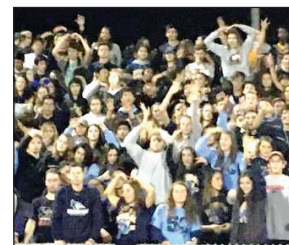


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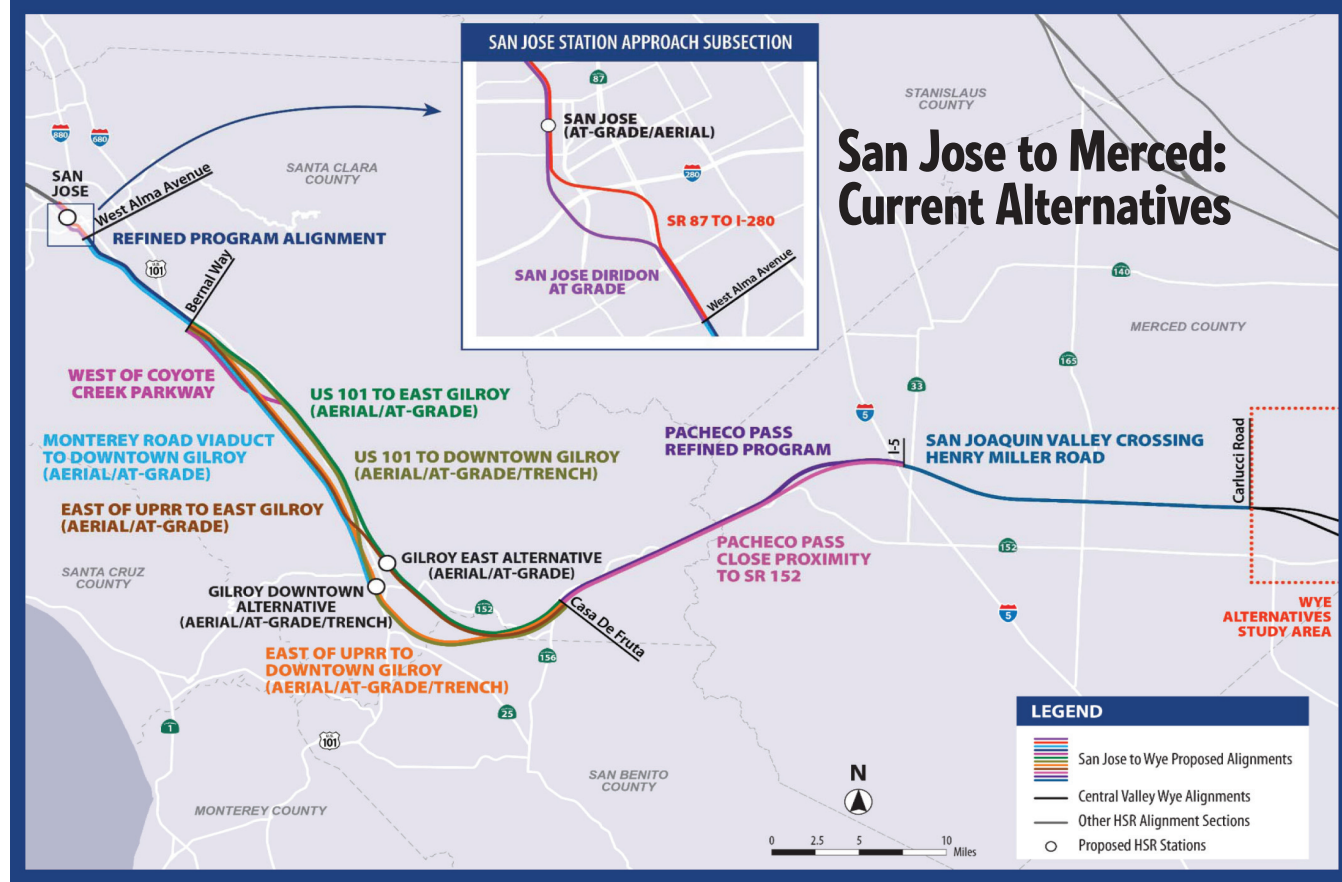
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## FIRST IN THE NATION FOR HIGH SPEED RAIL



A map of the current alternatives for routes from San Jose to Merced. *Graphic courtesy of the California High-Speed Rail Authority*

## High-Speed Rail: No longer 'if' but 'when'

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is in the midst of planning, designing and building the first high-speed rail service in California and the nation.

It's no longer an "if" but a "when" proposition as construction is already underway in the Central Valley. "High-speed rail will happen whether people want it or not," says Dave Poeschel of the Sierra Club's Loma Prieta Chapter. "But I think we can make it more successful and more sensitive to our communities' needs through meetings and communication with councilmembers." One such meeting took place recently at Edenvale Branch Library with a standing-room-only crowd.

"We want alignment that will benefit our city in the most effective way, while also

trying to minimize the impacts as much as possible," says Jim Ortbal, San Jose Director of Transportation. "We see great opportunity and benefit from the project, but also recognize that a transportation project of this magnitude will have impacts."

Guy Preston, Northern Regional Delivery Manager for the California High-Speed Rail Authority, outlined the San Jose-to-Merced alternative routes. For a route south from Diridon Station, one possibility is following the existing rail alignment to Monterey Highway. Another is building an aerial structure that follows the freeway over Interstate 280 and Highway 87, dropping down at Tamien Station.

One of the problems with high-speed rail at grade level is that grade separations would be necessary where the tracks run alongside Union Pacific Railroad. At

Skyway, Branham and Chynoweth crossings along Monterey Highway, the alignment would have to change, lifting both railroads and lowering Monterey Highway. "The 2016 business plan suggests an aerial alignment to avoid having to realign Union Pacific Railroad as we don't have an agreement with them," says Preston.

