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Nguyen wins!

Provisional ballots not yet counted could change outcome

By William Bellou
Publisher

Jimmy Nguyen has won a seat, in a close race, on the San Jose City Council representing Evergreen and Silver Creek Valley in Tuesday's Nov. 8 election.

The final results released Wednesday morning show the new councilmember, a real estate attorney, winning the District 8 seat by 22 votes over Evergreen School District board member Sylvia Arenas. With 100 percent of the 54 precincts reporting, Nguyen received 10,609 votes to 10,587 votes for Arenas.

Although all precincts have reported, the Registrar of Voters (ROV) has yet to count provisional ballots. Provisional ballots are ballots that can be counted when the ROV verifies whether the voter is a validly registered voter. This means that the election outcome might change. The ROV has 30 days from Election Day to certify



Jimmy Nguyen (center) celebrates his apparent win on election night, flanked by (left to right) San Jose City Councilmember Johnny Khamis, District 10; Vice Mayor Rose Herrera; and San Jose City Councilmember Tam Nguyen, District 7.

the Nov. 8, 2016 results.

"I was cautiously optimistic during election night because the vote count was very close," Nguyen said Wednesday morning. "I had a great team of volunteers who worked very hard to put us over the top. I want to thank everyone who supported and voted for me. I pledge to work hard for our community."

The candidates were vying for the seat left open by termed-out Vice Mayor Rose Herrera, a Liccardo-ally. Herrera and former San Jose City Mayor, Chuck Reed, endorsed Nguyen. Nguyen received the San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce's backing after edging out Denise Belisle and Pat Waite in the primary.

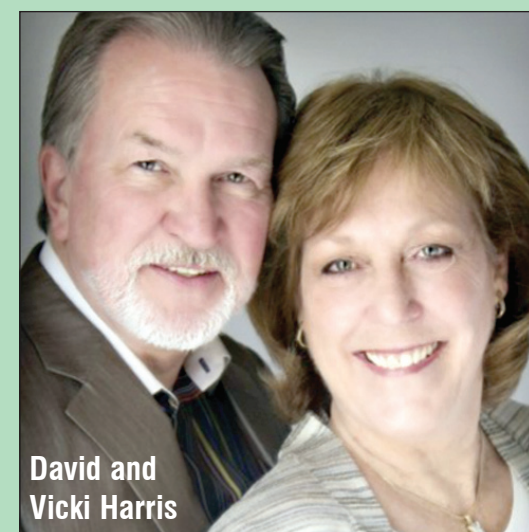
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Arenas, who was criticized for accepting support from Sacramento politicians, was backed by organized labor. Councilwoman Magdalena Carrasco and her ex, Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin de León also backed Arenas.

Winners and losers

Candidates of local interest: Harris, Lofgren, Beall, Kalra, Nasol, Mann, Lan Nguyen, Cortese, Varela, Cruz, Welch, and Mace are winners in Wednesday's election.

See charts for winners of local elections on page 11.



David and Vicki Harris

Harris Real Estate Team announces Second Harvest Food Bank Drive

The Harris Real Estate Team has announced its food drive to help Second Harvest Food Bank.

"We are helping the Evergreen and Silver Creek Valley community by collecting food and donations this year," said David and Vicki Harris. "More than 10 percent of our community depends on Second Harvest every year."

David said that canned goods and non-perishable food is needed, or donations by check can be made payable to Second Harvest Food Bank.

The food drive campaign runs from Nov. 16 through Dec. 16. Donations can be brought to the Alain Pinel Harris Team office located at the Villages Center, 2921 Villages Parkway. Donation containers are available from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and 12 Noon to 5 p.m. weekends.

The Harris' have been involved in local and national charities giving both time and money to better serve communities from which they derive their income. "You cannot take your income from your community unless you give back in gratitude and thanks," said Vicki.

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ROTARY NEWS

Club celebrates 50 years of service

By **Charlie Wasser**
Special to the Times

Things have been really moving at a fast pace the last few weeks for the Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen Valley.

We co-sponsored a seminar to learn how to detect the signs of someone being forced into a life of Human Trafficking. The other co-sponsors were Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez and San Jose Vice-Mayor Rose Herrera and was held in the rotunda at the San Jose City Hall.

Last month, the club celebrated 50 years of service to the residents of San Jose East and Evergreen. It was held at the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen. The introduction to the evening was by San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. The keynote address describing her life in East San Jose was given by San Jose Council Member

Magdalena Carrasco. We originally thought we would sell 60 tickets to the event. The final numbers are still being tallied but will be over 110 tickets. Yes, this Rotary club is building a place in the community and community leaders want to be involved with us.

Rotary District Governor Jeff Orth helped us induct three new members at the 50th anniversary. That puts the club at 31 members. We started the new Rotary year July 1 with 21 members. Still time to get on the bus, join in the fun and socializing, but more importantly work on projects with us that help better the lives of those in need.

The Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen Valley meets at the Ranch Golf and Country Club, at 4601 Hill Top View Ln, San Jose. We gather at 12 noon for some socializing and begin the meeting at 12:15 pm.



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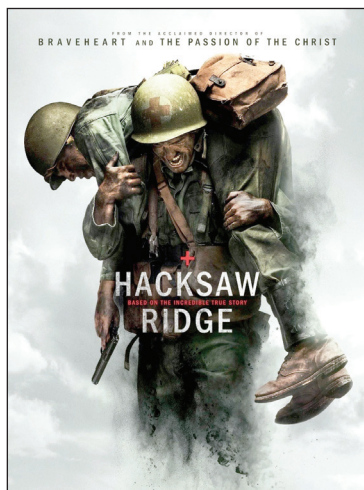
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Evergreen's artistic jewel: Lila Gemellos

By Frank Shortt
Times staff writer

Lila Gemellos, artist and muralist, has been interested in graphics since the age of five and that is when her parents recognized her talent and enrolled her in art classes.

Gemellos began painting with San Jose's Lee Hartman at age seven. Hartman is an acclaimed artist with an extensive collection of portraits and landscapes.

"My parents always encouraged me and found new classes that challenged me," said Gemellos. "Watching Bob Ross on PBS felt like church to me." A native of Evergreen, she still lives in and loves the Evergreen Valley.

Gemellos attended UC Riverside, and has a Construction Industry Technician Certification from Clemson University in South Carolina. When asked, "What do you consider your greatest work thus far?" She replied, "My best work and my most notable commission are quite different. I found my style, as well as the most notoriety constituting a mural for Falafel's Drive-In at 2301 Stevens Creek Blvd. in San Jose. My best piece to date is 'History of Aviation' at John J. Montgomery Elementary School in the Evergreen School District." Her work can be seen all around the Evergreen School District, and she has painted entire pediatric offices as well.

Gemellos said she does a mixture of



Muralist Lila Gemellos has been interested in graphics since the age of five.

Expressionism, Impressionism, Realism, Modern, Art Nouveau, and Pop. "I am none and all of these," she explained. "As a child, I was a post-impressionist. As an adult, I use every style worked together. More importantly, I'm a statement artist and visual story-teller. I use these opportunities to create a visual dialogue and provoke thought. I am also trying to coordinate art with media, trying to paint how the

internet feels." This shows up in her commercial work.

Gemello's forte is in visual storytelling, but she does not limit herself to any certain style of art. She is proficient and confident in traditional, as well as, psychedelic styles. This includes three dimensional illusions. She can repair and repaint holes, restore blemishes in vintage wallpapers, and even creates signs. She can create faux adobe finishes, bright accent walls, with mural accents, custom trims for residential, or less complicated office projects. She can also generate detailed, photorealistic creations that trick the eye.

When asked where she feels that her art will lead her, she said: "I would like to continue to pursue public art and large scale stories. I am trying to find funding for a series of murals in Evergreen, specifically at Capitol Expressway. This is Evergreen's history, addressing blight, crime, and community tensions." She is presently working on a project in Willow Glen called "Life in Willow Glen." The mural depicts the history of Willow Glen and is on the wall at 1133 Lincoln Ave. owned by Michael Mulcahy, Real Estate broker and owner of SDS Nexgen Partners LP.

