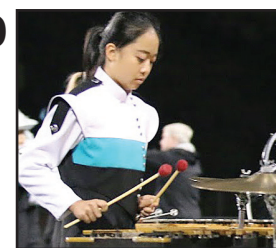


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## Local ballot measures debated at community forum

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 community forum, proponents and opponents of several ballot measures presented their viewpoints to an interested, standing-room only crowd at the SouthHills Campus of the WestGate Church.

### 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



Top photo (l to r): Debate moderator **Bob Strain**, **Wendy Ho**, and Chief of Staff **Shane Connolly** speak at a recent community forum to discuss the ballot measures. Above photo (l to r): **Strain**, **Jesse Stout**, **Gabrielle Antolovich**. Photos by Lorraine Gabbert

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 expressways 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

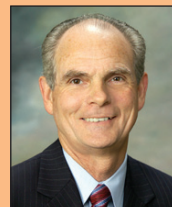
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### Former Mayor Chuck Reed Endorses Jimmy Nguyen for San Jose City Council, District 8

Chuck Reed, former Mayor of San Jose, has announced he is endorsing Jimmy Nguyen for San Jose City Council to represent San Jose's District 8.



Former Mayor  
Chuck Reed

"As a council member, Jimmy Nguyen will work to increase accountability in San Jose's government. Jimmy's work as Chair of the Evergreen College \$500 million bond illustrates his commitment to fiscal responsibility and education. Jimmy will ensure taxpayer money is spent properly."

"Jimmy's commitment to public service will serve our working families well at the city council level," said Reed. "As he has shown, Jimmy will put the interests of our families and community first. He will work with our residents to get the job done and will be an active voice for District 8 and San Jose."

Reed said Jimmy understands the needs of our residents and he also understands the concerns of small businesses.

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Jimmy Nguyen

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## Evergreen Valley High School graduate earns Top Navy Recruit Award for excellence

By **William Bellou**  
*Publisher*

Evergreen resident Gabriel Larot recently completed his Navy recruit training along with nearly 400 recruits in Great Lakes, Illinois and was awarded the top Navy recruit by his commanding officers.

The award - "Navy Club of the United States Military Excellence," is given to the recruit with the best total performance during recruit training, including leadership, teamwork, dedication, academic achievement and physical fitness. Larot also received a "Flag Letter of Commendation" presented by Commander Richard A. Huth, Executive Officer on behalf of Rear Admiral Stephen C. Evans, Com-



**Gabriel Larot** (right) is honored with commendations.

mander, Naval Service Training Command.

Admiral Evans said seaman Larot is "a true leader for the next generation and no doubt will climb through the ranks quickly and serve admirably for the betterment of us all and for our country." Executive Officer Huth also "coined" Gabriel, an informal recognition for a job well done.

For the next eight months, seaman Larot will be studying at A-School in Pensacola, Florida before he is appointed his first-duty assignment.

Gabriel is a 2010 graduate of Evergreen Valley High School and attended college at the University of the Pacific. His parents, Dan and Linda Larot are lifelong Evergreen residents.

## Endorsement

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"Jimmy will help our small businesses grow, advocate for more and better jobs, and will strengthen San Jose's economic prosperities to benefit San Jose and our residents," said Reed. "I am encouraging every voter in District 8 to vote for Jimmy

Nguyen on or before November 8."

Jimmy Nguyen accepted the endorsement today saying "I am honored by the confidence and trust that Chuck Reed places in me. Chuck has been a tireless fighter for San Jose. I look forward to a strong, active partnership with Chuck to strengthen opportunities for the residents of our district and the City of San Jose."



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**EDITORIAL**

## Recommendations for San Jose City Council, School Boards, and Water District seats

### Nguyen for San Jose City Council, District 8

Jimmy Nguyen has my vote for San Jose City Council, District 8. He is compassionate about solving problems and he understands fiscal responsibility. He is an independent thinker and one of the most polite individuals you'll ever meet. Vice Mayor Rose Herrera has announced she is endorsing Jimmy and says he will be a great addition to the council. Former San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed is also supporting him. Jimmy has an abundance of energy, and he says he will work tirelessly to bring the types of businesses, including restaurants that Evergreen residents want to support. During a recent community meet and greet, Jimmy made a commitment to get an answer for a res-

ident's questions regarding the local fire station. Within 24 hours the resident had his questions answered. He keeps his promises!

### Bonnie Mace for Evergreen School Board

Bonnie Mace has always been an advocate for advancements in education for children. She has served Evergreen on numerous bond oversight committees, school site councils, PTAs, and the Evergreen School Board in addition to being a past president of the District 8 Community Round Table. Bonnie has also served as a representative to the San Jose Redistricting Commission, a Housing and Community Development commissioner, and a member of the General Plan Task Force. She is a strong community leader and collaborator.

Bonnie has impressive credentials: Masters in Political Science from UC Berkeley, and a dual Bachelor's degree in English and Political Science from UCLA.

### Rex Randles for San Jose-Evergreen Board of Trustees

Why are more than 18,000 local students traveling to other colleges like De Anza and Foothill? Rex believes class offerings are anemic and there's a lack of room for additional classes at Evergreen Valley College. He believes the 27 acre commercial development proposal at the College is a mistake. Rex says the board of trustees is ignoring students and faculty and is not listening to the concerns of the community. We believe Rex will be a great addition to the board of trustees and will bring innovative ideas needed to bring respect back to our community college. Rex manages education programs and projects for a tech company and we believe his experience will be a great asset to the board.

### John Varela for Santa Clara County Water District - 1

John Varela currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Water District Board of Directors. John is experienced on all aspects of urban infrastructure. He has held the positions of mayor, city councilmember and small business owner. He will continue to focus on protecting our water supply and expanding storage capacities throughout the County. He has worked to balance budgets, planned for future expenses and is willing to let people go that are not meeting acceptable work standards. John is an experienced Board Director who will continue to safeguard our water and the environment.

**William Bellou**

*Publisher, Evergreen Times*

## Mailbox



### Time to replace the board

Editor,  
There's quite a number of people who are discontent with how the Evergreen Community College Administration and Board Trustees has spent our tax money and turned a deaf ear to what the community wants.

They want to lease out prime real estate for a mere \$1,500,000 a year for 95 years. This land was to be used to expand the college, not to be turned over to a developer for a near giveaway price.

In the opinion of many, these

Board Trustees and Administrators have a history of making bad decisions on how they spend our taxes. Another poor decision was buying a \$16 Million dollar high rise in downtown San Jose. Instead of being housed on the campus they have placed themselves where they are not accessible to students, faculty, or community. Now we learn of Measure X where the Board Trustees are asking for \$748 MILLION dollars more of our taxes to waste or misuse. Enough is enough!

It is time to replace the current Board Trustees. Most of the current members do not live in Evergreen and have no vested interest in our

community. We need a Board Member from our community who will represent the community, faculty and the students. We need someone who cares about the students, the betterment of the college and how our taxes are being spent.

Rex Randles is running against Mann. Rex is a longtime resident (33 years) of Evergreen. Rex opposes giving away those 27 acres to a developer. He feels it is not in the best interest of growth for the college. Rex cares about the college and his community. It's his dream that Evergreen could have the best Community College in San Jose and surrounding areas. He has a vision of growth and improvement for Evergreen Community College.

Come November 8th, I encourage you to vote for Rex.