Near the Blossom Hill Station, they are considering moving to the center median away from Union Pacific Railroad, which would save many walnut trees and the station. Between Bernal Way and Gilroy is the choice of following Monterey Highway or running along Highway 101. There are also options for Gilroy such as using the downtown Caltrain station, or creating a new station, east of Gilroy, at grade or an aerial configuration. Past Gilroy, the high-speed rail tracks will swing towards Highway 152

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Volunteers serve up a wonderful feast at last year's Thanksgiving event.

## Almaden Community Center announces upcoming events

Almaden Community Center Senior Association is sponsoring two new upcoming events, Thanksgiving Feast and Thunder Valley Casino Fun Trip.

A Thanksgiving Feast is scheduled on the afternoon of Wednesday, November 16 at 2 - 4 p.m.

Dinner will be served with traditional turkey, stuffing, potatoes, green beans, bread, and desert.

Tickets, \$12 for members and \$15 for non-members, are on sale now. Tickets are available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8:40-10:00 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center lobby.

For more information call 408.268.1133

### Thunder Valley Casino Fun Trip

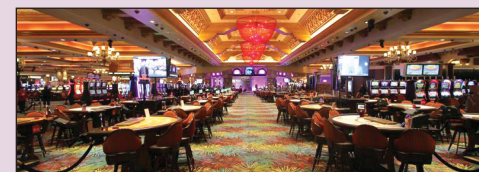
A Thunder Valley Casino Fun Trip, sponsored by the Almaden Community Center Senior Association is scheduled for Tuesday, December 6.

The low cost trip is \$35 per person which includes a \$15 slot play or table match play and a \$5 food player's card.

Participants must arrive at 7:30 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center, located at 6445 Camden Ave., San Jose.

Tickets are available Monday, Tuesdays and Wednesday from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Almaden Community Center lobby.

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# Valley Currents

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## Graystone annual Pumpkin Bust a 'blast'

By Sean Eastwood  
*Times staff writer*

The annual Pumpkin Bust at Graystone Elementary, held on Oct. 28, was a blast according to Amy Shumway, Interim Principal at Graystone Elementary.

There was a lot of energy and excitement in the air as the weather was clear and the games were all new for the annual event.

"Graystone's Pumpkin Bust was a blast. "We had a huge turn out and all the new games were a hit," said Shumway. She said there were many Graystone families in attendance enjoying the games and excitement of the Halloween Season.

"The games were exciting, fun and new and the kids had a great had a great too." said long-time resident, Kellee Reynolds-Markos. "Graystone's Pumpkin Bust is a long-time honored tradition where food, fun and games collide for the Halloween Season," she said.

The Golden Gate Garrison 501st Legion was in attendance and drew a large crowd of Star Wars fans who eagerly took pictures with them.

The new games introduced at the event included: Life-size connect 4, life-size Jenga, Tricycle Race, Penny Toss, Ping Pong Fish (winners took a goldfish home!), Golf Game, Cake Walk (the ever popular cake walk), Spook Shop, Golden Gate Garrison 501st Legion, and Star Wars Troop.

Sandy Engel, Trustee, San Jose Unified Board of Education, also attended the event and commented: "I really enjoyed having my picture taken with the Star Wars Troup!"



Students decorate pumpkins and Graystone's Home and School Club President enjoys visiting with a parent of one of the students at the Pumpkin Bust.



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### Engel for SJU School Board

Editor,

Sandra (Sandy) Engel has served our community well though her public service as a Trustee on the San Jose Unified School Board. Her election to a second term is essential. Sandy wants to continue to serve Almaden Valley Schools and provide 21st Century curriculum and success for all our students.

During her first term, Sandy was President of the Board and was invaluable with her expertise on school district budgets. She served on the Measure H Bond Oversight committee to

ensure the tax dollars were well spent. San Jose Unified is a flagship for other districts with innovative budgets, union negotiations and teacher credibility. San Jose Unified is a leader in the implementation of Common Core standards with other districts looking to San Jose as a model and asking for advice. Sandra is very excited to collaborate with the new superintendent to chart the 21st Century plan that is up for renewal.

I have had the privilege of working with Sandy when she was Principal of Castillero Middle School. She is a catalyst for collabora-

tion. She motivates students, parents, teachers, and administrators to work for academic excellence. Test scores rose at every school she managed. Of equal importance, the sense of pride at school sites grew under her leadership.

As a teacher, I know that having a school board trustee with experience as a former teacher, principal, and Director of Secondary Education is rare. How fortunate is San Jose, to have a person with this level of knowledge serve.

**Rebecca A. O'Connor**  
*Castillero Middle School*

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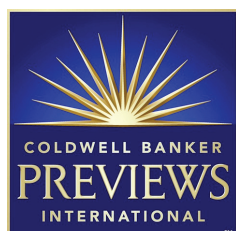
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## Times Election 2016

## Yes on Measure F to improve safety and services in San Jose

By Councilmember  
Johnny Khamis  
*Special to the Times*

My colleagues and I at City Hall have the formidable challenge of attracting and retaining police officers to rebuild our police force after the exit of several hundred officers through retirement or opportunities with other agencies.

The passage of Measure F on November 8th will put in place a negotiated settlement that ends contentious litigation over Measure B and helps the SJPD better compete with other police agencies in the region, which is why I am encouraging you to vote YES when you fill out your ballot or go to the polls.

Is Measure F a perfect solution to the recruiting and retention issues the City has faced, not only in the police department, but in other skilled occupational areas? It may not be, but it is the only viable, fiscally responsible plan that has achieved consensus support of a City Council majority and all of the City's employee bargaining units.

Measure F is the proverbial bird in the hand. We should not miss this opportunity to grasp this bird in the hand. We cannot afford to wait around for the perfect plan, grasping at two birds in the bush that we may never find.

Our City Manager, police chief, and police officers all tell us that passage of Measure F will help us to attract and retain SJPD officers. With public safety as my number one priority, it is important for me to strongly consider the advice of our public safety professionals and others within the City administration that we hire for their expertise.

Attracting and retaining police officers will allow us to properly staff special crime-solving units like the burglary unit, increase neighborhood patrols to help deter burglaries, and improve police response times.