Editor's note: Miss Gemellos was Miss Teen San Jose 2002. She is just persistent enough to make her dream of murals in Evergreen at Capitol Expressway a reality. Lila can be reached at sanjosemurals.com, or call 408.794.5452. Lila Gemellos Murals & No Paradigm Design.

Mailbox



EVC land decision avoids checks and balances

Editor,

The decision on the 27 acres of Evergreen Valley College is being taken through the system with all the smoothness and efficiency that I have never seen and with no regard for checks and balances that this country is so known for.

Even the Planning Commission,

which is one the gating authority, did not require much of convincing for the development - Despite all the community inputs against the development on 27 acres, they readily convinced themselves that such development is a must for bringing jobs to improve the job per housing ratio in San Jose on par with neighboring cities and bring in tax revenue for cash starved city.

Everyone knows that few minimum wage job expected to be created may improve the jobs ratio but

does not necessarily close the gap on revenue shortage which can only be fixed by having competitive business policies. It is to be noted that cities with higher job ratios have high quality educational opportunities within their range. In addition, planning commission convinced themselves that development would internalize traffic - Well, assuming that would be the case, what we would end up with is the grid lock as this pocket of Evergreen is literally land locked. It also claimed that if we are not happy with the board's decision, we have to take it to them - Planning commission being a major gating agent in the process, we expected them to have used lot more discretion in considering the different

aspects of pros and cons on such a major decision.

It is to be specifically noted that even with majority of the community opposing the move to develop the land which was apparent in every meeting, public is being completely bypassed at every step... Even today we do not have a clear understanding of how Republic Urban Property's bid was chosen over others if there were any and when the bidding was even held and such details... And we are about to have this voted in the council even in the face of such public opposition and that too by a lame duck council.

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Times Community News

'My Name, My Identity' at Laurelwood School

By Frank Shortt
Times Staff Writer

Laurelwood School has generated the most interest in the “My Name, My Identity” program in the Evergreen School District.

‘My Name, My Identity’ is the result of a District meeting which introduced the program to principals of the District.

It was towards the end of the last school year when a sixth grade teacher realized that her student’s name was pronounced Sim-er, not Sim-mar. Since first grade, Simar had his name pronounced incorrectly, but he never corrected his teachers. This was a shock to the Laurelwood staff and name pronunciation became an important issue that resonated in their minds. Luckily, Simar was able to go through sixth grade promotion with the correct pronunciation of his name.

Dr. Hong Thi Minh Nguyen, Laurelwood Elementary School principal in the Evergreen School District relates, “When ‘My Name, My Identity’ was introduced to principals in the district, it touched my heart deeply. So many of our students have name stories that makes them who they are today. In reflecting upon my own name, it made me realize how important name pronunciation is. My name is Hong Thi Minh Nguyen. I pronounce it Hong T Minh New-yen. Traditional Vietnamese names are difficult to enunciate. Even within my own family, my siblings and I pronounced our last name differently in English. My parents named me Hong after the city Hong Kong. They were refugees and spent over nine months in Hong Kong after their escape from Vietnam. I was born shortly after my parents’ arrival to the United States. Additionally, the word “Hong” in Vietnamese means “pink.”

She further stated, “In reflecting upon Simar’s name and also my own, I came to a realization that my staff at Laurelwood would find this initiative important for their work with students. During the morning of our first staff in-service of the school year, I introduced “My Name, My Identity” to them. I began by sharing my own name story to the staff, emphasizing the importance of being intentional in pronouncing students’ names correctly. I reminded them of Simar’s name and how it took us over five years to finally find out that this name was pronounced incorrectly. In telling these stories, I can feel that teachers were engaged in learning more about the initiative. Hence, a video from “My Name and My Identity” was shown of students sharing their own name story. Soon after, teachers were

eager to share their own stories and proper pronunciations of their name to each other. We went one by one, each sharing our name story and proper pronunciation. It was a powerful moment for our teachers. They embraced in the name learning process. I was even more appalled when I found out that I have been mispronouncing a teacher’s name for over a year. After sharing the different name stories, teachers felt heard. They pledge to be intentional about ensuring proper name pronunciations of students. If we do not advocate for our students and empower them to be their own voice, who will?”

It is planned that “My Name, My Identity” will be an ongoing initiative at Laurelwood School and for the school district, and the goal is to have a majority of students take the My Name, My Identity” pledge.

Here are a few of the teacher’s testimonials:

Adelizza Cruz De Jesus-Brown
“My name is Adelizza Cruz De Jesus-Brown. According to my dad, who supposedly named me, I got my name because my dad once had a girlfriend named Flordeliza and he liked her name. My mother’s name is Adelina. So, my father gave me my name by combining both names Flordeliza and Adelina which resulted in Adelizza. My middle name Cruz is my mother’s maiden name. In my culture’s tradition, my father’s last name - De Jesus, would become my middle name as I take my husband’s last name upon marriage. However, after 9/11, rules with respect to changing your name did not allow me to drop my middle name - Cruz. This meant I would lose my father’s last name. In order not to lose De Jesus, I decided to hyphenate my name which resulted in De Jesus-Brown. Now everyone knows I am from my mother’s family Cruz, descendant of my father’s De Jesus family, but married to my Caucasian husband - Brown.”

Tam Huynh

“The proper way to say your name in the Vietnamese culture is by stating your last name first, followed by your middle, and then your first. I am **Huynh Thanh Tam**. My middle name means “pure” and my first name means heart. When combined, it means pure of heart.”

Bobbi Majors

My name is **Bobbi Larsen**



Dr. Hong Nguyen and Secretary Leonie Hollenkamp



Group of enthusiastic students at Laurelwood, (l to r) Shriya, Izabel, and Kyla.



Kenny, Kyle, and Hien

Majors. My grandfather’s name was Robert. He was a wonderful patriarch of our family, so I am very proud to be named after him.

My father’s last name is Larsen. I appreciate him and his contributions to his community. It is an honor to have had the last name Larsen until I was married many years ago. My last name is Majors. My son and daughter both have the last name Majors. It means a lot to me to share their name. They truly define me and I am working very hard to be someone that they look up to and are proud of.

Leonetine Brown

I have two conflicting stories of where my parents got my name from, **Leonetine Brown**. My mother, who’s middle name is Leone, says that she just made it up. My father, on the other hand, told me that he saw my name on the back of cake decoration product. The candy letters that you could buy to decorate cakes with use to have a list of names on them and he said “Leonetine” was one of the names. I have looked up the name “Leone” and it has a French and Italian background, both with the meaning of lion or bold lion. I have always wondered how my parents, both from Alabama, ever really came up with my name.

And, a couple of student testimonials:

Zain Aslam, 5th “My name is Zain Aslam. In my culture, my name means beautiful and friendship. My parents named me Zain because they wanted me to be friendly. That is my name story. What is yours?” **Richard Valdez**, 5th “My name is Richard Valdez and I was named after my dad’s dad, who died. And my dad’s dad was an important person to my dad. This is my name story and what is yours?”

This program could go a long ways in growing friendships and understanding in our diverse Evergreen schools.

Times **Community News**

Evergreen Valley author writes new children's book: 'Looking for the Star'

By **Frank Shortt**
Times Staff Writer

Having one's book physically published by a reputable publishing company is a big deal, considering all the written word abounding in the publishing industry.

Bobbi Majors is a kindergarten teacher at Laurelwood in the Evergreen School District. She has taught first grade, fifth and sixth grades for more than 20 years, and has taught kindergarten for seven years.

Being a mom as well as a teacher has given her much insight into the workings of a child's mind. Her first book, 'Looking for the Star' reflects how she has retained experiences through her years of teaching.