**Gayle Goodson**  
*Evergreen Valley*

### Support for Randles

Editor,

I am writing to express my support for Rex Randles for the elected position as a member of SJECCD Board of Trustees. He is running against Craig Mann.

Quoting from the San Jose Mercury: "About students choosing to attend other community colleges, Mann said, 'It's a buyer's market.'" -- This shows disregard for the community, faculty and the students.

At present over 18,000 students from our local area go to other colleges like De Anza because EVC either does not have enough class offerings or no room for additional classes at prime time. I've been working with Rex to oppose this development.

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I can personally vouch that he cares deeply for our community and our schools. He's been a long-time resident of Evergreen, has many years of experience in the industry and in education. Please consider voting for Rex Randles during the November elections.

**Indrajit Banerjee, Ph.D.**  
*Evergreen Valley*

**Vote no on X**

Editor,  
Vote no on Measure X, a \$748,000,000 San Jose Evergreen Community College District bond measure which adds an \$18.95 assessment per \$100,000 value of your home.

The Board of Trustees who wrote this measure also voted to lease 27 acres of taxpayer-funded land to a commercial developer for below-market rates, and buy a downtown building for their executive offices despite overwhelming community opposition.

Though the District's revenue is at record highs, they are cancelling college classes and capping faculty hiring, even for technology courses. More than 18,000 students from San Jose go outside the district to get classes they need.

Rex Randles is the only Area 3 candidate for the Board of Trustees who puts the 27 acres and community and student needs first, ahead of Measure X.

Tell the district: No Trust = No Money; No on X and Yes for Rex Randles SJECCD Trustee.

**Robin Hahn**  
*Evergreen Valley*

**EVHS Marching Band wins first place at Garlic City Classic Band Tournament held in Gilroy**

By **William Bellou**  
*Publisher*

**T**he Evergreen Valley High School (EVHS) Marching Band won first place in the Garlic City Classic Band Tournament held on Oct. 15 in Gilroy, CA.

The award winning EVHS Marching band, under the direction of Steven Barnhill, received a score of 71.60 also won four of the five available categories of excellence: Best Music, Best Visual, Best Percussion, and Best Overall Effect.

The competition is sanctioned by the Western Band Association (WBA) which includes 110 member high school bands with more than 1,200 participating students.

This year's program is called 780! Making Every Second Count! Each band performs for 13 minutes (780 seconds) at each competition, and that's how the program got its name.

There are 60 band members that have put in hundreds of practice hours and now the hard work is paying off in the band's ability to impress the judges with their intricate maneuvers and masterful playing techniques.

The EVHS Marching Band is scheduled to participate in three upcoming marching band competitions; Dublin City Classic,



Oct. 29; Independence HS Band Tournament, Nov. 5; and James Logan Invitational Band Tournament, Nov. 12.

"The Band has improved greatly both musically and visually, and that hard work has resulted in our first place win in Gilroy," said Steven Barnhill, EVHS Band Director. "I'm extremely pleased with the effort given by these dedicated students, our staff and our wonderful parent volunteers," he said. "They are amazing."

1st place: Evergreen Valley High School	71.60
2nd place: Santa Clara High School	67.80
3rd place: Christopher High School	62.45

**Evergreen High School Marching Band**

Director: Steven A. Barnhill  
Assistant Director: Rick Pina  
Design Staff Music: Tim Bacon  
Design Staff Visual: Rick Pina  
Design Staff Percussion: Conner The  
Design Staff Auxiliary: Sabrina Plata

*See BAND, next page*

Re-Elect

**Bonnie Mace**

Evergreen School Board

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Bonnie Mace is the current Board President and also the Executive Director of the Santa Clara County School Boards Association. She and her husband have lived in Evergreen since 1997, and their two children attended elementary and middle school in our district.

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*And many others*  
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**Band**

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Instructional Staff: Tim Bacon - Winds, Conner The & Kristian Llanes - Drums, Peter Nguyen - Front Ensemble, Justin Cunha, Elad Zohar & Malik Campbell - Visual, Sabrina Plata & Ailan Nguyen - Guard Drum Major(s): Jonathan Ling  
Captains: Dawn Dao

Number of Performers: 60

Name of 2016 Program: 780! Making Every Second Count!

Website: [www.evhsband.org](http://www.evhsband.org)

**About the Western Band Association**

The WBA competition events encourage

and reward creativity, artistry and excellence in design and performance while providing a vehicle that will educate all students in such a way that they will grow to understand and evolve to the greatest level of their potential.

**EVHS Marching Band Boosters**

The Evergreen High School Marching Band Boosters are looking for volunteers to help out in a variety of roles, from selling cookies at a concert, loading and unloading equipment at marching band concerts, and being a Band Booster Officer. To volunteer your time and talent, or to make a monetary contribution, please contact Mr. Steven Barnhill at (408) 347-7034, or email: [barnhills@esuhsd.org](mailto:barnhills@esuhsd.org).



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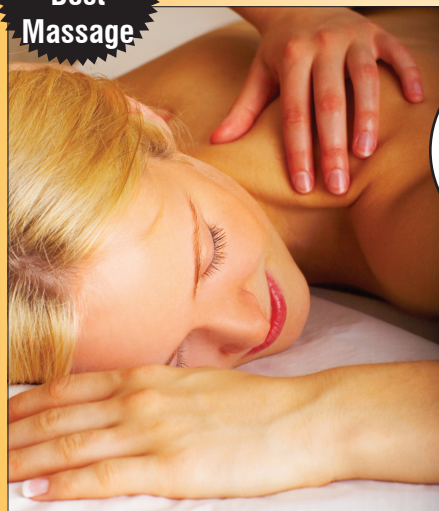
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## Measure F makes our neighborhoods safer

By Vice Mayor Herrera  
*Special to the Times*

San Jose is suffering from critically low staffing numbers in our police department. Officers are working mandatory overtime and often only having one day of recovery time with their families. This is not sustainable nor is it acceptable. But we do have a way to change this picture, rebuild our police department and make our neighbors safer with an upcoming Measure on the November ballot.

Measure F will help us retain and bring back more police officers to patrol our neighborhoods, investigate violent crimes and burglaries and respond to 911 calls.

Measure F, otherwise known as the Alternative Pension Reform Ballot Measure, is on the November 8th ballot. It replaces the terms of the June 2012 ballot measure known as "Measure B." I supported measure B but realized in 2014 that there were flaws that needed to be corrected. I wrote a memo in 2014 calling for the restoration of the previous disability provisions and the ability of veteran police officers to be allowed to return to San Jose without penalizing them for leaving.

Over the past two years the Mayor and city council have worked hard to settle the pension litigation. We achieved a landmark alternative pension reform settlement with all of the city's bargaining units which when implemented will save the city \$42 million a year and \$3 billion dollars over the next 30 years, helping to restore services, including retaining police officers and other city staff. Measure F implements this negotiated settlement that by definition involved compromises from the city and its unions. No side got everything it wanted, but this agreement ends the legal battle that is now causing an unprecedented number of police officers to leave our city. I was informed that my 2014 memo played a positive role in the negotiations. Measure F

restores disability provisions for police and fire fighters injured in the line of duty, which will help retain and recruit officers.

The Measure F framework does not touch current employee pension benefits, which was a major contention of the lawsuit brought on by city unions. But one of the most important elements of the "Measure B" initiative is retained in this alternative pension reform; it provides for protection for taxpayers/voters so that no future, or retroactive, enhancements to defined retirement benefits can occur without voter approval.

