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## ROV MISSING 166 BALLOTS

### Nguyen files lawsuit against Registrar of Voters due to 'flawed policies and practices'

By William Bellou  
Publisher

District 8 candidate Jimmy Nguyen filed an election contest in Santa Clara County Superior Court on Friday, Jan. 13 claiming that the Registrar of Voters' (ROV) certified results are suspect due to "flawed policies and practices" that cast doubt on the Nov. District 8 election results.

After paying approximately \$16,000 for his own recount investigation, Nguyen discovered numerous discrepancies and irregularities in the election process. Arenas has been sworn in and is serving as a

member of the San Jose City Council.

Nguyen, who lost to Sylvia Arenas by 68 votes in the Nov. election, ended his recount investigation after his investigation team forced the ROV to admit they illegally counted disqualified votes. Additionally, Nguyen claims, the ROV's flawed procedures for verifying voters' signatures on Vote-by-Mail (VBM) ballots leads to inconsistently and arbitrarily accepting signatures in one election, but disqualifying them in other elections.

"Our recount investigation forced

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### Vacancy exists on the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees; application deadline Feb. 2

A vacancy now exists on the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees due to the election of Sylvia Arenas to the

San Jose City Council effective January 2, 2017.

The Board of Trustees has made the decision to fill the vacancy by making a provisional appointment.

If the Board of Trustees is not able to select a person to fill the vacancy by February 28, 2017, there will be no provisional appointment and the Santa Clara County Superintendent of Schools will be required by state law to call an election at the expense of the Evergreen School District.

If the Board of Trustees selects a person to fill the vacancy, the appointment will be for a period beginning the effective day of appointment and ending November 2018, when there will be a regularly scheduled district board election to fill the seat for which the appointment was made.

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Recent heavy rains from several storms have caused Thompson Creek in the upper Silver Creek watershed to run again.

## Thompson Creek runs again

By Frank Shortt  
Times staff writer

Due to heavy rains from several storms, Thompson Creek is running again.

Thompson Creek is part of the Upper Silver Creek watershed, which includes Silver Creek Valley. Residents are joyful to see the creek running again.

It has been several years since Thompson Creek has run with the volume it shows at present. Recent heavy rains have raised the water levels throughout Santa Clara County, resulting in the closure of several parks. South bay reservoirs have now reached their peaks.

Thompson Creek is dependent upon local rains to keep it moving. When the creek runs muddy it's a good sign that local hillsides, once dry and cracking, are now inundated with life-giving moisture.

Local wildlife, deer, bobcats, mountain lions, raccoons, opossums, foxes, turkeys, coyotes, birds and other small animals depend upon Thompson Creek for their water supply.

Another unfortunate event that occurs when Thompson Creek



Local wildlife depend on Thompson Creek, though quicksilver elements in the local watershed make the water dangerous for humans to drink.

runs is that the homeless move to the sides of the creek and set up camps. These unfortunate souls later move on as the creek subsides and finally, in midsummer, dries up completely until the next rains. Drinking the water from Thompson Creek is dangerous because the local watershed contains elements of quicksilver thus polluting the area creeks. This is how Silver Creek derived its name.

As Thompson Creek water gushes down toward the bay, trash thrown into it by unthinking patrons of local eateries, is carried down to grates, built for this purpose, and can be collected by county workers.

As we see the water running brown we should be thankful that the drought is showing signs of subsiding.

Wouldn't it be nice to see the creek continuing to run all year?

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**Nguyen**

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the ROV to admit they illegally counted at least 91 votes,” said Nguyen.

Santa Clara County elections officials acknowledged they mistakenly opened 70 disqualified vote-by-mail ballots – counting 31 of those ballots, but not the remaining 39 ballots. “Our staff should not have counted those — it was a mistake,” said Registrar of Voters Spokeswoman Anita Torres. The ROV claims it would not change the outcome of the election.

Nguyen’s lawsuit claims the ROV further failed to follow the law citing Election Code section 3019(g), which requires the ROV to count those 39 ballots once they are opened regardless of the reason they were disqualified. Counting “31 members of this class, but not the remaining 39 members of the class raises equal protection and due process concerns” under the United States and California Constitutions.