"I can remember writing short stories in the fourth grade, as well as, keeping a journal," said Majors. "I was an avid

reader, even then, of the Nancy Drew series by Carolyn Keene, and other children's stories, and later reading all the Stephen King books, and the classics, especially Shakespeare," she explained. "My English teachers were my mentors, but my grandmother was my greatest influence in writing and many areas of my life." Majors also has a book planned about her daughter, Mary, and some other ideas for children's books.

Majors' greatest help in writing this book came from her family and Tim Myers, a professor at Santa Clara University who was a great

mentor. "Publishing my first book has exceeded all of my expectations," she said. "I am so pleased with the physical book itself, the message of the story, and the pictures. Having my first book published has been a source of great joy!"

Majors did not at first decide the title of the book. As she produced many drafts, the title was decided from the drafts. In the beginning she followed a storyboard and later, as she had the photographs to look at, the necessary modifications were made. The result is a book she can be proud of because of its simplicity with colorful illustrations and the satisfaction of having poured one's soul into a project.

When asked whether or not she would like to become a professional writer, she replied, "My most important ideal is that of being a good mother! I love everything about being a teacher, so I would have to say that I would like being a teacher as well as an author."

Majors has two amazing children; William, who is fifteen years old and a sophomore in high school, and Mary, who is fourteen and in the eighth grade. William enjoys journalism and computer science. Mary is involved in choir, playing both piano and guitar. Majors' boyfriend Bob manages the San Jose Civic Theater and has been a great support for her publishing journey. By the way, the cover of the 'Looking for the Star' was designed by William Majors.



Bobbi Majors

Evergreen Valley College waxes poetic

By **Frank Shortt**
Times staff writer

The first ever Poetry Slam occurred on Oct. 27 on the Evergreen Valley College campus, also known as "Words to the Wise!"

Under the capable leadership of Professor Sterling Warner, Advisor for the EVC Author's Guild, the English Major's/Language Lover's Club, and Administrator of the Creative Writing Class, the Poetry Slam became a reality.

The Emcees, and poetry club enthusiasts, were Adrian Lyle Resquer and Jerry Green, who got things off to a rousing commencement. Both read original poetry to encourage the other would-be poets to participate in the action.

Their bravado became manifest as their rhythmical creations infected others to walk to the mike and read original works. There were odes of lost love, conquests, old grudges overcome, and even some pretty decent guitar plucking. Young and old enjoyed the lyrical and whimsical designs.

Some attending poetry enthusiasts, who had not planned to read their poetry, came forward to recite their poetry from memory, and some concocted verses as they were struck by the Muse of Poetry! The human mind can be very creative!

Resquer and Green are attempting to make this event a weekly, or at least, a monthly hap-



Left to right: **Adrian Lyle Resquer, Professor Warner and Jerry Green.**

pening at EVC. All members of the aforementioned Guilds and Clubs, as well as, Associated Students, and the Newspaper Club, are heartily invited to become members of this prestigious group and are encouraged to invite all their friends and acquaintances to all future events.

Professor Warner says, "I am all for any literary club that will cause students to use their writing abilities for positive outcomes. I encourage all my students, as well as any of their friends, to participate."

Any future meetings of the club are to be announced. It is the hopes of Resquer and Green to see Montgomery Hall overflowing with enthusiastic students, would-be poets, and authors.

Important City Council Meeting

The City Council of San Jose is holding a hearing to consider changing the use of public land for Evergreen Valley College to private commercial development (NCC).

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The current PQP designation already allows for an aquatic center, schools, public-private school partnerships, UC extension campus facilities and business that support public use for services provided.

THIS IS THE 2ND TIME SJECCD HAS PROPOSED THIS CHANGE

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

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College District land decision is significant

By Dave Cortese
Special to the Times

A 27-acre site on San Jose Evergreen Community College District land is a step closer to its fate, with only limited public involvement in a decision that will permanently change the surrounding neighborhood.

On October 12, the San Jose Planning Commission voted 5-2 to recommend that the City Council approve a General Plan Amendment that would change the zoning of 14 acres of the property at Yerba Buena and San Felipe Roads from public/quasi-public to Neighborhood/Community Commercial.

The City Council, which will review the General Plan Amendment later this month, should delay action on this land use plan for two reasons.

First, residents of San Jose City Council District 8 have chosen a new to represent the community's best interest in this project. The new District 8 leader should carry this issue forward to the City Council for a vote, but only after a new community engagement process.

Second, the community outreach for this land issue leaves much to be desired. There has been very little public involvement early in this project relative to past discussions of various opportunity sites in the district. I can attest to that personally as an Evergreen resident, former Councilmember, and as the County Supervisor representing the area.

Also, when the General Plan Amendment is considered, the applicant should be asked to bring forward a more detailed plan concurrent with the General Plan Amendment so the community can fully understand the impact the development will have.

I attended the most recent community meeting at Grace Church and was repeatedly told that such information is unavailable. I was very disappointed. This is lacking in transparency and proper public vet-

ting. Once the designation is changed, it will be very difficult for the community to assert an alternative proposal.

Further, the General Plan Amendment application as currently proposed does not comport with CEQA or prior council adoption of constraints in the Evergreen Development Policy. Because of that, I believe going forward now is likely to lead to litigation.

The Neighborhood/Community Commercial land use designation allows a broad range of commercial activity from retail and services to office development and hospital uses. For the development to be compatible with the surrounding neighborhood and acceptable to its residents, the public needs to know the actual scope of the project and its future impact.

The Planning Commission has moved the land designation forward, but the City Council can defer the application and call for reconstructing the outreach process to extend beyond 1,000 feet of the project site to all residents, and schedule a series of meetings to truly engage public input. The entire Evergreen District should be aware of the land use proposal and should be directly involved in the planning of it.



**County
Report**

By Dave Cortese
Supervisor

Arcadia Ballparks Ground-breaking Ceremony planned

Join Vice Mayor Rose Herrera in breaking ground for the new Arcadia Ballpark! After many community meetings and your support for developing this bond-funded facility, the big day is finally here. This is the last of the 95 projects to be funded through Measure P, which San José voters approved in November 2000. The ceremony starts at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov.19. Use the entrance off Quimby Rd. from Capitol Expressway (across from Chili's & Eastridge Mall).

Volunteer with the San Jose Public Library

The San Jose Public Library has many volunteer opportunities available to all! You can volunteer away your fines, tutor an adult with Partners in Reading, become a Friend of the San José Public Library, share your computer skills as a tech mentor, and more! For more information, email volunteer@sjlibrary.org or call Jason Pell at 408.808.2085.

Latinos in technology scholarship now available

The Hispanic Foundation of Silicon Valley is pleased to announce that applications for the Latinos in Technology Scholarship are now available.

Student recipients of this scholarship, administered by the Silicon Valley Community Foundation (SVCF), could receive up to \$10,000/year for 2-3 years to continue their education in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) bachelor degree programs. Final scholarship award amounts will be based on financial need. Deadline to apply is Dec. 7, 2016.

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Times **Local News**



Award winners display their certificates and Amazon gift cards.

Silver Creek Academy hosts third annual speech contest

By **Sean Eastwood**
Times staff writer

What would you do if you were elected President of the United States?

Evergreen students were answering this very question at Silver Creek Academy's Third Annual Speech Contest held at Laurelwood School Nov.3.

"The students did such a great job and the speeches far exceeded my expectations," said Speech Judge Reem Coniglio following the completion of the popular event.

Earning the top prizes were Gabby Wisinski for primary grades, Albert Yu for fourth grade, Beverlyn Tsai for fifth grade, and Neetika Mishra for sixth grade.

"It was an exciting experience and I can't wait to participate again next time," said Neetika Mishra after her win.

"The speech contest was a huge success," said Silver Creek Academy founder and credentialed teacher Shelley Swircek.

We wanted to offer the students an opportunity to challenge themselves, step outside of their comfort zone, and practice their public speaking skills in a positive environment," she said.

The speech competition is just one of the many free events Silver Creek Academy offers throughout the year, in order to allow students the opportunity to improve their academic and communication skills.