The alternative pension reform settlement frameworks negotiated between the City of San José and our employee bargaining units meets three vital objectives:

1. It generates significant savings for San Jose taxpayers.
2. It creates a fiscally sustainable retirement system.
3. It improves recruitment and retention by providing competitive compensation.

This framework generates savings in 3 ways:

**Tier 2 Savings:** The framework establishes a new set of lower-cost pension benefits for future employees and those employees hired since September 2012. These benefits are comparable to those provided in other California jurisdictions but have a significantly lower cost relative to pre-Measure B pensions.

**Retiree Healthcare:** San Jose taxpayers will no longer pay for a defined retiree healthcare plan for new employees by closing the existing defined-benefit retiree healthcare plan and replacing it with an optional defined-contribution account that can be used for future healthcare expenses. Current Tier 1 employees will have the option to opt-in to this benefit as well. Tier 1 employees who opt in will reduce their contribution by 4% and increase their take home pay. These changes along with other health plan changes will significantly reduce the unfunded liability.

**Maintain elimination of SRBR "Bonus Checks":** The framework eliminates the "bonus checks" (via the Supplemental Retirement Benefit Reserve) that retirees received when market returns exceeded expectations.

Measure F is also supported by Mayor Sam Liccardo, Police Chief Eddie Garcia, most city council members, police officers, fire fighters, local newspapers, Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce, Former Mayor Chuck Reed, four other former mayors of San Jose and many more.

For more information go to [www.safer-sanjose.org](http://www.safer-sanjose.org).

To review the entire resolution and for more information on Measure F go to the City Manager's website: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/index.aspx?NID=3208>.

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

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By Rose Herrera  
City Councilmember

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# MEASURE B: Traffic relief we need, accountability we deserve

By San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo and Silicon Valley Leadership Group CEO Carl Guardino  
*Special to the Times*

We heard a rumor the other day: Traffic is back in Santa Clara County.

It's why we've banded together with thousands of other private and public sector citizens to build Measure B, the traffic relief, transit options and road repair initiative on the November 8 ballot. It has the transportation improvements we need, and the accountability provisions we deserve.

For the past 3 years, private and public citizens have been working with traffic engineers and transportation directors to develop a comprehensive plan that will have a positive impact on the condition of our roads, and the quality of our commutes. The result is Measure B. *Since there is no single answer to our traffic problems, Measure B is more like a Jigsaw Puzzle, with each transportation improvement snapping into place to add up to a comprehensive, countywide plan:*

First, it finishes our BART extension, with the final six miles and four stations in east San Jose, Downtown San Jose next to San Jose State University, the Diridon Station/SAP Arena and on to the Santa Clara University Station. (The first 10-mile

extension of BART into Santa Clara County opens next fall 2017, a year ahead of schedule and \$75 million under budget).

Second, it connects the BART extension with what will be an electrified Caltrain Commuter Rail Service both at the Diridon/SAP Arena Station and again at the Santa Clara University Station. Together, BART connected with Caltrain finally creates a rapid-rail-network around the entire Bay Area.

Third, it finally funds some form of transit solution in the center median of the Highway 85 Corridor, which was set aside for a "future form of transit" when it was built in 1995. Measure B provides funding for this vital improvement.

Fourth, it funds lifeline service and core transit service for people with disabilities, seniors, students and the working poor who depend on that core service.

Fifth, Measure B improves bicycle and pedestrian safety, especially near our schools.

Sixth, Measure B funds will be utilized for interchange improvements, and improves traffic flow at 24 key interchanges on all 7 Highways that run through San Jose and Santa Clara County: 17, 87, 237, 101, 280, 680 and 85.

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**Measure B**

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Seventh, it greatly improves our 9 County Expressways, which carry one of every two county residents every single day, with key interchange and safety improvements on Almaden, Capitol, Central, Foothill, Lawrence, Montague, Oregon/ Page Mill, San Tomas, Santa Teresa/Hale.

Finally, nearly one of every five dollars will be used for the basics - to improve the crumbling conditions of our local streets and roads in all 15 cities and towns. For San Jose, this means \$580 million during the life of the measure.

For us, a key provision of Measure B is accountability. Instead of a "General Purpose Tax" that only requires a 50 percent vote - but that can be changed at any time by elected officials - Measure B intentionally calls for a two-thirds vote, because that is the only way the funds can be locked in for these specific transportation improvements. In fact, the VTA Board can't change a single sentence in Measure B without a super-majority vote of 9 of the 12 Board Members.

When it comes to transportation funding, we know no one is riding in on a white horse with bags of money from Sacramento or DC. We need to replace the partisan gridlock in our State and Nation's Capitols, if we are going to tackle the traffic gridlock we endure here at home. Measure B locks in local dollars, with local accountability, to fund local needs. Join us. Vote Yes on Measure B.

**The Full 75-Word text for Measure B reads as follows:**

To relieve traffic, repair potholes; shall VTA enact a 30-year half-cent sales tax to:

- Repair streets, fix potholes in all 15 cities;
- Finish BART extension to downtown San Jose, Santa Clara;
- Improve bicycle/pedestrian safety, especially near schools;
- Increase Caltrain capacity, easing highway congestion, improving safety at crossings;
- Relieve traffic on all 9 expressways, key highway interchanges;
- Enhance transit for seniors, students, disabled;

*Note: The Measure also mandates annual audits by independent citizens' watchdog committee to ensure accountability.*

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## Times Local News

# Planning commission votes in favor of controversial 27-acre commercial development at EVC

By Sandi Randles

Times staff writer

The San Jose Planning Commission voted 5 to 2 in favor of Republic Urban Properties' request to amend the General Plan to convert 27 acres of Evergreen Valley College Public/Quasi Public land (P/QP) to Neighborhood Community Commercial land (NCC) on Oct. 12.

Republic has not developed any plans for the 27 acres to date and requested the change to enable them to start planning commercial development. The Planning Commission's recommendation will be considered at the Nov. 15 San Jose City Council meeting.

Planning Commission staff members Kimberly Vacca and Jared Hart recommended that only 14 of 27 acres be changed to NCC because the change is inconsistent with several of San Jose's major strategies, goals and policies of the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan.

The staff stated that the General Plan calls for San Jose to preserve existing Public/Quasi Public land and that their recommendation was a compromise. Previously the staff has indicated that this site could be used for public gathering

places, parks, convention centers and auditoriums, museums, schools, public-private school partnership ventures, and other facilities serving purposes allowed by P/QP designation.

At the meeting one of the commissioners said that P/QP could also provide for additional job growth. The staff stated that converting the land use to NCC would limit opportunities for gathering spaces and social interaction of neighbors.

The staff stated that the 27 acres is not located in a focused growth area of the General Plan, which would promote intensification of employment activities on sites close in proximity to transit facilities, urban villages and other existing infrastructures. This is one of San Jose's long-term goals.

Members of the community identified that the existing commercial sites in Evergreen currently have up to 300,000 square feet of vacant commercial space. The community believes the available vacant space should be infilled before building additional new space that would compete with existing businesses. The remaining commercial/retail capacities for the Evergreen area as outlined in the EEDHP are 23,500 sq. ft. retail, 40,000 sq. ft. office. All parties, including the Planning Commission and their staff, the developer and the community all agreed that developing even just 14 acres of

the 27-acre site would exceed the defined commercial/retail development capacities outlined in the current Evergreen policy (EEHDP).

