scattini agreed. "That's how we stay undefeated in the league."

San Jose survives late Leland rally

By Aaron Tan
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The San Jose Bulldogs proved themselves to be a legitimate contender in the BVAL-Santa Teresa Division, improving to 3-4 this season in a solid 27-14 win over the Leland Chargers, who fall to 0-7 on the season.

The Bulldogs started off the scoring in the game, putting up the first touchdown of the game in the first quarter, with junior Kylan Harris throwing a 15-yard strike to senior Carlos Guerra, who walked into the end zone. However, Leland proved to San Jose that they were not going to go down without a fight, answering back with a classic old-school nine-minute drive that ended in a two-yard touchdown run by sophomore Kyle Anderson.

The Chargers looked like they were going to go into the locker room at halftime with a 7-6 lead, but the Bulldogs wanted one more chance of putting up points before the half. With 30 seconds left in the first half, the Bulldogs drove 70 yards down the field for one final touchdown in the first half, with Harris throwing a 22-yard fade to Guerra, who made a leaping catch over two Chargers defenders in the corner of the end zone to score his second touchdown of the night. San Jose stormed into the locker room with all the momentum, holding a 13-7 lead at half.

Coming out of the locker room, San Jose's job was to protect the lead, and they leaned on the running game in order to do just that. The Bulldogs scored late in the third quarter with a three-yard touchdown run by Harris on a quarterback keeper to make the score 20-7. All the Bulldogs needed to do was to close the game out in the fourth quarter, where games are won and lost. However, the Chargers came back to life in the fourth quarter, with Anderson scoring on a 33-yard touchdown with six minutes left in the game, cutting the Bulldogs' lead to 20-14 and making it a one possession game.

Unfortunately for the Chargers, however, the Bulldogs seemed unfazed by the touchdown run and answered right back, marching down the field for an 80-yard drive, capped off by a 22-yard touchdown run by senior Santiago De La Cruz, icing the game for a satisfying win.

The Chargers fall to 0-7 on the season, but are looking to end their season on a positive note by taking advantage of their last three games being at home.

"The mentality is - gets some wins for our seniors. We end the season with three straight games at home," said Leland coach Mike Ward. "We get to play in front of our fans, the kids get to play in front of their peers. We got Homecoming, we got Senior Night to honor all of our seniors, guys who have been doing this for four years, and have been through all these tough times. So, the mentality is just to keep pushing forward. If you decide to quit now, if you decide to let up now, it may or may not hinder you tomorrow, or next week in a game, but at some point down the road, it's going to affect you negatively in your life, because you're going to start to give up on other things, and that's the big picture for these kids."

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accountable measure in recent history; it takes 75 percent of the VTA board to change anything in Measure B. That's the reason why we have such a large endorsement."

MEASURE F: City Pension Modifications

Measure F was created by the city and its unions to "stop funding retiree health care for new employees, potentially reduce costs of supplemental pension payments, reinstate disability retirement provisions for injured police officers, firefighters and other city employees." Viewed as a compromise, it would replace 2012's Measure B, which resulted in an exodus of police officers and years of intense litigation. Former councilmember Pete Constant believes that as voters passed Measure B's pension reforms, only they have the right to change the terms of Measure B.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis supports Measure F as he believes that 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.' "What we have with Measure F is a bird in the hand," he says. "With Measure B, it's two birds stuck in that bush; the court system. Positions are tenuous and could go backwards." Khamis believes that Measure F will fix many of the problems associated with Measure B, attract and retain police officers and make San Jose more competitive with surrounding cities. "We need to keep our police officers here, where we want them," he says, "and keep us out of the courts, saving millions of dollars. This is a negotiated settlement; health insurance alone saves us millions of dollars immediately. Let's take the bird in the hand and let Measure F fix our problems...get our police back on the force patrolling neighborhoods and keeping our city safe."

"In 2012, when voters passed Measure B, the city was facing unprecedented liability for pen-

sion and retiring healthcare," says Constant. "Measure B was passed by 70 percent of the voters. Tier 2 under Measure B has been stable and the contribution rates have declined since being put in place. Tier 2 was not litigated and isn't pending in court, but the primary changes in Measure F are in Tier 2. Since 2012, the unfunded liabilities in the broken part of Tier 1 have escalated on the pension side to \$2.4 billion; the interest payment alone is \$179 million a year on that debt. Measure B and F both prohibit retroactive pension increases, but sandwiched in-between is a huge retroactive increase. About 1300 employees will receive retroactive pension increases immediately, but only 100 are police officers. We hear about this helping public safety but 95 percent of the people receiving benefits are not police officers or firefighters. What will happen is an additional \$10 million in debt on day one. Pension costs will increase 25 percent and the cost of living increase is up 33 percent. It lowers the retirement age and will create a new retiree benefit for retirees already retired. Over the next 30 years, it's a cost increase of \$369 billion."