About Silver Creek Academy

Founded by teacher Shelley Swircek in 2007, the Academy offers a wide variety of small group academic courses that focus on the individual needs of students in kindergarten through high school. Courses cover a variety of subjects including writing and grammar, reading comprehension, math problem solving, public speaking & debate, and HSPT, ISEE, SSAT, and SAT preparation.

For more information about Silver Creek Academy, call (408) 839-5905 or visit SCAASanJose.com.

Silicon Valley luxury home sales rebound says Coldwell Banker

Silicon Valley's luxury housing market rebounded in September with sales increasing from both a year ago and the previous month, according to a report issued by Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

Some economists predicted a slowdown in homes sales, but that was not the case. A total of 125 luxury properties, valued at more than \$2 million, changed hands in September, up 9.6 percent from the 114 sales in September 2015.

Last month's increase was the first year-over-year rise in sales in the past four months. September's sales total also outpaced August by 11.6 percent.

The upper end of the luxury market was mixed last month with 40 sales over \$3 million, down from 46 a year ago, but 19 sales over \$4 million, up from 17 last September.

Meanwhile, the median sale price of a luxury property in September fell 7.8 percent from the same month last year to \$2,580,688. However, last month's median sale price was up from August, when it stood at \$2,475,000.

"Ever so slowly, we're starting to see a few more listings come on the market and that's resulting in improving sales of luxury homes in Silicon Valley," said Mike James, president of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage.

"Inventory of homes for sale still is extremely low by historical standards, but it's starting to inch up as we begin the fall home-buying season," he said. "Silicon Valley

remains one of the hottest markets in the country and demand for homes continues to be robust, thanks to our robust tech sector and overall strong economy. Now perhaps we'll have a little more inventory for pent-up buyers to choose from."

Coffee chat with Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Police Captain Michael Kihmm

Join Vice Mayor Rose Herrera and Police Captain Mike Kihmm for a cup of coffee! This will be an opportunity to meet and discuss topics around public safety with the Vice Mayor and Police Captain. Monday, Nov. 14, 11 a.m. Eastridge Mall Starbucks, 2200 Eastridge Loop. Use Parking Lot C in between Barnes and Nobles and 24 Hour Fitness For questions or comments, please contact jennifer.navarro@sanjoseca.gov.

Get rid of your junk for free

Do you have old items you've been meaning to get rid of that don't fit in your garbage or recycling cart? San Jose residents in single-family homes can now schedule TWO FREE large item collections per year. Each collection includes up to three large items, which will be picked up curbside by your recycling collection company. These include mattresses, sofas, refrigerators, tires, and more.

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Times **Local News**

Thanksgiving begins with gratitude

By Vice Mayor Rose Herrera
Special to the Times



District 8 Report

By Rose Herrera
City Councilmember

Thanksgiving is traditionally known as the start of the “Holiday Season.” It’s a time when we should stop and reflect on our good fortunes and share our gratitude with family and friends around the Thanksgiving table. Over the past 8 years, I’ve had the good fortune to represent my community on the City Council and work to better our neighborhoods. It hasn’t always been easy, but I’m thankful for all of those engaged, committed residents who stood up for what they believed in and supported me in my leadership role. Together, we’ve made a difference.

I’m a list maker so I thought I’d share my list of 10 things I’m grateful for in 2016:

The new Village Square Library in Evergreen! We finally have a second branch library in District 8. Thank you to all who supported this by voting for the library bond measure.

A year of above average rain that has helped replenish our groundwater!

For all the dedicated men and women in our public safety departments who have stayed with the city to help protect our residents!

Arcadia land donation to build 4 ballfields
New action bike park at Lake Cunningham Regional Park

For our strong local economy and job market

Our incredibly smart, focused local students like Anton Cao who earned a perfect score on the AP Calculus AB Exam and was 1 of only 12 students in the world to earn every point possible on the exam.

Our community members who embrace our multi-cultural heritage and celebrate each other’s cultures during EPIC and Day in the Park Festivals

The Opening of Thomas Creek Trail from Tully Road to Quimby Road!

And finally, for my family who has been my biggest supporters for the last 8 years!

This is just a short list of things and people I’m thankful for this year, but I hope you can take the time to make your own list and celebrate the holidays with gratitude.

There are a couple of events that you’re invited to join me. First, it’s a time to celebrate the groundbreaking of the Arcadia Ballfields on Saturday, November 19th at 10:00 a.m. The entrance to the groundbreaking is off of Quimby. The new Ballpark will include 4 adult-size lighted ballfields—perfect for tournament play! They’ll also be available for local softball and baseball leagues to use. The project is the last of the 95 projects to be funded through Measure P, which San

José voters approved in November 2000. This is a great amenity for our community and one that I’m proud to say we worked together to secure! For an event flyer go to: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/Calendar.aspx?EID=5125&day=19&month=11&year=2016&calType=0>.

It’s my family’s tradition to get up early on Thanksgiving and head downtown to run in the Applied Materials Annual Silicon Valley Turkeytrot. You’ll also be giving “thanks” by helping Healthier Kids Foundation Santa Clara County, Housing Trust Silicon Valley, Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties, Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz County and The Health Trust. These charities provide families with their most basic needs for “health, hope, and a home.” The “Silicon Valley Turkey Trot”, founded and produced by the Silicon Valley Leadership Group Foundation, is now in its 12th year and the total amount given to charity has exceeded \$5 million.

There are several events to choose from within the 5K and 10K runs and walks, along with a kids fun run. Elite runners, joggers, and walkers will enjoy the downtown San Jose course, which is flat, fast and flows through downtown neighborhoods and business areas. To register online go to: <http://svturkeytrot.com/>.

Have a wonderful holiday and my best wishes to you and your family.

If you have any further questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email my office at district8@sanjoseca.gov.

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

DOT and DPW crews make preparations for the start of the storm season

The Departments of Transportation and Public Works have largely completed their annual storm preparation efforts and are ready for the upcoming storm season. All major storm retention basins and drainage channels in the foothills have been cleared of debris and cleaned. The City’s storm inlets are being cleaned now to remove debris and contaminants that could block the storm sewer pipes or cause harm to our waterways. A second round to remove accumulated leaves and other debris will occur as needed to further prevent flooding during heavy rains. All 26 storm pump stations have been inspected and maintained to ensure they are functioning properly. For additional informa-

tion or questions, please contact Diane Milowicki, Deputy Director of Transportation, at 408-794-1985. To report any storm related problems, please contact the Department of Transportation’s Dispatch Office at 408-794-1900.

Volunteer with iMentor

iMentor matches every student in their high schools with a committed college-educated mentor, equipped to guide that young person on their journey to college graduation. It builds rigorous, high-impact mentoring relationships that ensure more students from low-income communities succeed in college. By partnering with public high schools and matching every student in the school with a mentor, iMentor leverages the community to reimagine the counseling function in schools. For questions, email bayarea@immentor.org.

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Op Ed: Measures against cheating in the education system

A central topic of concern nowadays is why students resort to cheating.

Has the education system become so demanding that students feel the need to plagiarize their way through an assignment to get a good grade? Or have students simply lost interest in the process of learning, designating teachers' expectations as just another pothole in their path to self-discovery? As controversial as it may be, the answer lies in a compromise of the two: schools have risen demands to impossible heights, in which students have no way to truly allow their creativity to shine through as they squirm under the stringent guidelines set forth by the district. "If they break all the rules but still manage to get to the point, heck, give them the points. They're geniuses." Nevertheless, teachers do not hesitate to call out students when the latter's submitted work resembles that of another's, a sign of plagiarism. While this may sometimes be the case and that plagiarism should never go unpunished, the accuser must evaluate the circumstances prior to the allegation, for even the brightest student can sink under the perpetual incursions against his or her creativity.