Community members expressed concern that allowing Republic Urban Properties to exceed commercial development allowances would inhibit development in areas that San Jose has already prioritized for growth. However Ed Abelite, Planning Commission Chair, minimized this potential violation of policy, stating that the "EEHDP was hastily put together." Jim Zito, a former Planning Commissioner and part of the recent EEHDP task force, said "to claim that the EEHDP is not part of the San Jose Envision 2040 is like saying the Bill of Rights is not part of the US Constitution."

In a letter to the Planning Commission on October 12, County Supervisor and former District 8 City Council member Dave Cortese urged the Planning Commission to delay their vote. He asked that the commission consider, "deferring the application and reconstructing the outreach process to extend beyond 1000 feet of the project site and schedule a series of meetings to truly engage public input." His letter stated that "The entire Evergreen District should be aware of the land use proposal and should be directly involved in the planning of it." County Supervisor Dave Cortese's letter also stated that no amendment should be made [to the General Plan] until the Commission and public can thoroughly review any plans Republic Urban Properties' develops for the site.

Community members, college staff speaking at the meeting emphasized that the Evergreen community wants this land to remain P/QP to enable construction of more college buildings and public-private school partnerships which will expand educational opportunities in East San Jose. They emphasized the key role that education will play in the city's economic future and that an expanded college would not only add jobs but would also train future workers for new jobs.

Voting in favor of the land use request were: Ed Abelite, Edesa Bit-Badal, Shiloh Ballard, Peter Allen and Namrata Vora. Voting against the land use request were Michelle Yesney, and Nick Pham.

The community will present their concerns at the San Jose City Council Meeting on November 15.

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## NorCal Academy of Performing Arts Presents Beauty and the Beast

NorCal Academy of Performing Arts (NAPA) today announced a full production of the very popular Disney Broadway, The Beauty and the Beast. This is the company's 14th full theatre production since its founding in 2009 (?). NAPA's talented musicians, dancers and theatre students will be performing at the Elizabeth A. Hanes Theatre at the Santa Clara Convention Center from October 27th through October 31st. Tickets for the various dates and times within the 4 days are available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2606062>

"NorCal Academy of Performing Arts is dedicated to nurturing the musical and artistic talents of children and the youth, including those with special needs and developmental disabilities through the participation in performing arts activities," said Founder and Executive Director, Elvie Teodoro. "We are excited to once again bring children on stage to showcase their talents and provide an environment where they can fully utilize their artistic talents, as well as encouraging self-confidence and social development."

NAPA's Beauty and the Beast will be directed by theatre and film arts veteran, Leilani Amour. Together with Francis Samalanca's musical directing, NAPA will present the best talents of the Academy's music, theatre and dance programs.

*Beauty and the Beast, Presented by the Norcal Academy of Performing Arts. Thursday, October 27 at 7 p.m.; Friday, October 28 at 9:00 a.m. (School Show), 11:30 p.m. (School Show) 7 p.m.; Saturday, October 29 at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.; Sunday, October 30 at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m.*

*Elizabeth A. Hanes Theatre at the Santa Clara Convention Center, 5001 Great America Parkway, Santa Clara, California. Tickets available at <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2606062>*



Times **Feature**

# Oakmont of San Jose now open for move-in, welcoming first residents

**O**akmont of San Jose is now open for move-in and welcoming its first residents. The three-story luxury retirement community, located at 917 Thornton Way in San Jose, is 90% reserved and offers 47 assisted living apartments and 25 memory care apartments in studio, one and two bedroom floor plan options.

The spacious resident apartment homes at Oakmont of San Jose feature 10-foot high ceilings, crown molding and oversized, double-paned windows to let natural light shine through; each one includes either a full kitchen with stove top and convection microwave oven with granite counters, or a kitchenette with a refrigerator, microwave, sink and granite countertops.

At Oakmont of San Jose, residents have access to a complimentary bistro stocked with coffee and freshly baked cookies, in addition to a variety of other common areas: activity rooms, a luxury dining room and a welcoming living room with fireplace. The community also includes a fitness center, massage room and beauty salon, with concierge services to assist with booking appointments. Outside, residents can enjoy a flower and vegetable garden, walking paths and a pet park; they will have access to chauffeured transportation and concierge services to make daily tasks even easier.

For residents who require care services, Oakmont of San Jose will provide 7 day a week nurse coverage and a staff that will deliver high quality caregiving. Residents have access to specialized care services that promote continued wellness, including medication management, Concierge Physician Program, housekeeping, health monitoring and assessments, grooming assistance, dietary guidance, diabetic programs, escort services to offsite appointments and activities, appointment coordination and temporary in-home care. Oakmont also offers a Diabetic Wellness Program that helps residents manage and prevent diabetes through nutrition, exercise, care and support groups.

The Oakmont of San Jose dining program includes an exhibition kitchen staffed by a restaurant-trained executive chef, and residents will enjoy three gourmet meals per day as part of their residency package. Oakmont of San Jose is located at 917 Thornton Way, San Jose, CA. Call (408)831-3409 for information on move-in reservations, or visit [www.OakmontOfSanJose.com](http://www.OakmontOfSanJose.com).

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Headquartered in Santa Rosa, Oakmont Senior Living is an award-winning developer of premier, resort-style senior communities, recognized for quality of craftsmanship and excellence of care and services. Family owned and operated, Oakmont is dedicated to creating high-quality communities that enhance the world of retirement living. With a focus on customer service and attention to detail, Oakmont leads the senior housing industry in providing innovative programs and services that enrich resident experiences and offer peace of mind for families. For more information about Oakmont, visit [www.oakmontseniorliving.com](http://www.oakmontseniorliving.com).

Oakmont of San Jose is now open at 917 Thornton Way.



Please **VOTE** for **LEILA WELCH** on or before November 8<sup>th</sup>. Leila is *uniquely qualified* to serve on the Evergreen Elementary School Board because she is the one and only candidate running with the most relevant experience and background to serve our school community.

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- ✓ **Led three exceptional Evergreen schools – Tom Matsumoto, Millbrook and Holly Oak schools and helped lead Quimby Oak as Assistant Principal**
- ✓ **Teaching and Administrative Credentials & a Masters in Counseling Psychology**
- ✓ **Endorsed by the \*Democratic Party, \*\*Labor (AFL-CIO), County Supervisors Cindy Chavez & David Cortese, and Evergreen educational leaders Brittany Bohannon, Tiny Choy, Chris Corpus, Sharon Moore, Dr. Robert Pruitt, Dr. Gail Rucker, Traci Williams, San Jose-Evergreen CCD Trustees Craig Mann & Huong Nguyen as well as numerous teachers, classified staff, and parents. [\*Sole endorsement/\*\*Open endorsement]**

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# Community Calendar

## Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

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**Sat, October 29 & Sun, October 30, 12-3pm: Fall Fun.** Bring the family to the Holiday Solutions Counter to play games, paint mini-pumpkins, and sample delicious cider. Free.

**Mon, October 31, 2-6pm: In-store Trick-or-Treating.** Remember to bring your trick-or-treat bag. Free.

**Tues, November 8, 6-7pm: DIY Beauty Treatments, 6-7pm:** Learn to create beauty treatments with just a few natural and easily accessible ingredients. Make and take home a jar. \$10. See below for registration info.

**Sat, November 12, 11am-12 pm: Stable Movement Physical Therapy.** Join Physical Therapy Specialist Ami Gandhi for an interactive wellness presentation. Learn about proactive intervention and awareness of good movement patterns to maintain/improve your health. Free. See below for registration info.