Khamis says he agrees with Constant to a point. "You haven't been around to know what's been happening with the rest of our staff," he told Constant. "Half the electricians in our city have gone to better jobs. To get sanitation and sewer workers we have to contract out at higher rates. We're understaffed. Yes, there are pay raises in Tier 2 programs that will cost us more money. Is it worth it to have your sewers and electricity working? With Measure F, we may have given up on some things in Measure B, but we're going to stop being sued; we spent millions on lawsuits as well as staff time. The unions are no longer working against us every day. The morale in our staff has increased tremendously. It's not a perfect solution, but one that will help



From left: **Sandy Engel** and **Thomas Holford** debate the issues. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

us get more police officers and staff working for us."

Constant believes that the city should pay for services while they're being delivered. "Let's stop making promises we don't know if our general fund can deliver," he says. "About \$2.4 billion of promises have not been kept and now more promises are being made and we don't even know how much they're going to cost. When these pension bills come due and they can't be paid, you are going to see a repeat of what we did during the recession with millions in deficits every year. We're putting the bills on our children and grandchildren and future residents for 30 to 60 years to come."

Khamis says that the city has restored 10 percent of its workers' voluntary wage reductions, given them an increase that will go into effect at the end of December and a five percent retention bonus if they stay for a year. "Other cities have businesses left and right so they can pay police officers more," he says. "If you count in pensions, we're in the top 85th percentile, but if you just look at take home pay, we're still low."

"If you look at total compensation, San Jose pays more than any other jurisdiction in the

state," says Constant, "because the contribution rates under Tier 1 exceed 92 or 93 percent of payroll. For every hundred thousand dollars you pay a police officer, you have to pay \$93,000 in pension contributions. A police officer or firefighter will get 80 percent of their final salary. Most of the protections written in Measure B in the charter have been taken out of the charter language and defer to the municipal code that can be changed on any given Tuesday."

Khamis says he's considering the risks. "If Measure F loses," he says, "then we're back in the courts fighting for Measure B. If Measure B also loses, we're back at Tier 1 and back to paying massive pensions much larger than the new Tier 2 will be if Measure F passes. As the person who has been trying to look out for the bottom line in this city, I would rather take 'the bird in the hand' and not go back to the legal court system that skews toward labor in this state where we may end up losing everything. Measure F will also fix problems with our police department. We want them to come back and to join our police department when they finish our academies. I hope with the passing of Measure F, we'll be a more competitive city for hiring people and that they'll be happy to stay and work for us."

MEASURE X: Parcel Tax for SJ City/ Evergreen Community Colleges - \$748 million

If passed, Measure X, a local \$748,000,000 education bond, will repair and upgrade San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College campuses and classrooms, including updating nursing, science, technology and engineering labs. It would expand educational resources for veterans, improve campus safety and security and remove asbestos and lead paint at some of the district's older buildings.

Wendy Ho, San Jose/Evergreen Community
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College District board member explains the importance of Measure X to residents. “We are on a precipice of a skilled workforce crisis,” she says. “By 2025, California is likely to face a shortage of workers with post-secondary education. The shortage of these workers might be as high as 1.5 million by 2025, and 30 percent of high growth industries like nursing will require some college if not a master’s degree. Community colleges like Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College are on the front lines of creating the workforce we need for these new jobs. We are creating career pathways starting with high schools with dual enrollment agreements in which high school students graduate with associate degrees. We are investing in technical education and with the San Jose Promise Program providing free college for two years to graduates of San Jose high schools. We’ve increased graduation and transfer rates to the highest in district history, maintained strong fiscal oversight, strengthened our reserves as a district and received near perfect audits to AA credit ratings. We’ve refinanced bonds, saving taxpayers about \$30 million. We need to continue to provide technology and a quality education for our students. A vote for Measure X is a vote for our students, our economy and our future.”

District 10 Chief of Staff Shane Connolly spoke as a private citizen against Measure X. “I recognize the importance of having good facilities for a great learning environment, and schools certainly needs good facilities and quality programs and classes,” he says. “But, proponents make it sound like if you don’t pass this bond measure now, we’re dooming children to a fate that sounds like something out of a horror movie: leaking roofs, asbestos, lead paint and safety issues. We gave them \$343 million with the 2004 and 2010 ballot measure bonds. Measure X is asking too much of your money at the wrong time. They don’t have a clear and focused spending plan. It would add \$95 to your tax bill. Although the economy’s recovered, not everyone’s recovered the same way and it could put some at risk. About \$110 million remains unspent of \$343 million from the other tax measures. They’re also competing with other bonds at this time.”