If one assesses the patterns of cheating among schools, what notoriously stands out is its frequent correlation with research papers. Students today are feeling pressured to satisfy the incessant requirements for graduation and college admissions to the point where they are afraid to put what they are actually thinking on paper, afraid that a wrong answer to an essay prompt will cost them a letter grade. With this mindset, many students believe that the only way to respond is to utilize hard-proven facts, especially those easily accessible on the inter-

net. Yet, when it comes time to synthesize the material, the average student is stuck at a crossroads: What if his or her interpretation of the text, although making sense to him or her, does not hold the same connotation to the teacher's judgment? The student has satisfied the research aspect of the teacher's assignment, yet he or she would lose points on the analysis aspect due to having an idea that the teacher may deem too "far-fetched".

As a result, the student resorts to asking friends for their viewpoints on the factual matter and even searches up scholarly perspectives to get the overarching stance on the topic. At this point, the student has become inundated with society's opinions to the point where his or her own judgment has become washed out and saturated with external factors. Students are young. Their minds are still developing, as well as their abilities to adapt to constructive criticism. As in many cases, there are individuals who are very adamant in their opinions and believe that theirs reign superior to others'. However, with a growing oppressive educational system like that of Common Core, the school system's ignorance to creativity is undermining the self-confidence of many young students. If teachers want to be explicit in what is expected, they should alter the assignment's guidelines to allow freedom of expression instead of straight up facts.

In the 2002 scandal of Piper, Kansas's high school biology teacher, Christine Pelton, it only seems logical to state that her accusation of the students' blatant plagiarism was justified in that biology is not as open-ended a topic as an AP Literature paper may be. Nonetheless, it is not justified to say that Pelton is without blame.

Her requirements for the research paper were never revealed to the public, so that is a slanted claim on her part. What if all her directions stated were to do a research paper on the development of cells in the evolution of the antelope? Reading this task, there is only so much even an AP high schooler can do to answer the prompt without having some fragments of his or her response incorporate vocabulary and theories in conjunction with the cellular theory that was directly found on the internet.

Many teachers advocate to never plagiarize, yet still reward students with high scores on a paper where the content is exactly the same as in the source they credited, just with rearranged sentences and more "high school level diction". With teachers using the same course outline throughout the years and teenagers having similar interests and resources, the task becomes more difficult every passing year. A similar instance occurs in my AP English Language class. As a supplement to this rigorous course, students are required to present Connecting Outside projects, integrating an amalgam of ideals from their personal life into the course material. However creative the project, it must stand out among the rest of the class's and have next to no predecessor from previous years. It is no wonder why parents are complaining that the education system has become so subjective. Their innate parental mindset wants their children's creativity and success to be recognized by their peers and teachers instead of being categorized under another project belonging to a student two years ago, of whom that student probably has never even met prior to the project.

These views usually direct students to one

conclusion: What's the point of trying anymore? What's the point of trying to showcase one's creativity if it is only going to be classified as too far-fetched, mediocre after the plethora of similar projects, or worst of all, plagiarized? There are instances where the students really are lazy and resort to blatant copying of materials from the internet and they do deserve zeros and severe consequences for doing so. But for those students who put in arduous effort but still receive low scores and get compared to others, that is on the teacher's behalf. Measures should be taken to ensure that there is no room for students to cheat in the first place. That may be as simple as revising a prompt from "Research about the development of cells" to "Express the connection of cells to health issues in today's society."

High school teacher Christine Pelton's resignation in the face of "a national decline in integrity" holds true if all 28 of her 118 students blatantly copied word for word from the website, and they truly deserve the zeroes on their assignments. But if the teacher had thrown out a prompt that she had regurgitated for years on end with the same established responses, yet expected an elaboration of the same factual evidence, there was only so much the students could do to avoid plagiarism. "If they break all the rules but still manage to get to the point, heck, give them the points. They're geniuses." Students are creative individuals with a right to express their thoughts. It is the school system that has evoked fear and anxiety among students and, ironically, have reprimanded these robots for reproducing lifeless work.

Shayla Tran
Evergreen Valley High School

November 8 voting results

Here are the results of the Nov. 8 election with 100 percent of the precincts reporting. Bold face names designate winning candidates.

United States Senator

Choice	Votes	Percent
DEM - KAMALA D. HARRIS	257,793	67.20%
DEM - LORETTA L. SANCHEZ	125,826	32.80%

U.S. Representative, District 19

Choice	Votes	Percent
DEM - ZOE LOFGREN	111,200	73.51%
REP - G. BURT LANCASTER	40,063	26.49%

State Senator, District 15

Choice	Votes	Percent
DEM - JIM BEALL	123,533	63.31%
DEM - NORA CAMPOS	71,584	36.69%

State Assembly, District 27

Choice	Votes	Percent
DEM - ASH KALRA	42,570	52.37%
DEM - MADISON NGUYEN	38,716	47.63%

San Jose City Council Member – Dist. 8

Choice	Votes	Percent
JIMMY NGUYEN	10,609	50.05%
SYLVIA ARENAS	10,578	49.95%

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees – Area 1

Choice	Votes	Percent
RUDY NASOL	11,556	61.69%
SHAWN SIEU	7,177	38.31%

San Jose-Evergreen Community College District Board of Trustees – Area 3

Choice	Votes	Percent
CRAIG MANN	14,939	63.59%
REX RANGLES	8,555	36.41%

Eastside High School District Board of Trustees

Choice	Votes	Percent
LAN NGUYEN	42,978	30.07%
PATTIE CORTESE	29,863	20.89%
LORENA CHAVEZ	25,452	17.81%

KHANH TRAN	20,083	14.05%
PATRICIA MARTINEZ-ROACH	15,256	10.67%
DEREK GRASTY	9,304	6.51%

Evergreen School District: Board of Trustees

Choice	Votes	Percent
LEILA WELCH	10,442	35.26%
BONNIE MACE	9,054	30.57%
TONY QIN	6,144	20.75%
VICENTE M. SONGCAYAWON	3,973	13.42%

Santa Clara Valley Water District 1

Choice	Votes	Percent
JOHN L. VARELA	31,393	58.61%
TOM CRUZ	22,173	41.39%

Measure X – SJ-Evergreen Community

College District Bonds

Choice	Votes	Percent
BONDS YES	105,818	64.12%
BONDS NO	59,218	35.88%

Times Feature

Aron Jones is new San Jose Postmaster

Aron Jones has become the 27th San Jose Postmaster.

Jones took his official oath as San Jose Postmaster in the rotunda at San Jose City Hall on Friday, Oct. 28. Vice President Pacific Area Operations Dean Granholm administered the official oath of office.

Jones now manages 1,075 employees who process and deliver a mail volume of more than 1.5 million pieces daily. The annual revenue for the San Jose Post Office is more than \$140 million.

As Postmaster, Jones is responsible for all delivery and retail operations of 19 post office branches with 638 city and rural routes, 27,310 PO Boxes, and more than 391,000 delivery stops (business and residential addresses).

Jones began his postal career in 1994 as a casual clerk and carrier in Los Banos, CA, and was promoted to his first management position in Morgan Hill in 2000. He progressed through the management ranks, holding several positions of increasing responsibility, including the senior plant manager in Salinas, senior manager of distribution operations at the San Jose Processing & Distribution Center, manager of customer service in post offices at Scotts Valley, East Santa Cruz and the Sanchez Annex, Santa Clara.

"Becoming the Postmaster of the City of San Jose is a lifelong dream," said Jones. "The Post Office from its very beginning is woven into the fabric of what connects all Americans. We serve as the common bond to all Americans, as the carrier of news and knowledge and an instrument of trade and industry. My goal is to continue in that proud tradition."



Jones

City of San Jose Housing Dept. soliciting applicants for Deputy Director of Housing

The City of San Jose Housing Department is seeking an energetic housing professional to fill the Deputy Director of Housing position. Under administrative direction of the Director of Housing, the Deputy Director has a wide array of responsibilities. For more information on the position and for qualities & credentials/experience the Department of Housing is seeking, please visit www.bobmurrayassoc.com. Interested candidates should submit an application by Dec. 2, 2016 for consideration. The City of San José is committed to recruiting from a diverse pool of qualified candidates.