Join New Seasons Market on November 12 for a **Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop** with Prettyummy Chef Preeti Vishwakarma.

**Sat, November 12, 1-3pm: Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop** with Prettyummy Chef Preeti Vishwakarma. Learn to make icing and practice piping, flooding, marbling and detailing. Cookies and materials supplied. Take home cookies to enjoy. \$75. More info: [www.prettyummy.com](http://www.prettyummy.com), 408-930-7879. See below for registration info.

**Wed, November 16, 6-7pm: Anti-Inflammatory Diet 101.** Learn about the health benefits of adhering to an anti-inflammatory diet, the right foods to eat and what to avoid. Free. See below for registration info.

**Thurs, November 17,**

**5:30-6:30pm: Sugar Seminar—How SWEET It Isn't!** Join Certified Nutrition Consultant Katie Leadbetter and learn about the negative impact sugar has on the immune system and body, and where sugar is hiding on nutrition labels so you can kick the sugar habit! Free.

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Times **Local News**

# Evergreen Team-M captures five medals at 2016 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

**T**eam-M recently traveled to Lima, Peru to compete at the 2016 World Taekwondo Poomsae Championships, and walked away with five medals.

Team-M Taekwondo is made up of several team members from Evergreen Valley.

More than 850 athletes from around the world competed and Team-M captured five medals in five of the 8 divisions they competed in.

“Peru was an experience that influenced me positively as an athlete and a person,” said Team-M bronze medal winner Arianna Le. “I’m glad I was blessed with the opportunity to be part of Team USA alongside my teammates.”

Team-M has accomplished the following at the World Championships:

**Gold** - Tyler Dao (Freestyle – Individual Junior Male)

**Silver** - Alex Twu and Monina Dizon (Freestyle – Senior Pairs)

**3 Bronzes** - Anh Nguyen, Huy Nguyen, and Chau Truong (Senior 2 Male Team); Jamie Ng & Kenneth Doan (Freestyle – Junior Pairs); Arianna Le, Aleena Duong, Jamie Ng, Tyler Dao, Kenneth Doan, and Ethan Huang (Freestyle – Junior Mixed Team)

**5th Place** - Sharlene Duong (Freestyle – Individual Junior Female)

**Finalists** - Kelsey Ha, Hazel Cruz, Alvin Jong, Lance Supnet, and Heather Huynh (Freestyle – Senior Mixed Team)

**Semi Finals** - Alex Twu (Freestyle - Individual Senior Male)

**Upcoming Plan**

“As we approach the holiday season, our team is planning for different community services in the area, tree decorations at Christmas in the Park, and performances in the Bay Area.” said Alvin Jong, Team-M Captain. “We’re also already beginning to think about next year’s competition schedule. Team-M will be bringing athletes to Las Vegas, NV for the annual U.S. Open. The U.S. Open is an international event hosted by the U.S. that is open to all competitors from around the world. The event will take place in Las Vegas from Jan. 30 to Feb. 3, 2017.”

**Team M Fundraiser**

In addition to our accomplishments in Peru, Team-M raised \$15,000 to help offset some of the cost of our athletes to prepare and travel to Peru. This year’s fundraiser comprised of t-shirt sales, Taekwondo seminars, sponsorships, and donations from family, friends and supporters.

**About Team-M**

Team-M is non-profit 501(c)(3) team that started in San Jose in 2004. Since then, the Taekwondo team has performed at more than 250 events throughout the nation &



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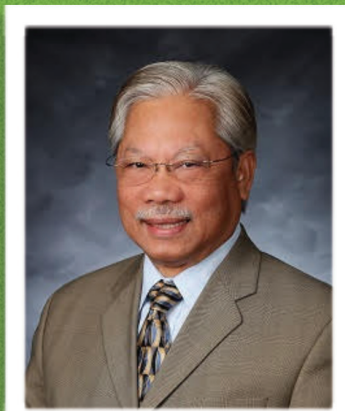
world spreading the art of Taekwondo everywhere they went. Not only are they fascinating to watch live, Team-M’s performances

and dedication are inspirational to Taekwondo practitioners worldwide.

Since 2009, Team-M has placed 20+ athletes on the US National

Taekwondo Team with successful track records from multiple World Taekwondo Championships; while training out of a 2-car garage. The

team is lead by 3 coaches (Huy, Anh, & Long Nguyen) with day-time jobs in hi-tech while coaching the team in the evening after work.



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6581 Camden Ave. San Jose, CA 95120. The Rev. Shelley Booth Denney, Rector Phone:408-268-0243 Web:[www.eca-sj.org](http://www.eca-sj.org) At the Episcopal Church in Almaden (ECA), we are joyful followers of Jesus Christ. Through worship, study, fellowship and outreach, we strive to nurture and grow a strong faith community of believers, a family of all ages, where each member feels welcomed, loved, valued and empowered to serve. Children are especially welcomed and cherished as an important part of God's family. All junior high and senior high students are welcome to participate in our Youth Groups. During the school year we have joint Sunday School with our sister church, the Congregational Church of Almaden Valley, UCC. The Episcopal Church in Almaden offers the following regular opportunities for worship: Sunday at 7:30AM and 10:45AM, Holy Communion service. Each Sunday service is followed by a coffee hour for friendship and conversation.

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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 408-268-0794.

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[www.ThePoint.Church](http://www.ThePoint.Church) 3695 Rose Terrace Circle. San Jose CA 95148. Located at the top of Aborn Rd and Murillo Ave. Come be inspired and build your faith as we worship together this Sunday @ 10:30 AM. KidsPoint is our children's ministry, serving infants through 5th grade. It is a fun and safe experience for kids as they grow in their walk with God. ONE is our student ministry, serving 6th through 12th grades. We help lead students into a growing relationship with Jesus through conversations, fun and service. Because of the diversity of Evergreen we offer church services in 5 languages, each with their own auditorium and pastor. 10:30 AM English, Mandarin, Cantonese

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[www.YesOnAffordableHousing.org](http://www.YesOnAffordableHousing.org)



**Sam Liccardo**  
Mayor, San Jose

*“Measure A is a critical component to solve our community’s most pressing problem – providing affordable housing. Housing for homeless families with children, low-income families, veterans, seniors, the disabled and funds for first-time homeowners. I strongly urge a Yes vote on Measure A.”*



Paid for by Yes on A for Affordable Housing, a coalition of home builders, healthcare providers, community foundations, homeless housing advocates and business, labor, senior, veteran and environmental organizations, with major funding by Chan - Zuckerberg Initiative and VMC Foundation.



Times **Features**

# Holy Spirit Girl Scouts efforts benefit many

**M**ore 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



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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 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 coun-

try 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 [www.holyspirit-school.org](http://www.holyspirit-school.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 [sacred-heartcs.org](http://sacred-heartcs.org).



# The Judge Rabbit Comes to Evergreen Valley High School

By Frank Shortt  
Times Staff writer

**C**oming to Evergreen Valley High School on November 5, will be 'The Judge Rabbit' a Cambodian folk tale of birds and beasts.

This famous folk tale of Cambodia will debut for the first time in the United States and was last presented in Cambodia in 1975 just before the fall of Cambodia to the Khmer Rouge. From 1975, known as the Cambodian Holocaust, carriers of the Khmer culture, including dancers and artists as well as Cambodian intellectuals were systematically slain.