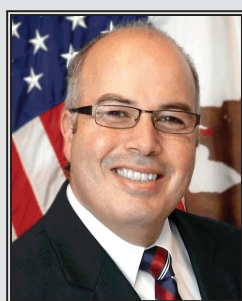
Measure F is winning broad support because it is fiscally responsible and fair - professional actuaries have confirmed that Measure F will save \$40 million in the first year alone. It is fair because our pay and benefits package will be more competitive with other large police departments

in the Bay Area and will ensure that police officers are able to adequately care for their families if they are injured in the line of duty.

For years we have fought over pension reform in San Jose and while the Measure B pension reforms, which I supported, were partly upheld in court, there is significant risk that the victories we did win could be reversed by higher courts. Measure B is the two birds in the bush - and right now they are stuck in that bush - the courts. To continue to fight in court means millions of dollars in litigation expense and, meanwhile, we will continue to lose key City personnel. The fiscally responsible path and the one that will allow us to rebuild our depleted police force, is to end the litigation and to replace Measure B with Measure F.

Measure F is the fix we need to move forward together toward a safer San Jose. Measure F preserves some of the best elements of Measure B, eliminates retiree health benefits for future hires, which saves the City millions of dollars from the start, and prevents retroactive pension increases.

Please join me, police officers, Mayor Sam Liccardo, former Mayor Chuck Reed and four other former mayors of San Jose, the Chamber of Commerce, and many others in saying YES to Measure F.



### District 10 Report

Johnny Khamis,  
City Councilmember



Olivia Navarro (left) and Kimberly Meek (right)

## Status quo challenged in San Jose Unified School Board race

Two candidates for school board are challenging the status quo in the San Jose Unified School District race.

Challengers Olivia Navarro and Kimberly Meek are campaigning to improve education for struggling students. Both are concerned about low achievement among poor students

#### Olivia Navarro

Olivia Navarro, an insurance agent and mother, points out anemic test scores of poor kids. At Gardner Elementary, nearly 80 percent of students last spring failed to meet English standards. Nearly 90 percent failed to meet math standards. "We need to increase math, science, arts and vocational classes," she explained.

Navarro is backed by former trustee Carol Myers,

and Johnny Khamis, San Jose Council Member, District 8.

#### Kimberly Meek

Kimberly Meek, vice-president in product support at SAP, is also focused on low achievement scores. She says only 54 percent of students test proficient in English and 42 percent are proficient in math districtwide.

Meek wants the district to track accountability in meeting educational goals. "You cannot achieve a plan unless you are accountable for it," she said.

Meek's campaign is funded by the California Charter Schools Association, and is backed by Susana Gallardo, School Site Council president, and Louisa Urbani, PTO co-chair, both at Gardner Academy.

## OP ED

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

By San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo & 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.

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 Feature

# A certification of your living trust may be necessary sometimes

By Donald J. DeVries

*Special to the Times*

This week's question:

Several years ago, my husband and I put our house into our living trust, as advised by our attorney at the time. Now, we are in the process of selling it and our real estate agent said that the title company may need to see a Certification of Trust to verify that the trust exists. Isn't this a waste of time and pure harassment? It sure seems like it to us.

Becky B.

*Almaden Valley*

Dear Becky,

I hear what you are saying, Becky, that it seems like pure harassment to require you to produce a Certification of Trust since your house is already in your trust, but it makes sense and here is why.

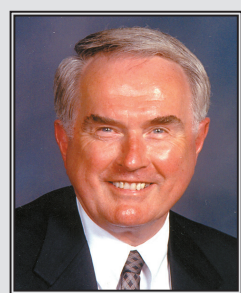
By the way, and before I answer your question, let me say that your attorney was wise in advising the living trust for you and your husband. That is the best way to go in this day and age to avoid probate court just in case something happened to the two of you and often just in case something happened to just one of you.

You and husband must have signed a Trust Transfer Deed when you placed your residence into your Living Trust, and then you must have had that deed recorded. That is the normal way for a property to become trust property, and the title company at this time can verify that fact. All they need to do is to consult the county Recorder Office

records in the county where you live, in this case, Santa Clara County.

However, a case or two might exist where the Trust Transfer Deed was recorded when in fact no living trust existed at the time. It is for that reason why the title company and/or your real estate agent is asking for a Certification of Trust at this time, just to be sure that the trust existed then and exists now, that the trustees have the proper authority to do their job, and that related clauses are in existence for everyone's protection.

In our office, we customarily work up a Certification of Trust as part of our package of documents we prepare for each Living Trust client. The Certification of Trust is typically



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Donald J. DeVries,  
Attorney at Law

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six or seven pages long and it usually covers several different topics, such as confirmation that the trust was created, that the trust is typically revocable, identity of the Trustees, and related provisions related to Trustee powers and the like.

"Related provisions" usually include a listing of the powers that the Trustees have, such as the power to accept property, the power to retain or reject property, the power to invest and reinvest trust property, and in your case, the power to purchase and sell trust property, such as your home.

In your case, since you said that you are in the process of selling your home that is in the trust, it is very important that you and your husband,

as Trustees of the Trust, have legal authority to sell the house. If you did not, many people and institutions could be harmed (i.e. "damaged") by that lack of authority.

Other provisions of a Certification of Trust often include the power to borrow money and encumber trust property, to make loans, to purchase liability insurance, and to pay and allocate trust expenses. You often see provisions that allow the Trustees to hire and employ persons, to execute and deliver legal instruments, and many other provisions as well.

If your attorney prepared a Certification of Living Trust when your documents were signed, fine. If not, chances are that the title company that is handling the closing of the sale will have a standard form that they will provide to you. It has been my experience that title companies often provide a Certification of Trust form at little or no expense to the parties.

I hope that this satisfactorily addresses your concerns, Becky. And I hope everything goes smoothly in the sale of your residence.