New Seasons Market's Smart Giving Program for food bank underway

Throughout November, for every 10 pounds of Smart Chicken® purchased at New Seasons Market Evergreen, one pound of the air-chilled poultry will be donated by New Seasons Market and Smart Chicken's producer to Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. A total of 5.8 tons of Smart Chicken has been donated to the food bank since 2013. "This generous donation goes a long way as we continue to feed more than a quarter of a million people who so desperately need food every month. Plus, poultry is a great source of protein and exactly the type of wholesome food our clients both want and need to live healthy, active lives," said Kathy Jackson, CEO of the food bank. For more information about the store visit www.newseasonsmarket.com. New Seasons Market Evergreen is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose.

MOVIE REVIEW

Hacksaw Ridge a gripping wartime tribute

By Steven Leonard
Times Media Reviewer

"Hacksaw Ridge" is not a story about a pacifist against war. It's about a man who makes a promise to God and will not allow anyone to force him to break his promise.

It's a gripping wartime tribute to faith, valor, and the courage of remaining true to one's convictions. Hacksaw Ridge is the extraordinary true story of Desmond Doss (Andrew Garfield) who, in Okinawa during the bloodiest battle of WWII, saved 75 men without firing or carrying a gun.

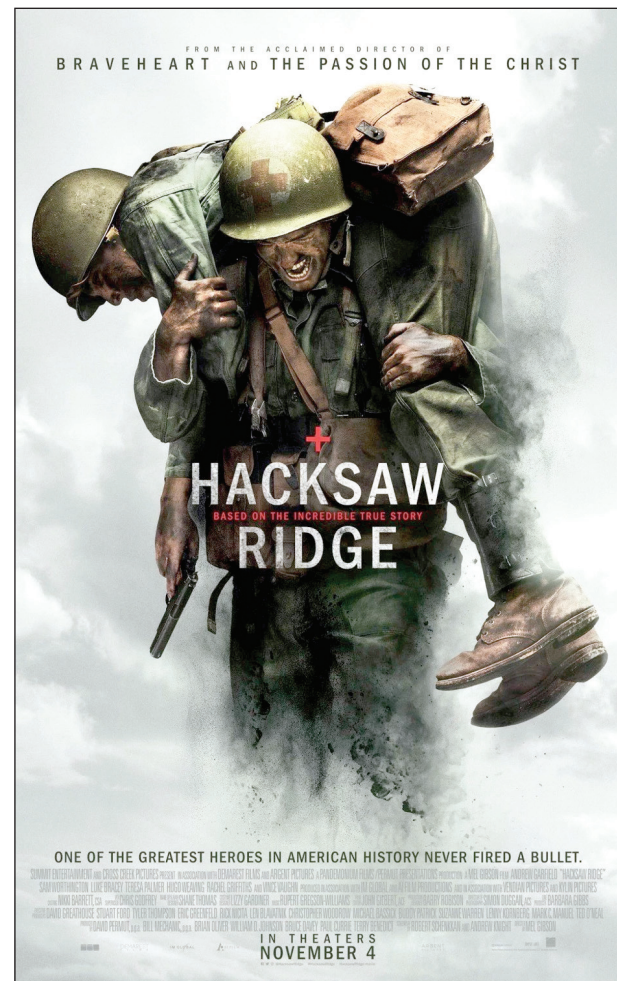
He was the only American soldier in WWII to fight on the front lines without a weapon. As an army medic, he single-handedly evacuated the wounded from behind enemy lines; braving fire while tending soldiers and was wounded by a grenade and hit by snipers. Doss was the first "Conscientious Protector" to ever earn the Congressional Medal of Honor.

When he was a boy he almost killed his brother by smashing his head with a brick during one of their fights. When he was older his father threatened his mother with a gun during a drunken bout. He took the gun away from his father; and he would have shot his dad had he not broken down in tears.

In the movie, he related to another soldier that he killed his father in his heart. At that point in time he made a promise to God that he would never touch a gun again. Doss was never against the war. When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, he told his superiors that his heart burned with fire. It's the story of a man who won the Medal of Honor by keeping his promise to God while at the same time serving his country in a war against the Japanese. Doss has no problem with blood-lust or killing Japanese. He never condemns his soldiers for killing Japanese. He just wanted to serve and keep his promise at the same time about not touching a gun.

When Captain Glover played by Sam Worthington (Terminator Salvation) first encountered Private Doss during basic training he thought Private Doss was a coward. After going into combat with Private Doss, Captain Glover changed his opinion of Doss and proclaimed him to be the bravest man alive. If it wasn't for his promise to God about not touching a gun, Private Doss would have been Audie Murphy in battle and would have slaughtered hundreds of Japanese by himself. He was fearless in battle. It got to the point that his men would not step foot into battle with the enemy unless Doss was leading the charge.

The most spectacular part of the film itself was when it was revealed about just how many lives Doss saves. I thought to myself about a possible Saturday Night Live parody. What if by accident because it was dark during the battle that Doss carries out Japanese by mistake to safety instead of his American soldiers? Oops! Anyway, right when I thought that to myself an American soldier shouts, "Not only did he save countless American soldiers, but he also carried out two wounded Japanese soldiers off the battle-



field.

Private Doss remembered that Christ not only taught that we should love our neighbors as ourselves, but that we should also remember to love our enemies. Doss wasn't against killing our enemies, but he did remember to have compassion on another human being regardless of their race during battle. Private Doss looked into the eyes of his enemies and saw young Japanese boys that were just following orders. These Japanese boys were wounded and afraid just like the American soldiers wounded and afraid.

It's a blunt-force, but highly effective treatise on the horrors of war as well as those who rise above the brutality to maintain as much humanity as one can on a battlefield.

"Hacksaw Ridge" is the best emotional movie I have seen this year. Some will not be able to watch the film because of its intensity and war violence, but for those who can it is an amazing emotional story of faith, courage, love and patriotism.

Preparing for a flood safe winter season

By John Varela

Santa Clara Valley Water District

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

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 inch-

es 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.

Times Feature

Meet Harbinder Sikka, your newly elected Neighborhood Commissioner

The city of San Jose is unique in many ways but one particularly unique aspect is the Neighborhood Commission.

An advisory board to the City Council, the Neighborhood Commission represents the districts of San Jose. The commissioners are elected, rather than appointed, by the members of the neighborhood associations in each district. The commission has the following functions, powers and duties:

To study, review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the City Council regarding issues, policies, and programs affecting the quality of life in San Jose districts focusing on neighborhood safety, transportation, and code enforcement.

To advise and make recommendations to the City Council regarding annual budget priorities.

Harbinder Sikka was elected to Neighborhood Commission from District 8, which includes Evergreen, Silver Creek and the Meadowfair neighborhoods. His term runs until June 2020.

"I'm passionate about making San Jose a modern, technologically advanced city while being one of the safest areas in the United States of America," said Harbinder. "I firmly believe in STEM education and would like to bring magnet STEM high schools, a medical school attached to Regional Medical Center, and a College of Science and Technology to the neighborhood. I'm determined to keep San Jose vibrant, a job magnet, and a must-see tourist destination."



Harbinder Sikka

Professionally, Harbinder is a computer engineer working as the Director of Electronic Design Automation at Nvidia Inc. He holds BS in Electrical Engineering, MS in computer engineering, and an Executive Certificate of Management and Leadership from Massachusetts Institute of Technology Sloan School of Management. Outside of the professional world, Harbinder is financially savvy (a FINRA series 65 license holder) and committed to making organizations more fiscally responsible.

Following this passion, he runs a 'Fiscally Responsible Democrats' club, committed to making the democratic party more financially aware and responsible. He is a member of the Rotary club of San Jose East/Evergreen and works on community projects while also

mentoring younger Rotaracts. He regularly donates to the Red Cross, the Rotary Foundation, Sacred Heart and many other local organizations.

Harbinder and his wife, Arpita, have been a resident of Evergreen for the last two decades. Arpita is a teacher by profession as well as a wife and mother. Harbinder and Arpita have been married for nearly 30 years. Together in San Jose, they raised their daughter, Denzil, who is presently studying her MBA at Harvard Business School in Boston.