One of the promoters, Chanthoeun To, owner of Evergreen Donuts, says that "nothing of this Cambodian cultural importance has been presented in this area for a long time. Yes, we have had other cultural events but this will present the arts of Cambodia in a different light!" Mr. To is known as 'John' to his many customers and acquaintances in the Evergreen community.

After the last presentation of 'Judge Rabbit' to the Khmer Rouge, Ms. Savary Dean, artistic director of the Cambodian Cultural Dance Troupe, who performed the role of Judge rabbit then, fled for her life from Cambodia. For over 25 years Ms. Dean has volunteered as an artistic director teaching Cambodian classical and folk dances to the public. It has been her dream to present Sophea Tonsay to the Cambodian Community at large and to the greater community in San Jose.

Music and choreography for the production of 'Judge Rabbit' was recorded in Cambodia by the teacher who originated the production of Sophea Tonsay. The process to bring the recordings to San Jose began in 2013. The sets and costumes are being made by the Cambodian community members to honor their rich heritage and to keep the Cambodian culture alive.

The Cambodian Cultural Dance Troupe is a program of the Cambodian American Resource Agency, Inc. Support from the Alliance for California Traditional Arts, Silicon Valley Creates, and City of San Jose Office of Cultural



Affairs have made this performance possible. Dancers from the Cambodian Community perform annually at the Cambodian New Year Festival in San Jose and other venues throughout the Bay Area. This is the keep the Cambodian Culture alive by presenting different music and dance productions.

Past performances at Silver Creek High School and the Mexican Heritage Theater featured the classical dances of Cambodia and brought the Ho Chan Ensemble from Long Beach, California. One of the presentations, Remembering Ancient Gestures, featured senior dancers of the Cambodian Cultural Dance Troupe who joined Ms. Dean in honoring Cambodian teachers who perished during the Cambodian Holocaust.

Savary Dean trained as a young girl at the Royal University of Fine Arts in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. As she fled with her family, they walked over the Cardamon Mountains to the refugee camps in Thailand and eventually settled in San Jose. Ms. Dean is assisted by dance consultant, Charya Burt and Ryan Boun.

For more information please visit [www.caraweb.org](http://www.caraweb.org), [www.facebook.com/cambodianculturaldance troupe](http://www.facebook.com/cambodianculturaldance troupe)





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# World renowned artist to become General Artistic Director for Achieve Dance Arts Academy

By Sean Eastwood  
*Times staff writer*

One of the world's top artists, Feng Han, has been invited to the Achieve Dance Arts Academy (ADAA) in Evergreen, as the general artistic director.

Han has been the first position actor, choreographer and the artistic director at the China National Opera and Dance Theatre in Beijing for the last 15 years. He received the highest Chinese dancing award - the "Lotus Award."

The large scale shows Han directed, include: "3D Terracotta Warriors", "Tang Concubines", "Monkey King", "Song and Dance Concert to Arouse your Senses", "Bamboo Dancing", "Magic Music Box" have won numerous international awards from Canada, France and several other countries.

ADAA is expecting Han to further improve students dance skills, after its dance troupes winning the top awards at the 2016 world dance championship in the August. His instruction in multi culture arts will raise the ADAA artistic standard to a new level.

"We are so very grateful and excited to begin working with Mr. Han,



"said Charles Mu, ADAA Principal. "I know that the dance community will give Han their full support and that our students will be pleased as well."

For more information, contact Achieve Dance Arts Academy, 2726 Aborn Rd., San Jose, CA 95121, Phone: (408) 533-8835; or email: [TheAchieveCenter@gmail.com](mailto:TheAchieveCenter@gmail.com).

## Off The Shelf

By Edith Sutterlin  
*Special to the Times*

**Pokémon Meet Up and Halloween Party** at Evergreen Branch on Saturday, October 29, 1:00 -4:00 p.m. will be a mix of cosplay, indoor trick-or-treating (costumes encouraged), photo booth with props, video games, an appearance by Conroy the Cougar, the SJPL mascot, and snacks. Pokémon trainers, come connect with others to share what you've learned, and catch some Pokémon! Guaranteed Lure modules on both Pokéstops will increase your hunting luck. Experienced volunteers will gladly assist beginners with learning the Pokémon Go game!

### Technology for all!

Village Square has ongoing **Technology for Seniors** classes on Wednesdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Understanding technology helps you connect with the younger generation by texting, tweeting, snapchatting, instagramming, or posting pictures online. Come learn technology skills to enhance your lives. You may also make a one-on-one appointment at Evergreen to meet with a teen Tech Mentor, on the first and third Tuesdays from 4-5 or on Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

**Girls Who Code is open to 6th-12th grade girls.** Do you want to learn coding to tackle a problem in our community? On October 21, Girls Who Code and Accenture released "Cracking the Gender Code," a report exploring women in computing. Their research shows that, despite recent attention to computer science education and "Hour of Code" in schools and libraries, "the gender gap in computing is getting worse, not better. The share of women in the computing workforce has declined from 37% in

1995 to 24% today and will continue to fall to 22% by 2025." Research shows that "today's junior high school girls have the potential to fill 1.6 million extra computing positions by 2025," and sustaining engagement in high school is critical. Girls Who Code participants can learn computer science principles, artificial intelligence, graphics, mobile app development, and game design, and build confidence. Girls identify and address community problems with teamwork and coding to design, build, and test possible solutions. Join the Girls Who Code Club at either branch and become a part of a Sisterhood. Evergreen's group meets on Tuesdays from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.; Village Square's club meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at 5 p.m.

**Children and teens in fifth grade and up,** register for one of two new coding series. Village Square offers Scratch Games for Kids, November 4 - December 16. Learn an easy visual programming language. Those ready for more challenge, try Evergreen's Python class offered from November 5 - 19.

### Additional Events

View both library branches' complete event listings and information on activities at other locations at [events.sjpl.org](http://events.sjpl.org). Find arts, crafts, and other activities, including both drop-in events like Evergreen's Preschool Storybook dance party on Friday, November 4, 4:30 p.m., and events that require signup, like Village Square's Eurogames for teens and adults on Saturdays, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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

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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 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



Several November ballot measures were debated at a recent AVCA forum. From left: Councilmember **Johnny Khamis**, Prior Councilmember **Pete Constant**. Photos by Lorraine Gabbert

settlement; health insurance alone saves us millions of dollars immediately. Let’s take the bird in the hand and let Measure F fix our prob-

lems...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 pension 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

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morale in our staff has increased tremendously. It's not a perfect solution, but one that will help 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 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



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

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 need 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

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## BJ Hom Memorial Food Allergy Awareness Night

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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 proactive to give these students the education they deserve for the 21<sup>st</sup> 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 mis-

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	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

\*Assessed value

demeanor, 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

# Rose Herrera nourishes community with gift of Fall Family Festival

By Kevin Larsen  
Times staff writer

The Fall Family Festival presented by Rose Herrera, Vice Mayor and Evergreen District 8 City Council Member, was a memorable event because in addition to offering fun for children and information for parents, it brought our Evergreen community closer together.

As her final two months in office approaches, Herrera has served the community well by bestowing special qualities of communication and action with use of body language, kind words and a sincere smile which makes it understood that she loves what she does.

One of her life’s callings is to help people.

Here are just some of the things she and her wonderful staff accomplished as they near the passing of the baton after eight years of service as city council member for District 8.