Donald J. DeVries

*Almaden Valley*

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## Youth Advisory Council expanding, seeks new members

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## Friends of Almaden book sale Nov. 5

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## Holy Family Parish Annual Holiday Boutique Nov. 19-20

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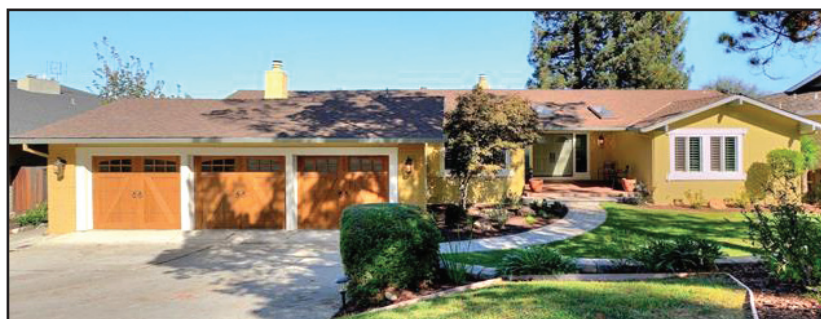
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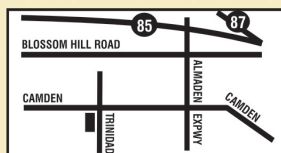
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**By Aaron Tan**  
**Leland High School**

*Prep2Prep.com*

**B**efore the homecoming game, sophomore Kyle Anderson (Leland Chargers #3 offensive) joked that he was going to get 500 yards versus Sobrato High School.

Kyle didn't get the 500 yards, instead "settling" for 219 rushing yards and two touchdowns, including a 24-yard scamper on fourth-and-1 with two minutes left as Leland won for the first time all season, 22-14 over visiting Sobrato in a BVAL-Santa Teresa game Oct 28.

Sobrato (2-7, 1-5 BVAL-ST) started off the game with brutal offensive firepower on an 80-yard drive that ended in a two-yard touchdown run by junior Jared Jones. However, after the score, the Leland defense started creating turnovers, with junior Max McCash forcing and recovering a fumble on the next drive, which led to a two-yard touchdown run by sophomore Trevor Johannes on a quarterback sneak.

In the second quarter, junior Brett Mason recovered a muffed punt by Sobrato, leading to another Leland touchdown, with Anderson breaking off a 13-yard run to take the lead, 15-7. However, Sobrato's defense would respond, forcing a fumble deep in Leland territory, which resulted in Jones' second touchdown run of the night, powering through the Leland defense with a 2-yard run to cut the lead down to 15-14 at half-time.

The turnover trend continued in the third quarter, with Leland getting one when junior John Bell's pass got picked off by junior Justin Yu, and then Sobrato getting one right back, recovering a fumble by Johannes. Both teams' offenses were growing stale, with no team scoring in the third quarter, the score still being 15-14 Leland.

With three minutes left in the fourth quarter, the score was still the same, and with possession of the ball, Sobrato knew that this would be its last chance to win the game. However, Mason

had other ideas, picking off Bell's pass and returning it into Sobrato territory. Anderson took advantage of the turnover, and scored on a 24-yard touchdown run to ice the game for Leland, winning its first game of the season.

Sobrato's offense moved the ball down the field with a strong rushing attack, but its passing game was even deadlier. Sobrato heavily relied on crossing routes and receiver screens, with Bell throwing for 170 yards. However, Leland conquered the game with its power-run offense.

Much like he has been all season, Anderson was Leland's workhorse back once again, adding 219 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns to his successful season. With his strong performance today, Anderson has eclipsed the 1000-yard mark this season, with 1157 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns on the season.

Emotions were running high on the Leland sideline after the school's first win of the season. Leland head coach Mike Ward was proud of his players for overcoming earlier losses in the season.

"For these kids, I just feel speechless. I've coached for a while for some good teams, and I've never been around a group of kids who have this much heart, will, and push to fight through anything," he said "We fight through the toughest stuff. It wasn't easy, either. It went down to one of the last plays. I feel great, but for these kids, I feel speechless."

Meanwhile, Sobrato is trying to bounce back from the discouraging loss to win its last game of the season next week. Jones, who scored two touchdowns, is adamant to keeping the same mentality for the final game of the season.

"We just gotta go to work next week," Jones said. "We've got to practice hard. We've got to try to take on San Jose to get the last big win."

In its season finale, Leland will try to get another win at home against struggling Mt. Pleasant (0-9, 0-6 BVAL-ST).

**Holiday season festivities kick off on November 18****By Rene Robinson***Special to the Times*

**T**he holiday season festivities in the Bay Area kick off on Nov. 18 at the Third Annual Gala of Hungry at Home benefiting Martha's Kitchen, a non-profit hot meal program.

The event will be held at the San Jose McEnery Convention venue. Downtown hotels participating include The Fairmont, The Marriot, Hilton, Hayes Mansion, and Double Tree. Each venue will present food and wine tasting stations. The main banquet will be hosted by Levi's Stadium and Centerplate.

"Our non-profit was founded 35 years ago and holds this annual gala to help raise funds

for its rapidly growing mission to feed the hungry," said Edita Cruz, Executive Director of Martha's Kitchen. "We have a goal of feeding one million people per year," said Cruz. "I recall being asked by the Board 'Have you done a gala like this before?' I replied, if not, then we learned our lesson. As it turned out the first gala was a success netting \$75,000 with the help of dedicated volunteers."

For 10 years, David Wiesner, owner and Executive Chef at the quaint Siena Bistro in Willow Glen, has hosted an appreciation dinner honoring the sponsor of the Fall Gala. Cruz, the volunteers, and staff of Martha's Kitchen have extended a hearty thank you to Wiesner for his gift of service. "We hope he will do it for another 10 years," said Cruz.