Visit harbindersikka.com to learn more about Harbinder Sikka and the issues he is passionate about. Harbinder will be meeting District 8 community residents first week of every month for discussions at the Farmers Market at Evergreen Village at Eastridge. He is also reaching out to different Neighborhood Associations and setting up meeting with their members. He is also on the Nextdoor and one can reach out to him on his cell 408.834.6039 for any neighborhood community issues.



Oakmont of San Jose holds grand opening Oct. 27

It was a grand affair indeed at the new Thornton Way location for Oakmont of San Jose. Guests were given tours of the facility and feted to various locales around the globe via each floor representing a passport stop of international dining as they viewed the truly luxurious amenities for just 72 residents. Photo by Brigitte Jones

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Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

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Sat, November 12, 11am–12pm, Stable Movement Physical Therapy with PT Specialist Ami Gandhi: Become aware of good movement patterns and learn about proactive steps to maintain or improve your health. Free.

Sat, November 12, 1–3pm: Holiday Cookie Decorating Workshop with Prettyummy's Preeti Vishwakarma: Make icing from scratch and use piping, flooding, marbling, and detailing to decorate cookies you can take home to enjoy. \$75. Learn more/register at: www.prettyummy.com, 408-930-7879.

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In a fall tour that includes performances at Berlin Philharmonie and Carnegie Hall, the international concert virtuoso will make his West Coast debut in San Jose on Nov. 12, sponsored by Steinway Society - The Bay Area.

Steinway Society presents Russian virtuoso Gryaznov

Steinway Society - The Bay Area is presenting Russian pianist Vyacheslav Gryaznov in his West Coast debut in a concert Saturday 7:30 p.m., Nov. 12 at San Jose's Trianon Theatre.

In Fall, 2016 you can travel to Carnegie Hall or the Berlin Philharmonie to hear Vyacheslav Gryaznov premier his new solo piano transcription of Prokofiev's "Sur la Borysthene." Or you can attend the same program at Steinway Society - The Bay Area for their November 12 recital - a remarkable opportunity for Bay Area music lovers.

His piano mastery is highly acclaimed, as evidenced by numerous awards in prestigious international competitions, including six First and Grand prizes. Among his Firsts/Grands: Moscow's Rubinstein Competition and Italy's "To the Memory of Rachmaninov" Competition.

A former student and current assistant professor at the Moscow Conservatory,

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Times **Local News**

Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'The Nutcracker'

Symphony Silicon Valley recently made a surprise announcement that it is presenting the Stars of Moscow Ballet Company direct from Russia, featuring ballet stars Oksana Bondareva and Andrei Bolotin in The Nutcracker.

The tradition of professional ballet in San Jose continues, with Tchaikovsky's magnificent music performed by Symphony Silicon Valley conducted by Maestro George Daugherty.

The performances are scheduled Dec 16 - 24 at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, 255 South Almaden Blvd, San Jose.

The Nutcracker is sponsored by Diane & Lee Brandenburg. Some reviews:

"A sumptuous ballet feast...the theater rang with Bravos" - *New York Times*

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE

- Friday 7:00 pm December 16, 2016
- Saturday 2:30 pm December 17, 2016
- Saturday 7:00 pm December 17, 2016
- Sunday 2:30 pm December 18, 2016
- Sunday 6:30 pm December 18, 2016
- Wednesday 7:00 pm December 21, 2016
- Thursday 7:00 pm December 22, 2016
- Friday 2:30 pm December 23, 2016
- Friday 7:00 pm December 23, 2016
- Saturday 2:30 pm December 24, 2016

About The Stars of Moscow Ballet Company

The Stars of Moscow Ballet Company is composed of principal and leading dancers from Moscow's most renowned ballet troupes: The Bolshoi Ballet, Moscow Classical Ballet, Russian National Ballet, Stanislavsky Ballet Theater, Kremlin Ballet, Moscow Festival Ballet and others. Many of the dancers are medalists from international ballet competitions; they all share a respect for the great Russian ballet tradition in which the idea of the continuity of culture predominates.



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Sergio Conriquez in the film, "Into Sergio" holding a photograph of his father.

Mt. Pleasant High School students win International Film Award

"Into Sergio" wins big in Real to Reel Global Youth Film Festival in Hollywood, CA

A team of high school students have won Best Biography in the Real to Reel Global Youth Film Festival, an international film festival that recently took place in Hollywood, CA.

The film, "Into Sergio" was produced by students Tommy Cabral, Sergio Conriquez, Adam Nguyen and Mariah Barreda continued Mt. Pleasant's legacy by winning the prestigious film festival award. The students also received the United States Congressional Recognition for the film.

Mt. Pleasant High School has a historically strong, award-winning multimedia academic pathway that cultivates the next generation of young creators and filmmakers. Students from the Multimedia program have won several film festivals throughout the years on a local, national, and now international level.

The film focuses on the Sergio

Conriquez's family, growing up in East San Jose, and his personal opportunities for college and breaking barriers to enter Silicon Valley's technology industry as a software engineer. Latinos represent less than 3 percent of employees in the tech industry.

"We wanted to make a film that spoke to a broader audience about the East Side of San Jose and the Latinos who live here, like me, and the challenges that we face and concerns that we have about our future, including college and career prospects," said Conriquez.

"I am very proud of our students, all of their work and dedication to the film," said William Cavada, Mt. Pleasant High School's New and Emerging Media Arts teacher. "Most importantly, our students are producing professional work that will help further their education and career prospects."

Editor's note: To view the award winning film, "Into Sergio" visit the Vimeo website: vimeo.com/167780874

Festivals of India

The Children's Discovery Museum is featuring a "Festivals of India" art exhibition of 90 artists from ages 4 through 12. The artwork will be on display through November 27.

San Jose Minimum Wage to Increase January 1, 2017

Minimum wage employees who work in San Jose will receive a 10 cent per hour raise starting Jan. 1, 2017. Under the initiative approved by San Jose voters in 2012, the minimum wage will increase from \$10.30 to \$10.40 per hour.

To prevent inflation from eroding the value of the minimum wage, the initiative ordinance requires increases to take effect each year based on the Consumer Price Index (Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers, U.S. City Average for All Items.) Over the last 12 months (August 2015 to August 2016), the CPI increased .7 percent. If the CPI remains the same or decreases, the minimum wage in San Jose would remain the same. Information about the San José minimum wage law, including wage posters, frequently asked questions, and how to file a complaint, can be found online. The San Jose Office of Equality Assurance can be reached by phone at (408) 535-8430 or email at SJMWO@sanjoseca.gov.

Times **Your Community**

OP ED

When diversity conflicts with community

Proposed road change name change from Murillo to Gurdwara

As a Chinese immigrant, I have been living in Evergreen for more than 14 years and I love this nice community, which has beautiful rolling mountains, highly rated schools, and kind neighbors.

On Sunday, my child played with puppies with her Vietnamese friend. When we were out of town, my Indian neighbors collected our mail. I feel at home and relaxed every time I enter the community after getting off the jammed highway 101. Other than calling for the community to discuss ways of improving traffic a good idea, Evergreen is an ideal place to live in the San Jose area.

However, recently a rock was thrown into the peaceful community by a proposal of changing a road's name. Our neighboring Sikh community proposed renaming the street of "Murillo Avenue" to "Gurdwara Ave." While I believe the suggestion came from good intentions — the growing of the Sikh community and the pride of their culture and religion — and also agree with the San Jose city's attempt to promote ethnic diversity in the area (indeed it is one of San Jose's attractions to immigrants), I have concerns about the division of the community after I attended the two public hearing meetings that started in 2014.

In the public hearing meeting in 2014, I saw both a high number of opponents and a high number of proponents to the proposition. The proposed name "Gurdwara", which translates as "The Place of Worship for Sikhs," will be imposed on the community members who have different religions or no religion at all. Also, the taxpayer will have to pay for the cost (updating GPS, Map and etc.), which will be triggered by the name change. The proposal was raised again in 2016, and I saw the number of people who attended the Sep 19 meeting almost doubled in size comparing to 2014.