Ho says that the colleges have long-term priority plans and one of the strongest oversight committees and transparency as to how they spend the bond dollars. “We have been good stewards of the money,” she says.

Connolly has his doubts. “In their plan, they have a huge list of everything possible to spend money on, including land and parking lots,” he says. “This isn’t essential to the education of children. They spent \$3 million of the 2004 funding renovating district offices and \$13 million of the 2010 bond on new district offices in downtown San Jose. Do you really want to trust this money will go where they’re promising it will? I encourage them to spend the money they have, \$110 million from the previous bonds, and go back to voters in a few years.”

Ho says the colleges have already completed a number of projects with those bond dollars. “We’re transforming lives and with the cost of higher education skyrocketing, our community colleges are more critical than ever,” she says. “We need to invest in our future. Silicon Valley has always been a center of innovation and we want to keep our vision in place.”

MEASURE Y: Parcel Tax for San Jose Unified Education Programs - \$5 million annually

The San Jose Unified School District (SJUSD) seeks voter approval for a property tax to support reading, writing, math, the arts and science. The \$72 parcel tax would raise \$5 million a year for eight years. The measure would

restrict funds from paying district salaries. Senior citizens would be exempt.

San Jose Unified Board of Education Trustee Sandy Engel urges voters to say “Yes” on Measure Y. “We have excellent schools here,” she says. “Leland is currently ranked in the top 100 schools. We need to be proud of what we offer here. We want to continue to improve and look to the future to be proactive for our students. We have challenges, including the cost of living for our teachers. Neighboring districts tax dollars go directly to schools in addition to state funding. We don’t qualify for this and have to rely on state dollars which aren’t always reliable. The city had to sue the state for mandated costs. We won and got our money, but we don’t want to have to go through the court system again. Measure Y will be used to improve classrooms, reading and writing programs, arts, science and education and attract and maintain teachers. We have an aggressive hiring process, and are known throughout the state for our training.”

Resident Thomas Holford doesn’t believe that SJUSD needs more funding. “Enrollment has declined 1.3 percent a year,” he says, “District revenue is \$220 million a year and projected to remain flat. Compensation to teachers has gone up 24 percent in three years. They receive state, federal, local, restricted and non-restricted revenue. If the economy is roaring, why is SJUSD’s revenue flat?”

Engel says that much of the district’s recent costs include Common Core educational materials. “We spent two years in transition without these materials,” she says. “The state used to give us funds for that, but the amount has been very reduced. Our teacher’s salaries are low to average compared to neighboring districts. Our training and support system are recognized, but we need to retain these teachers. When you look back through the years, do you think about a favorite teacher who made a difference to you? Our teachers are the most important part of our district. The money would go directly to the classroom for our student’s materials and for teachers. It can’t be taken by the state. There will be an oversight committee to make sure funds are used following the ballot language.”

Holford has issues with the SJUSD budget. “It looks like the funds can go from one bucket to another looking at the budget,” he says. “The revenue structure is too complex and looks like it has lots of problems and raises lots of questions.”

Engel did her best to explain the budget. “There are no hidden agendas,” she says. “The funds come from the state in two categories: restricted and unrestricted. Unrestricted funds go into the general fund. Restricted funds go to specific programs outlined by the state, like free and reduced lunch. The dollars from this measure go directly to the teachers and the classrooms and are overseen by an oversight committee.”

“In the previous school year’s budget, there’s a special reserve fund that had \$72 million in it,” says Holford. “They have a huge reserve fund so they don’t need this parcel tax. It says they have to get it down to \$1 or \$2 million. It takes a forensic accountant to figure out where they’re stuffing it. I’m concerned about the funny aspect of this. I don’t see why more funds are needed. You have to wonder what these chess players are doing when they’re playing their three-dimensional chess.”

Engel disagrees. “I wish we were as flush as he interprets,” she says. “With our revenue from the state, we’ve barely reached the level we had in 2008, before the recession. Many of our programs are offered by our parent communities. Measure Y is a small parcel tax hoping to compensate some of our teachers so we can maintain our classrooms. The teacher shortage is real. It takes a tremendous amount of education to qualify to be a teacher and the compensation is very low. Our materials in the classrooms are in constant need of being revised. We need to be

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Top photo (l to r): Debate Moderator & AVCA Director **Bob Strain**, **Wendy Ho**, Chief of Staff **Shane Connolly**. Above photo (l to r): **Strain**, **Jesse Stout**, **Gabrielle Antolovich**. Photos by *Lorraine Gabbert*

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proactive to give these students the education they deserve for the 21st century and teachers can stay here, live here and be active, working members of our community.”