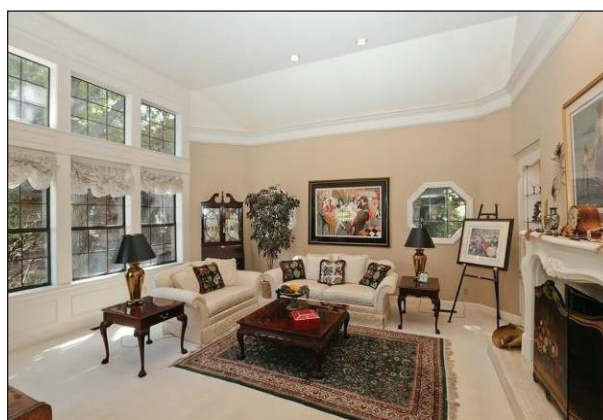
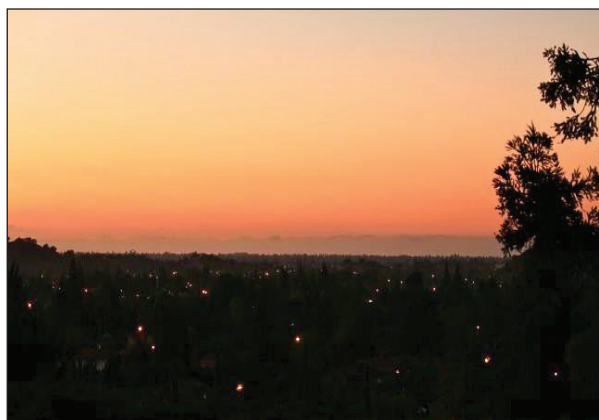
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## Times Features

# Retyred: Stylish furniture made from recycled tires: As green as black can get

By Lorraine Gabbert  
Senior Staff Writer

Comfortable, stylish furniture made from tires might sound surprising, but Retyred has made it a reality, and thanks to their partnership with Skip Lightfoot of Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers, it's close at hand for Almaden residents.

A few months ago, Lightfoot came upon the furniture at a car show in Essen, Germany. "I walked by the Retyred booth, sat down in one of their chairs, and that's all it took," he says. "They drew me in." After speaking with company founders Monica Corser and Bernhard Kudernatsch, and Brand and Sales Manager Hubert Nagele, they all knew they wanted to go into business together.

After some texts and phone calls, Lightfoot talked them into coming

to California to display their products at the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival, but their plan was almost derailed at customs.

"We didn't think we'd have it in time for the festival," says Lightfoot. As the furniture was imported from Indonesia to Germany and then America within a short time frame, it raised a red flag. "They asked all kinds of questions," says Lightfoot, "and made us unload the entire container—10 tons of furniture—for inspection. We literally had to talk customs into agreeing to release some of the pieces."

It's a good thing they did as it proved California to be a viable market. Their booth at the festival was inundated with interested customers. "It was the busiest booth there," says Lightfoot. "We had five staff working and we were all con-



Comfortable furniture made from tires has been made a reality by Retyred.

stantly busy." They ran out of business cards in two hours. "People loved it," he says, "young and old alike." They also liked the relationship of Skip's and recycling tires.

"It's a great fit," he says.

Retyred has been exporting their products to Australia, New Zealand and Europe, and Lightfoot will be their distributor in America.

"We're ready to conquer the world," says Kudernatsch.

The beauty of Retyred is their innovative solution of recycling old tires destined for landfills into attractive, useful home and garden furnishings. About one billion tires are discarded around the world every year, many ending up in landfills. "There are whole town-sized areas filled with used tire places you can see from space with streets of tires," says Nagele. "A guy who picks up our tires just got a contract with the state of Oregon to clean up a pile of a million tires," adds Lightfoot.

"Sometimes tires are burned and sometimes they're shred for playgrounds," says Kudernatsch, "but even when they're recycled, it's a mechanical process that uses a lot of energy. Our tires are cut by hand with knives and handcrafted by Indonesian artisans and are probably the greenest recycling you can do with tires."

"It's fantastic," says Lightfoot. "They're not using gas or electricity, except for a screw gun to build it. It's really energy efficient."

"Tires offer us great service during their working lifetime. It's wonderful to be able to give them new life with practical purpose," says Corser, "and it's satisfying saving what we can from landfills. As well as being eye-catching, our furniture is as green as black can get."

The original inspiration for their furniture came from a rustic armchair Corser and Kudernatsch saw while vacationing in Bali early in their relationship as a couple. "We thought the idea of making furniture out of tires was brilliant," says Kudernatsch with a grin. "It was a good way to test our relationship." Kudernatsch and Nagele were old friends before going into business together, having met at an event about 12 years ago in Vienna when Kudernatsch was part of kite surf road company and Nagele worked with a communications agency.

Since 2012, Retyred has constantly worked to improve the artistry and quality of their designs, expanding their line to include tables, stools, trunks, baskets, mirrors and more. "People have said it's the best recycling they've seen in a long time," says Corser, who brings her clothing design sensibilities to their products. "It's upcycling."

In addition to being comfortable, the furniture is extremely durable. "It takes 30,000 years for a tire to decompose," says Corser. "There's no doubt our tables and chairs will last a few lifetimes."

It hasn't all been a bed of roses though. "The creative bit has been great," says Corser, "But it was a long journey to get it to where it is now. There was so much to do. It's still an ongoing project."

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Brand and Sales Manager **Hubert Nagele**, company founders **Monica Corser** and **Bernhard Kudernatsch**, and **Skip Lightfoot** of Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers enjoy meeting the public at the recent Almaden Art and Wine Festival.

## Retyred

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Kudernatsch agrees. "It's been hard," he says. "We didn't see it initially as a business, but followed our heart. We went step-by-step and had a lot of learning to do. It's difficult selling and producing and getting that balance right. If you don't sell, you don't have money to produce again, so that's a challenge. But for five years, every event we've gone to, people love our product. That's the reward of it."

"In Australia, people told us that they had bought our chair three or four years ago, and still really love it," says Corser. "With each show, about 95 percent of our contact with people has been positive," say Kudernatsch, "and that's really great."

A woman who saw their print ad in Austria sent them an email saying that although she can't afford their pieces right now, she loves their products and wishes them all the best luck and hopes they become rich. An 87-year-old man attending the Almaden Valley Art & Wine Festival was amazed by Retyre's table and chairs. "Wow," he said, "That I'm able to see

something like this at my age... This great idea..."