The two sides were still strongly holding

their own views and the place was filled with a feeling of hostility. Then a big question came to my mind. "Why do we continue having such meetings that do not bring peace and unity to the community but instead grow the anger and separation among the groups?"

At this meeting, our Sikh neighbors showed their generous contributions to the community such as schools, activity and improving the traffic. They also promised to pay some of the costs for the name change. I really appreciate what they have done for the community, however, their contributions do not give them the right to push a proposal against the wishes of the community. The proposal will not serve the majority of people and will not bring peace and harmony to the community that is shared by other neighbors and other religions (i.e. the Christian church "The Point" is just at the end of the road.)

I personally have no prejudice against the Sikh community. I am also an immigrant and I support a diversified community, like most of us. However, I have a big concern on how the diversity is reflected in our community. I fear the proposal and the meetings cause more division and separation rather than help bring people together.

Unity should not turn out as a sacrifice of diversity. The reason is simple: no group will benefit from a separated and divided community, even if the proposal is approved. For this reason, I propose that our Sikh neighbors and the city reconsider, withdraw or postpone the plan in order to make the best decision for the majority of people.

We have collected more than 1000 local petitions from the online petition at the Change.org website: change.org/p/save-murillo-ave and paper sign-ups. Please join the last public hearing meeting at San Jose's City Hall (200 East Santa Clara Street, San Jose) at December 06, 2016 to voice your opinions.

Laura Gong
Evergreen Resident

'Sunday Friends' Holiday Shopping Spree at Target

This holiday season, you can make it possible for very low-income children and parents to give gifts to their loved ones.

Plan now to join Sunday Friends at the Holiday Shopping Spree of 2016 at Target, located at 1811 Hillsdale Ave., San Jose.

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The Tech Awards host 16th Annual Gala

Join Applied Materials for a special retrospective gala celebrating the first 15 years of the Tech Awards: Technology Benefiting Humanity. Dress is formal attire and traditional textiles of all cultures. There will be a performance by the San José State University Saxophone Chamber Orchestra

with Music Director Michael Hernandez and the Gala will be hosted by David Pogue, acclaimed science and technology journalist. The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17, 5:30 p.m. at San Jose McEnery Convention Center Grand Ballroom. To purchase tickets contact Linda Antonopoulos, Director of Corporate Relations, at lanton@thetech.org or 408-795-6155.

Thompson Creek Trail Groundbreaking Ceremony

Vice Mayor Rose Herrera invites your participation at the groundbreaking ceremony for the opening of Thompson Creek Trail on Friday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. at the Tully Rd. entrance from Capitol Expressway (behind Safeway). Join Vice Mayor Rose Herrera at the ceremony. More details to come soon. For questions, please contact the District 8 office at district8@sanjoseca.gov or call 408-535-4908.



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Saving lives one dog at a time

My name is Madison and I am a serial dog fosterer... along with my husband Andrew and Ronan, our resident hound, that is.

Together our family brings dogs in need of rescue and rehabilitation into our home to ready them for adoption. Usually that means some level of house training, sometimes it includes medical care, and always it includes a lot of love.

Andrew and I foster dogs for Silicon Valley Pet Project (SVPP), a non-profit rescue partner with the San Jose Animal Care Center, Silicon Valley's largest municipal animal shelter. SVPP rescues, rehabilitates and rehomes both cats and dogs of all breeds, as well as senior and special-needs pets that are at-

risk of euthanasia.

At this time they are greatly in need of more families to help save homeless dogs in our community. Read on to learn more about fostering and how your family can help.

So how does it work?

It all begins by filling out a foster application online followed by a quick home check and discussion to assess what type of dog will be the best fit for your home. SVPP considers all aspects of your lifestyle, members of your family, and any resident pets, to make the most successful placement possible.

Once you are approved to foster, SVPP pairs you with a "buddy" in the organization who assists you in all aspects such as getting answers to your questions, helping you meet

potential adopters, and offering moral support all along the way.

What will be expected of you?

First and foremost, foster families provide a safe and loving home. Your pup will need regular exercise, socialization, and probably some basic training. You'll be asked to bring your dog to vet appointments, photo shoots, and adoption events. You'll also meet with potential adopters and have a say in which family is the best fit for your dog since you know them best.

How much will it cost you to foster a dog?

SVPP pays for pre-approved vet visits and procedures and, depending on donations, also provides toys, food and other supplies such as crates and baby gates. They also



Madison, Andrew and their foster dog

work with local dog trainers/behaviorists to assess all of their foster dogs on intake and put them on training plans as needed to prepare

them for their forever homes.

How long will you have your foster dog?

Foster time commitments vary and can sometimes depend on the breed or the age of the dog. If you can't agree to an open-ended fostering arrangement, SVPP also needs families to serve as vacation foster homes where the commitment is a very clear length of time.

As you can see, fostering a dog is a serious commitment but it can be a lot of fun too. It's also highly rewarding to see these formerly unwanted dogs become loved and cherished members of a forever family. Please contact SVPP at info@svppetproject.org if you have questions. You'll be glad you did!

About Silicon Valley Pet Project

Founded in 2014 and launched in 2015, Silicon Valley Pet Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization of volunteers committed to saving local at-risk shelter pets through rescue, community involvement and education. Since launch, SVPP has rescued more than 300 pets. Silicon Valley Pet Project is the first San Jose-based Best Friends Network Partner. To volunteer, foster, or donate, go to www.svppetproject.org

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District 8 Community Roundtable

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

CalRTA-Area V-Div. 70 Retired Teachers Organization

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

East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

agendas and updates: www.esuhdsd.org

The Evergreen Al-Anon meetings held at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Thursdays at 7 p.m. have been cancelled indefinitely due to lack of attendance.

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

Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

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

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Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

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

Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee

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

The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council

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

Evergreen Valley Garden Club

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

715-7020 or email chhbrahiya@yahoo.com

Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the school's administration office.

Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

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

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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

Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

The Evergreen Community Center offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns.

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

Friends of Evergreen Library

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

Hidden Glen Community

To join a neighborhood discussion egroup, go to: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HiddenGlenSanJose/>

LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barbary Lane and Monrovia Drive, Capitol Expressway, Aborn Road, and South King Road. For meeting time and location, please contact the association at (408) 795-5855.

Lions Club - San Jose East Valley

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

McLaughlin Corridor Neighborhood Assoc. Meets second Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

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

Reid - Hillview Airport Association

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

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen

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

Story Road Business Association

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

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

San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

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

San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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

Silver Creek (PTSA) Parent, Teacher, Student Association

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

Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

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

West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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

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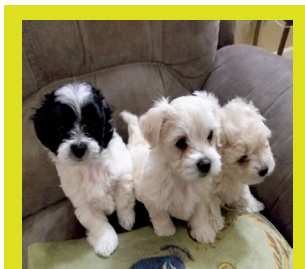
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Silver Creek at the Ranch on over a .25 acre lot. \$200K in upgrades, downstairs bedroom suite, wood floors, high ceilings, crown molding, 2 covered patios. 5bd/4.5ba, 4,488+/-sf, 17,987+/-sf lot. **Offered at \$2,149,000**



2327 Quail Bluff Place

Sold over list price with multiple offers! 2-story home with an outdoor oasis. Granite kitchen, pool and spa with 3 waterfalls grotto, outdoor kitchen and fire pit, 5bd/3.5ba plus study, 3868+/-sf, 17331+/-sf lot. **Offered at \$1,895,000**



1991 Spanish Bay Court

Private and Serene in SCVCC nestled in mature Redwood trees and lush landscaping. First floor bedroom suite. Updated kitchen and master bath. High ceilings and dramatic windows for lots of natural light. 4bd/3.5ba, 2919+/-sf, 11046+/-sf lot. **Sold for \$1,465,000**

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