Saved funding for the Light rail project to Eastridge Shopping Center

Secured funds for 101/Tully Rd. highway project

Fought for funding for 101/Capital Expressway/Yerba Buena interchange

Saved municipal water from being privatized

Always attended community functions and made regular visits to every facet of city and district stakeholder meetings which also included private and city run organizations.

(Note, another 50 accomplishments could be easily added but space is limited.)

**Push For community engagement**

As this writer spoke to Herrera, her time was given without appointment. It is seen that she has a powerful presence of energy, keenness of thinking and the burning desire to make good things happen.

She is driven and motivated by the joy she gets in helping others and is truly selfless in reaching out to people. In addition to being very smart there are other qualities that are equally important and shown. She has the ability to listen, and she offers her constituents a place at the table with shared power of decision making. If a person is interested in an issue and that person proves they are earnest, she will often hand her card out and ask them to call her and consider

the value including their opinions and ideas into focus groups. No one is left on the sidelines.

Often citizens may not understand how to participate in the city decision process, so she guides them into playing a role in helping the community to make it a better place to live and work in. There is a quality she has of letting each person she speaks with know that they are important and their individual voice is valuable. She is a part of our proud community family because she has built the understanding over many years that she and her staff are there to reach out and help all.

**The Only Way We Move Together Is Together**

Herrera expressed it warmed her heart to see all the community come together to have such a nice day. She expressed that our community works and listens to each other with respect for we are not one minority, instead we are joined together to work together and all are equal. There was joy in knowing we come together like a big family in the events and things we all do.

Many in the community believe that Herrera is a role model of creating pathways for all people of all races and religions and social and economic backgrounds to be unified and work together as a family team. When she talks to others she listens for she has a very intelligent way of asking questions to truly try to understand the opinion or need of a particular viewpoint.

Herrera is captivating and caring and treats everyone as an equal. She might not always agree with a viewpoint, however, with her warm smile she connects equal weight to a heartfelt view on an issue for when one speaks with her, one feels that she is listening and that she cares for them as she would a family member. She is apt to take action to empower that person and uplift their voice which might not be heard by others. May believe Herrera represents the good in politics and the festival created by her and her team was built for the purpose to orchestrate the building of cultural understanding.

Herrera expressed profoundly with her eight years of overseeing the needs of the community that, “Evergreen is hopeful and we are positive about our community and the only way we move together is together.”

**Pumpkin Patch kindness**

As one entered the Fall Family Festival, children with smiles were

pointing to the enchanting pumpkin patch. The parking and all the pumpkins were free. There were hundreds and hundreds of bright orange pumpkins of all sizes and the children knew they would experience a joyful time in getting one. The writer did speak with one family with a stroller after the festival concluded and in a gesture of kindness they gave their pumpkin to a less fortunate family because another child wanted it. Which proves, sharing makes communities stronger and more vibrant; just to witness it truly multiplies community spirit for all.

The crisp blue sky was backdrop to the beautiful layout of the center stage flanked by rows of booths, children bouncy slides, singing and dancing performers and the smell of scrumptious hamburgers cooked and served by the best Fire Department west of the Mississippi.

At Cunningham Park the music was presented well during the day so that all would hear some kind of representation of the sounds they liked. Many young performers took to a different area called The Kid’s Stage. The Far East Dragon Lion was seen prancing, mascots Sharkie, the Frenzy and Barracuda were playing their hijinks and brave girls and boys fearlessly climbed the large rock wall. A kind park ranger expressed how it took a great deal of coordination for the festival to take shape and run smoothly for “it is like juggling with one’s feet and nose at the same time to get all things put in place.”

**Presentation Booths Bring People Together**

The author took time to visit some of the booths and will promise to visit more and write about others in the years to come. All booth participants there engaged in joyful conversations because they represented the heartbeat of the community. It was a time when the community gazed into each other’s eyes and gained the old fashioned connection of communication which helps build collaboration and ties our community.

**Murals tell the story of Evergreen Valley**

Local artist Lili Gemellos has a dream. Her dream is to have 40 distinct murals that will tell the history of Evergreen Valley that may be located near Silver Creek High school. Gemellos, who won Ms. Teen San Jose in 2002, displayed her work at her booth at the event,

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

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.”

## Preparing for a flood safe winter season

By **John Varela**  
*Special to the Times*

The signs of seasonal change are upon us: trees shedding colorful leaves, dewy mornings and chilly evening gusts. With the arrival of fall we will soon welcome chances of rain. Our region’s rainy season can begin as early as October.

While climatologists do not predict a weather phenomenon like an El Niño this year, any time it can rain, it can flood. It is to our benefit to invest time and efforts toward being flood safe.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District offers you a few tips to prepare your family and home for flooding:

- Prepare an emergency kit for your home and your car with non-perishable food, water, medical subscriptions, copies of important documents and supplies such as a flashlight, batteries and tools. Keep a full tank of gas in your car so you don’t get stranded during a flood. An emergency kit is essential for any kind of disaster, including earthquakes.

- Check your rain gutters and drainage system and remove any debris clogging them. Check your property for cracks in foundation, exterior walls and small openings around pipes; be sure to seal them.

- Learn how to turn off utilities in your home, such as gas, electricity and water. Keep a wrench handy near the shut-off valves to assist you.

- Keep a stockpile of emergency building materials on hand, like plywood, plastic sheeting and sandbags. Sandbags are available at any of the water district distribution sites. For more information visit: [www.valleywater.org/sandbags](http://www.valleywater.org/sandbags)

- Know your flood hazard. Be familiar with neighborhood streams and learn the best route to higher ground, if necessary. Never walk or drive in flood water. Six inches of moving water can you make you fall and as little as one foot of water will cause many vehicles to float.

- Purchase flood insurance. Even if

it’s not required by your mortgage lender, flood insurance is a good way to protect your property and belongings. Be aware there’s a 30-day waiting period before your policy goes into effect.

As the flood protection agency for the county, the water district fights floods year round. During the summer months, district crews repair banks and remove accumulated sediment and clean up vegetation in creeks throughout the county to help our waterways carry floodwaters safely. Year round, the water district works on long-term flood protection projects to protect thousands of homes and businesses in the county. In November, our award winning flood awareness campaign kicks-off flood safety messaging through the rainy season with the help of Charles Chicken Little, our flood spokesperson.

In the last few decades, the water district has invested approximately \$900 million in flood protection programs and protected almost 100,000 properties. There are an additional 18 flood protection projects underway, like the Lower Berryessa Flood Protection Project which when completed will protect more than 3,400 properties.

The water district’s flood prevention and flood awareness outreach efforts also contribute to flood insurance savings by as much as 10 percent. FEMA’s National Flood Insurance Program evaluates the flood protection efforts communities make and provides a rating. In our area, participating communities earn points based on their own flood risk reduction efforts, and those points are combined with the points the water district has earned, resulting in insurance premium discounts of 10 or 15 percent.

To report blockages in our creeks during a storm, such as trash or a downed tree, call the flood hotline at (408) 630-2650 or report it online at [www.valleywater.org](http://www.valleywater.org), by clicking the Access Valley Water button.

For further information, contact John Varela, at [jvarela@valleywater.org](mailto:jvarela@valleywater.org).