"The chairs are so comfortable it's unbelievable," says Lightfoot. Their stuff is so good and people like it so much that they were invited to have their furniture at the Essen show in Germany." They're also hoping to attend the Sema car show in Las Vegas. Locally, Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers will feature Retyre furniture in their waiting rooms and/or showrooms.

Looking ahead, in addition to realizing all of their design concepts, Retyre would like to change the way people think about tires. "If we can have this furniture on everyone's patio," says Lightfoot, "just think about how many tires we could save from being burned or buried. It would be great."

Skip's Tire and Auto Repair Centers carry Timberland tires, partially because Lightfoot appreciates that they recycle parts of used tires to make boots. "Retyre goes three steps further," he says. "They're using almost 100 percent of truck, motorcycle and car tires, including the steel beads. It's far and away one of the best ways to recycle tires anyone's ever come up with."

## Girl Scouts honored with Gold, Silver and Bronze awards

By **Lesley Pesek and Pattie Foxhoven**

*Special to the Times*

Service Unit 642 honored local Girl Scouts for their hard work and dedication to Girl Scouting and support of the Almaden and Branham community on Oct. 15.

The service unit and troop leaders issued Gold, Silver, and Bronze awards and 10 year pins to 46 young ladies from our community, recognized adult volunteers, and performed a rededication ceremony for all of the scouts who attended the event. Girl Scouts' highest honors recognize and celebrate a girl's leadership, team-building skills, dedication, and determination to improve her life, the lives of others, and her community.

Mary Celestin and Sophie Coover received the Girl Scout's highest award, the Gold Award. Mary created a 10 session STEM curriculum for fourth and fifth grade girls and built a



Girl Scout leader and gold award recipients (left to right) **Sophie Coover**, **Tracie Wallace**, and **Mary Celestin**. Photo by *Pattie Foxhoven*

research library and database that highlights local STEM programs and events in the community.

Mary's curriculum is now being used in six area schools and by the organization AiducateNow, a non-profit organization that empowers underprivileged communities.

Sophie planted a butterfly garden at Erickson Elementary using native California plants and a pond with a drip system to reduce water usage. The garden will be used by the Erikson Home Study program to educate K-12 students about insects, native plants, and gardening.

The Silver Award is the highest award a Cadette Girl Scout can earn.

Clara Graves, Indrea Goyal, & Jenna Holsen earned the Silver Award for their Cushioned Crowns Helmet Project, Sofie Gmerek, Mira Karthik, and Ariel Syrkin for their Operation Save the Cats Project, Ashley Wilson for her Rosener House Petals for Smiles Garden, and Sonya Robinson for her From Soggy Socks to Toasty Toes project.

The Bronze Award is the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can earn. Clare Dong, Emily Haddad, Jenny Sanders, Tegan Wicks, Patty Zhang, Alyssa Perales, and Bella Yang earned the Bronze Award for their project "Helping Animals in Need", and Ally Burns, Kiley Stephens, Jacquelyn Michael, Avery Pazdel, Jewels Torres, Sophia Carretero, Bella Ereno, Shea Barger, Caroline Elmer, Emma Ernani, and Katie Floering for their project "Operation Warm Hearts" that helped medically fragile homeless women.

For a decade of service supporting the Girl Scout mission of building girls of courage, confidence, and character, the following 18 girls were issued 10 year pins: Zoe Crowe, Hallie Dugar, Jennie Foxhoven, Christina Gluszcak, Ellie Hunt, Sammie Keith, Siffat Kohli, Alexandra Lyon, Beth Lyon, Amelia MacEwen, Anokhi Mehta, Caitlin Milligan, Kayla Nicholson, Audrey Pesek, Hannah Pillsbury, Caitlin Saifi, Madeleine Smith, and Nicole Stadelman.



## Gay Brasher recognized by Board Of Education

The Board of Education recently recognized **Gay Brasher**, Leland High School speech and debate coach and veteran educator in her 50th year in the profession. Brasher recently received the Marcella E. Oberle Award from the National Communication Association for her dedication to her craft and students.

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Times **Cover Story**

# High speed

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by Casa de Fruta and go through five tunnels through Pacheco pass for 12 to 14 miles. Finally, it will go around the San Luis Reservoir to the Central Valley, cross on the south side of Henry Miller Road to the Y intersection where trains can go south to Los Angeles or north to Merced.

Rail alignment is a major concern to local residents both from a visual and noise standpoint. Alternative routes range from at grade (roughly street-level) to aerial viaducts and tunnels. Local homeowners are afraid that 50 to 60 feet-high aerial viaducts may affect the value of homes and property along the rail corridor, not to mention the beauty of the hillsides.

“The impact analysis regarding homes will be part of the environmental review,” says Ben Tripousis, Northern California Regional Director for the California High-Speed Rail Authority. “Once we have a preferred alignment and a draft of an environmental document, if there are impacted property owners or homeowners, they will be notified of our interest in that preferred alignment. Through projects in the Central Valley, we negotiated with property owners only for as much property as we needed to construct the project. Acquiring right of way adds significant cost to the project, so we want to minimize the impacts to property owners and the cost to the project.”

“How will you reconcile your preferred alignment with ours?” asks a resident.

“Your preferred alignment becomes part of our analysis of both alignments,” says Tripousis. “All of the input is compelling and helps moves the needle as to where we should go to best serve the system and the community.”

“Why not have the trains go along 101, where it’s already noisy?” asks a resident.

“The goal of the environmental process is to get to the least environmentally damaging practical alternative, mitigating impacts to the local community, homeowners and the environment that works within the confines of the projects budget and timeline,” says Tripousis.

“You’re moving Monterey by my house and putting a viaduct 65 feet in the air,” says a resident. “Why aren’t you going down 101? That makes so much more sense.”

“The primary reason we’re not building on the 101 freeway is that we’re unable to get to 101 from downtown,” says Tripousis. “The curves on 101 also have an impact. We want the tracks as straight as possible to maintain travel times. Also, the median is owned by Caltrans and may be used to expand lanes in the future.”