PROPOSITION 64: Legalization of Recreational Marijuana Sales

Criminal Defense Attorney Jesse Stout notes that the ‘War on Drugs’ has had a negative, disproportionate effect on people of color. Passing Proposition 64 would downgrade those charged with the possession and/or cultivation of marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor, he says, somewhat alleviating this. “A billion in taxes brought in could go towards social services,” he says. Stout sees safety as another advantage of passing the proposition as it would ensure that mold, pesticides or other contaminants were not included with the marijuana. “The bond measure would allow people to possess marijuana, grow six plants inside their own home and carry up to one ounce outside their home,” he says. “It would bring clear rules and regulations for related businesses like marijuana stores, delivery services and growers who now operate in the black market. Printed packages would warn that this is not a product for children.”

To resident Gabrielle Antolovich, the ballot’s language isn’t quite right. “They say that they will put the marijuana into child-resistant packaging,” she says. “What that really means is you buy your products in boring child-resistant bags, take it home and empty it out of the bags. We need child-proof packaging; not child-resistant packaging and we need edibles that don’t look like gummy bears or chocolate. If you can’t tell the difference between regular popcorn and marijuana-infused popcorn neither can your children. In Colorado, they’re having a huge increase in children and pets at the ER and vets as a result. Marijuana edibles are the biggest part of the industry in Colorado. Marijuana is as addictive as any other drug and who ever heard of eating just one potato chip or gummy bear? You can’t eat just one.”

“If the bond measure passed, thousands of Californians currently incarcerated for marijuana-related crimes could petition the court for a reduction or dismissal of their sentences,” says Stout. “People who already served sentences could petition the court to have their prior convictions dismissed from their records, making them eligible for housing and jobs.”

Antolovich agrees in theory. “We don’t need to legalize marijuana in this country to address this,” she says. “In Australia, police didn’t arrest me when I was high on drugs. They offered to

take me to rehab. There’s something about America that has made drug use so bad we have to make people criminals rather than treat the addiction. Legalizing marijuana is not the solution. Law enforcement costs will increase. Marijuana use in driving is a problem. At what level are you impaired? It’s easy to determine that with alcohol, but not marijuana. Marijuana potency has gone up exponentially. Now it’s 30 or more potency and that’s impairment. Even Amsterdam put a cap on 15 percent potency because it was impairing people too much, and using alcohol and marijuana together has upped fatalities.

“Related marijuana taxes will bring in \$1 to \$1.4 billion,” says Stout, “which would pay for new regulations. About \$10 million would go to research, \$3 million to CA highway patrol to establish new DUI protocols, \$2 million to medical marijuana research at UC San Diego, \$50 million to a new community reinvestment fund targeted towards alleviating the harm of the War on Drugs on people of color. About 60 percent of the remaining funds will go to youth drug prevention, education and treatment. About 20 percent will go to environmental protection and 20 percent to local governments that don’t ban the sales of marijuana.”

“We have seen that the black market in Colorado has not gone away, even though they legalized marijuana,” says Antolovich. “Also, there’s sneakiness in the writing. The proposition says that a legislative analyst can adjust the tax rate with market prices. Eventually, taxes will decrease and the things Stout spoke of the funding going to, well there will be no money for any of that. We have to really read this carefully. Just like tobacco, once they have tons of money, they’ll have more lobbyists, lower taxes and increased profits. Who’s going to protect the children and anyone else who’s vulnerable? Like people over 21 that give underage kids free alcohol and tobacco, what are they going to do with excess joints? We don’t need another legal drug and another industry like the alcohol and tobacco industries that keep finding legal loop holes.”

“If we make marijuana legal, we can finally regularize it,” says Stout. “Many of the harms of marijuana are present if it’s legal or not. Some of those harms can be avoided by legislating and regulating it; licensing businesses and having rules for producers and product testing. We don’t want our children using marijuana, but especially not if it contains dangerous molds, pesticides or toxins. We don’t want them to use it by accident. Having packaging that clearly states, ‘This product shouldn’t be used by children’ is an improvement over the status quo. We can protect our children with packaging, labeling and regulation.”



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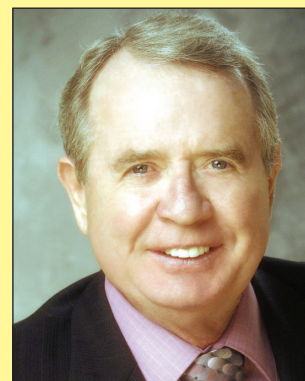
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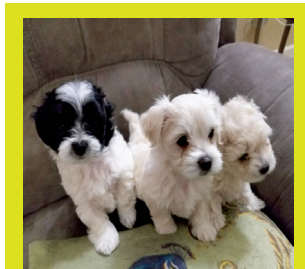
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