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and spoke to visitors while painting. She has unique ideas in her presentation of art for she helps the community by working with school districts to speak and listen to graffiti artists and to help them get their buy-in by switching over to other ways of expressing themselves. She is raising funds to make a mural wall of the history of Evergreen Valley and include children in its development. As a muralist she asks before she paints, “what would make this more meaningful?” She also came up with the exciting idea to allow each mural to have a QR CODE (similar to a cell phone code that reads information) so that children and adults can be engaged in greater depth about the meaning of each mural scene, by wrapping around it words, music and video links to communicate in a more deeper level. She says, “art is human expression...it is how we communicate... the first historians were artists in caves...and to create is human instinct.” A unique culture is shared at: [www.Evergreenmuralwalk.com](http://www.Evergreenmuralwalk.com)

### Classic cars with a cause

As I walked the festival it was nice to see the

nostalgic classic cars parked neat rows by the Boulevard Bombs Foundation [www.blvdbombs.com](http://www.blvdbombs.com). This nonprofit organization helps the less fortunate in our city by providing food such as turkeys to shelters, donating toys at Christmas time and much more. One of the founders of the organization expressed, “when I was a little girl I walked with my Grandmother, and once and awhile we would see a less fortunate person and in Spanish she would lean over and whisper in my ear, “today it is them but tomorrow it could be us.” This deep rooted understanding is what started this nonprofit in helping others who are in need. There is a desire for new volunteers and all are welcome. The members of this organization are unselfish and when the author meets such people it is known that there is something powerful going on here, not unlike what is read about with the efforts of what Mother Teresa chose to take on in her lifetime and beyond. An opportunity arises for this group to speak to the artist at the other booth today and they collaborate in the idea of including a possible mural scene which could display classic cars and how they are included in San Jose history.

Booths run by the City workers included parks, police services and job opportunities. The 70

booths also explored college information, free health and dental information, tattoo removal, recycling and more. Each booth offered not only services but passionate causes.

The honorable Lessie James was warm and inviting in her discussions of her cause and organization. Her nonprofit is the first to be working together as a team with students and staff at the Evergreen Valley College. Her organization is J.E.W.L. INC. (named after the first initials of her parents). The organization offers a ground breaking model of connecting, collecting, preserving, and exposing Black African American history that has been hidden. It promotes ethnic and cultural pride, social justice, empowerment, awareness and education. She adds that this country was built on labor and social injustice. It is endearing how she explains history and it comes alive with books and displays neatly placed on her table. Many historical facts revealed promote pride such as the knowledge that the sculptured face on the dime we carry in our pockets was based on the art designed by Selma Burke an honorable African American woman. James and a member of the S.B.I.A had an opportunity to meet and network together today (two different booths) to perhaps work together more in the future to educate the commu-

nity with new ideas about building cultural awareness and history for many.

### Cunningham Park a jewel in Evergreen Valley

Cunningham Park has wonderful features. For three dollars, anyone can use the largest skate park in California. You can bring bicycles, scooters, skateboards, roller blades. But it’s important to wear safety pads and helmet. The website tells you all about it. What you might not know is there are various skill challenges for this Active Sports Facility concept with lots of ramps, tunnels, and drop in bowls for all skill levels. Also, a new bike park is scheduled to open in just five months. You can volunteer too. The Parks Department has a fun opportunity for any citizen to help out.

Since parks belong to all, there are scheduled Make a Difference. Adopt a Park days where you can join a team and beautify the community parks. If you like, you can ask your individual company to TEAMBUILD by creating a Team Bonding Day where your coworkers can join up to help the parks with clean up chores. This giving back to the community builds strength inside yourself and your company which transfers to developing healthy work environments. Also, we can give back to nature and help our surroundings.



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RAM CA RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	-\$1,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500

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MSRP	\$28,565
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JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$500
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31 OTHERS

MSRP	\$22,485
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SALE PRICE	\$19,388
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	-\$2,500
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99 OTHERS

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SALE PRICE	\$20,388
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH	-\$2,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**	-\$500
JEEP CA CELEBRATION RETAIL BONUS CASH**	-\$500
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**NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES**

## \$16,888

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### 2016 RAM PROMASTER CITY SLT WAGON

21 OTHERS

MSRP	\$26,825
DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$3,326
SALE PRICE	\$23,499
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49 OTHERS

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DEALER DISCOUNT	-\$4,304
SALE PRICE	\$24,686
DODGE SELECT INVENTORY	
20% BONUS CASH*	-\$5,798

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## \$18,888

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84 OTHERS

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44 OTHERS

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**District 8 Community Roundtable**

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

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

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

**East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees**

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

agendas and updates: [www.esuhdsd.org](http://www.esuhdsd.org)

**The Evergreen AI-Anon meetings**

held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

**The Evergreen Business Association**

is a free networking group for business owners who live and work in the Evergreen and nearby areas. The purpose of the Evergreen Business Association is to develop and foster connections and to provide a forum for members to share knowledge, promote growth opportunities, and encourage referrals. The group meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Branch Library, 4035 Evergreen Village Square, San Jose. The group invites business owners and leaders. There is no cost for membership. For more information, please refer to our Meetup page here: <http://www.meetup.com/Evergreen-Business-Association/>

**Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting**

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The EEVERMM invites realtors, brokers, lenders and related affiliates to its breakfast meeting. Market your listings, match buyers with sellers and share real estate success stories. Meetings are held at MegaByte Pizza Co., 5623 Silver Creek Valley Rd., San

Jose, CA 95138. \$3 admission, coffee and pastries included. For more information, call David Castillo at 238-2000.

**Evergreen School District Board of Trustees**

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

**Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee**

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

**The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council**

meets the third Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. Get involved in helping plan events for seniors, volunteering for a good cause, and getting to know your fellow seniors. For more information, call the Evergreen Community Center at (408) 270-2220.

**Evergreen Valley Garden Club**

Meets at the Evergreen Library on Aborn Road, San Jose the first Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Each meeting will feature a monthly gardening class FREE to the public. For further information contact Arvind Kumar at (408)

715-7020 or email [chhprahiya@yahoo.com](mailto:chhprahiya@yahoo.com)

**Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club**

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

**Evergreen Valley High School Site Council**

Meets the first Wednesday of every month on the EVHS campus in the administration building D, 3300 Quimby Rd., San Jose. Confirm meetings by visiting the school's web site, <http://ev.ca.campusgrid.net/> home and clicking on school site council in the left hand toolbar or calling the school at (408) 347-7000.

**Evergreen Valley Service Organization**

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

**Falls Creek Neighborhood Association**

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

**The Evergreen Community Center**

offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: [www.sanjoseca.gov/prns](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/prns).

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**Friends of Evergreen Library**

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

**Hidden Glen Community**

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**LeyVa Community Action Team Association**

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**Lions Club - San Jose East Valley**

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

**McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc.**

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

**Meadowfair Neighborhood Association**

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

**Reid - Hillview Airport Association**

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

**Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen**

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**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](mailto:barbaramcchesney@sbcglobal.net) for further information, or check out the website at <http://www.sanpedrosquares.freetoasthost.org>.

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

Meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Tuesday in the Silver Creek High School Principal's Conference Room, 3434 Silver Creek Road. For more information, call 347-5830. Silver Creek School Site Council Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 5:30 p.m. in room V-1.

**Silver Oak Educational Partnership**

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

**SIR Branch 114 at the Villages**

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

**Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association**


1st Monday of every other month from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Location: Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley - Smythe Clubhouse

**West Evergreen Neighborhood Association**

This group represents the area bounded approximately by Flanigan Drive, South King Road, Aborn Road, and Alvin Avenue. Meets the third Tuesday at O.B. Whaley Elementary School, 2655 Alvin Ave., 7 to 8 p.m. For more information, contact the association at 535-8613.

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