“You’re making a tunnel for Pacheco Pass. Why can’t we go underground from Diridon Station to 101?” asks a resident.

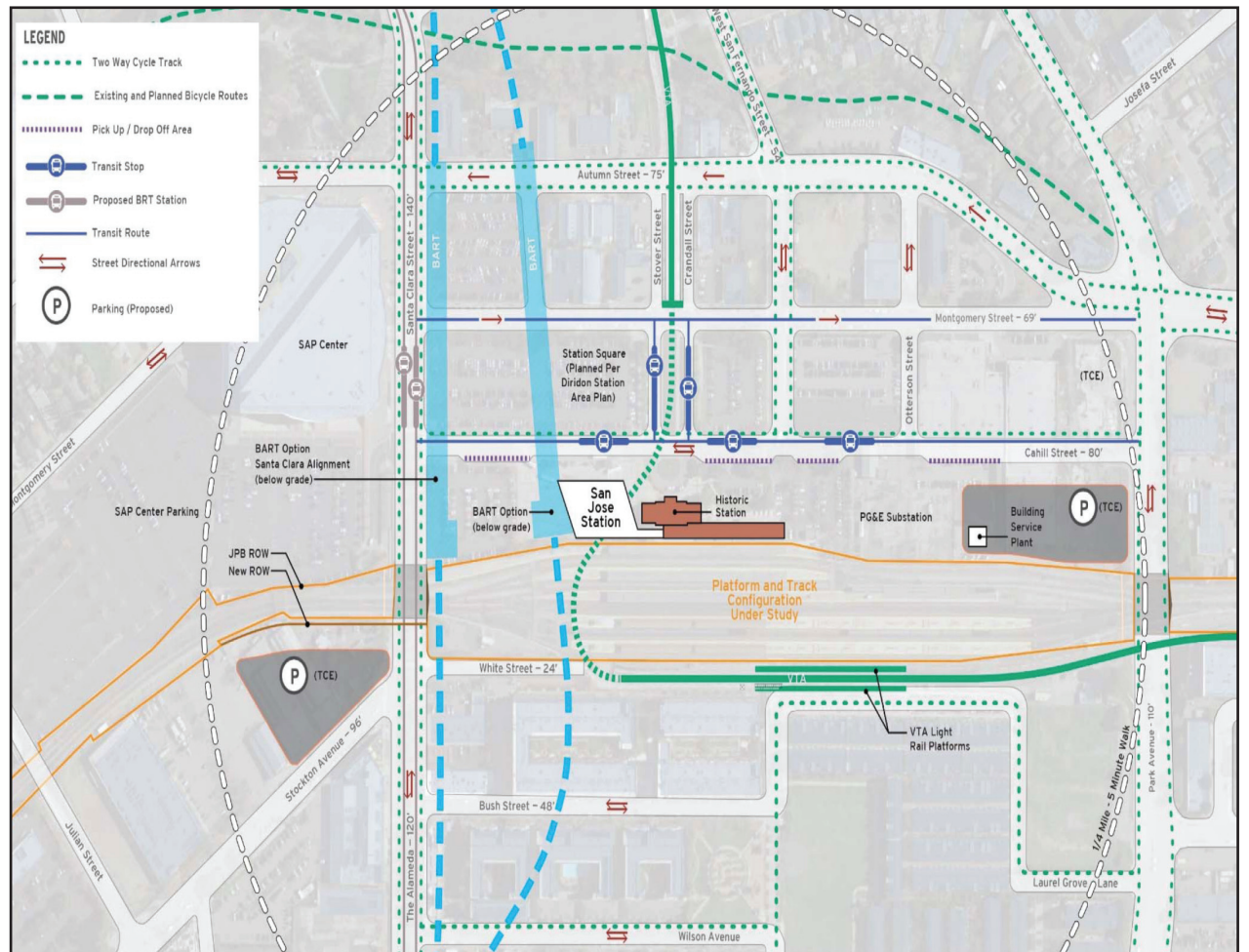
“We’re making a tunnel through the pass because it’s the only way through it,” says Tripousis. “We can’t go along Highway 152 as it’s too curvy and we can’t build aerial viaducts over canyons. In this corridor, Diridon to 101, we have other practical alternatives. Also, we can’t build a tunnel at Diridon because there’s an aquifer. The water table is very high and it isn’t feasible. Tunnels are costly. Aerials are roughly twice as expensive as at grade and tunnels are about five times as costly.”

“As you head south along Bernal Way and beyond, the hills on both sides come together so any sound bounces back and forth, and the people who live along there will be affected,” says a resident. “Also, visually, we live there because we love seeing the hills. Now we’re going to have to see train tracks [high in the air]. It doesn’t make sense. No one wants this. If you push this, you’re going to have huge opposition.”

The California High-Speed Rail Authority plans to identify preliminary routes in the winter and spring of 2017. In the summer of 2017, they will release a draft environmental document and hold public hearings. At the end of 2017, they will release a final environmental document. “Key environmental considerations include noise and vibrations, but not biology,” says Preston.

California’s high-speed rail seeks to connect the state from Sacramento to San Diego and contribute to economic development, a cleaner environment and new jobs. They are currently in the midst of an environmental review for the region between San Francisco and the Central Valley and aim to have a complete environmental document by the end of 2017. Locally, the project will include San Francisco’s 4th and King Street Station, San Francisco International Airport, San Jose Diridon Station and Gilroy station, which could become a regional hub for rail service from Sacramento to Salinas, Monterey and Hollister.

## SAN JOSE STATION: At-Grade Alignment



San Jose Diridon Grade Alignment in-progress draft station site planning. *Graphic courtesy of the California High-Speed Rail Authority*

Initially, high-speed rail was going to connect San Francisco with Los Angeles first. However, with its 2016 business plan, the California High-Speed Rail Authority changed its focus to Northern California, utilizing \$20.7 billion in existing funds: \$3.3 billion from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, \$9 billion from Prop 1A’s High-Speed Rail Act and 25 percent state cap and trade funds (from greenhouse gas reduction efforts).

The statewide high-speed rail budget is \$64.2 billion. “To provide equivalent transportation capacity, the state would have to construct over 4300 freeway miles, 115 airline gates and four runways,” says Tripousis. “The cost of those would be about \$158 billion. By comparison, the \$64 billion creates the first high-speed system in the United States, provides high-speed rail service between Northern and Southern California and the Central Valley...bringing those parts of the state closer together.”

As a general rule, says Tripousis, traveling by high-speed rail from San Francisco to Los Angeles will cost 80 percent of an airline fare. Shorter trips will also be competitively priced. Trains will run about every 15 minutes during the day at peak periods (from 6 am to 9 am and 4 pm to 7 pm) and every 30 minutes off-peak to 11:30 pm.

The Phase 1 section of the high-speed rail project extends from San Francisco to Los Angeles. Phase 2 will connect Merced to Sacramento and Los Angeles to Anaheim. High-speed rail service between San Francisco and Bakersfield may be operational by 2025 and to Los Angeles and Anaheim by 2029.

“Ultimately, the goal is to be able to take a high-speed rail train from San Francisco to Los Angeles in 2 hours and 40 minutes,” says Tripousis, “and from San Jose to Fresno in under an hour. The goal is to shrink the state, increase mobility and to serve a growing population that by 2050 will be over 50 million in California.”

The California High-Speed Rail Authority is working closely with its European counterparts in Spain, Italy, France and England, as well as Japan. “We’re trying to take the best elements from all of those systems,” says Tripousis. “High-speed rail is really going to change how people think about travel. In France, it used to take six to eight hours to travel between Paris and Bordeaux, and now it takes two. One of the many challenges is that we’re trying to build a cutting edge, 21st century, high-speed rail system 50 years after everyone else, so we’re playing catch up. The plus side is that we have many examples

to learn from...and many vehicle manufacturers to choose from.”

“What I think is exciting about the opportunity with Diridon Station is we have four agencies—California High-Speed Rail Authority, the City of San Jose, VTA and Caltrain—coming together to create a world class station environment,” says Northern California Planning Manager for High-Speed Rail, Bruce Fukuji. “We’re looking at best practice examples from around the world and applying that to Diridon Station. The area has a lot of promise for dynamic change.”

“The station environment is part of this planning,” says Tripousis. “It’s a destination itself and we’re looking at how to structure its design elements in an integrated way.”

Residents raised concerns regarding the noise, traffic and air quality of high-speed rail related construction. “We will try to mitigate that,” says Tripousis. “We will complete the environmental document by the end of next year. Then we’ll do the design work, so it will be roughly a year before full-blown construction takes place. There will be about three years of construction and two years of testing.”

“You’re going to go 20 miles in three years!?” says a resident. “No, we’re going to go 84 miles in three years,” says Tripousis.

“Good luck,” says the resident.

“Thanks,” replies Tripousis, “We’ll need it.”

Councilmember Ash Kalra, who has been instrumental in alerting the community to high-speed rail developments and arranged the informational meeting, shared his opinion of the best alignment through San Jose. “High-speed rail should be at grade through this area rather than aerial due to the impact to the community, cost, and visual elements,” he says. “It is critical to have grade separation and a completely separate system so people won’t be injured on the tracks, the trains won’t have to use their horns and we won’t have cars waiting for trains. The public should let their positions be known with their congressmen and other representatives. It’s important to be involved and stay informed going forward. As far as finances, environmental impacts, grade separation and the track being at grade, it’s important that your voices and concerns are heard. Make sure the city, councilmembers and the Department of Transportation are advocating for you and make sure your concerns are addressed as much as possible.”

*The high-speed rail board meets in Sacramento usually the first Tuesday of every month – the schedule and agendas are on the website: [www.hsr.ca.gov](http://www.hsr.ca.gov). The meetings are open to the public.*



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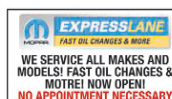
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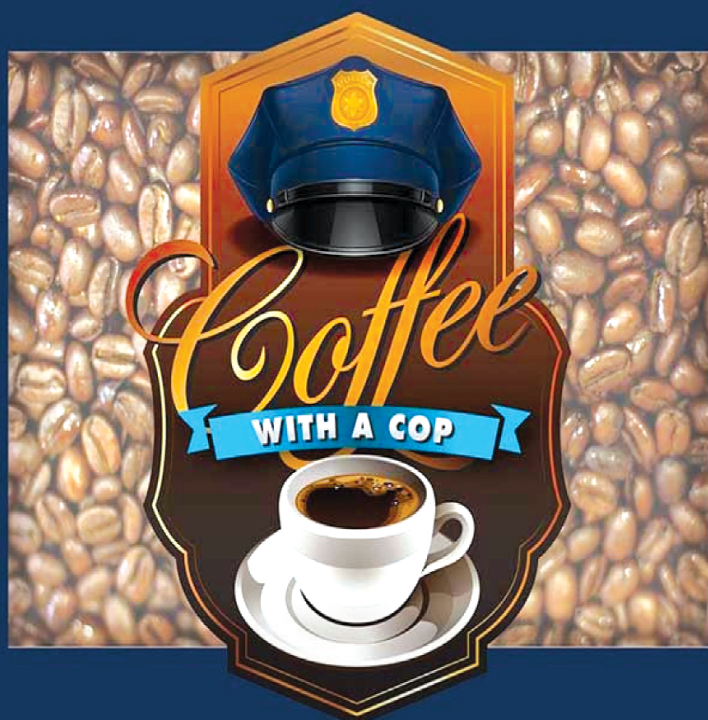
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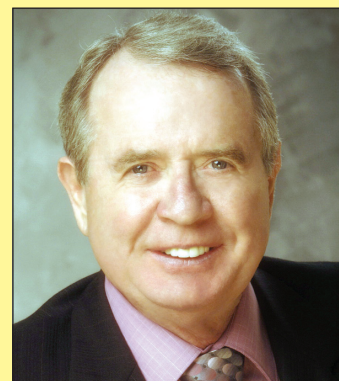
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