Additionally, the ROV also admitted counting 59 vote-by-mail ballots twice in the close District 8 City Council race and added those duplicate votes to the official certified results.

Comparing the ROV’s certified election final numbers with the hand recount numbers shows the ROV missing 166 ballots after the hand recount, which “begged the question of what happened to those 166 ballots?” asked Nguyen.

“The ROV has flawed policies and practices that sheds doubt on this race,” Nguyen said. “Regardless of which candidate anyone supports, everyone must admit these flawed policies and practices hurt our democracy and we need to fix them to ensure a fair election process now and in the future.”

One of the most outrageous defects Nguyen discovered is the ROV does not notify voters when the ROV disqualifies a voter’s ballot. If the voter’s signature on the ballot does not match the signature on file, the ROV disqualifies it without informing the voter. This could lead to countless elections with the voter submitting their vote, but with the ROV throwing the vote away every time.

Failing “to notify a voter of the problem and how to correct the problem deprives the voter of their fundamental right to participate in our democracy,” Nguyen argued. A “simple letter to the voter is sufficient to address the problem, which is what the ROV already does when a voter forgets to sign their ballot.”

“If I hadn’t initiated my own recount and camped out at the ROV offices for the past two months, we and the voters would not



Jimmy Nguyen



Sylvia Arenas

know about these flawed policies and practices,” said Nguyen. “It is absurd that a candidate had to bear this burden to make sure the ROV is fulfilling its duty to the public. Why do our elected officials like the Board of Supervisors and Secretary of State allow these flawed policies and practices to hinder our democracy?” Nguyen asked.

Arenas’ campaign manager, Patrick McGarrity, said he didn’t believe the Nguyen’s recount would change the outcome. However, his statement was made prior to Nguyen’s lawsuit claiming that 116 ballots are now questionable, an increase from the 91 ballots originally estimated, with 166 ballots missing.

A Santa Clara County policy requires a county-funded recount in tight races where the margin of victory is less than 0.5 percent. Nguyen paid for an additional recount in which he found an alarming number of missing or uncounted ballots.

Arenas could not be reached for comment.

www.eesd.org. The link is located left of the calendar. The application packet consists of an “Application for Appointment” and “Candidate Information Sheet.” The packet consisting of both forms must be completed in full and submitted to Superintendent Kathy Gomez in the District Office by 4 p.m. February 2, 2017.

Candidates will be scheduled for interviews during the February 7, 2017 Special Board meeting that begins at 4 p.m.

For further information, contact Superintendent Kathy Gomez or Board President, Jim Zito at (408) 270-6800 or via email, Kathy Gomez @ kgomez@eesd.org, Jim Zito @ jimzito@eesd.org.

**Vacancy**

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Board of Trustees is now accepting applications from people wishing to be considered for appointment. Candidates must be registered voters residing within the boundaries of the Evergreen School District and not employed by the District.

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# Valley Currents

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## Oral history comes alive on Martin Luther King Jr. day

By Kevin Larsen  
Times staff writer

Did Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stay at San Jose City College?

Yes, the story is believed accurate. Dr. King was to stay the night at San Jose State University long ago, but was moved perhaps secretly over to the San Jose City College. The College was founded in 1921 and was originally located near downtown San Jose.

Some who attended the breakfast said they were there and want to prove and document it so as to make the room (still standing) a landmark. These stories and others were spoken at a breakfast to honor the memory of Martin Luther King Jr.

Such conversations came about due to the celebrated J.E.W.L. Oral History Learning Institute/Museum and The Coalition of Concerned Citizens and Organizations event held to pay homage to Dr. King and others at a breakfast on January 16.

The event took place at Hometown Buffet, located at Capitol Expressway and McKee Road. The food was scrumptious and the room was clean and well decorated; a fitting place to continue the breakfast tradition every Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Also, there was a shout out and special thanks for the people who provide guidance and financial support with the



A moment in history: President Lyndon B. Johnson meets with King in the White House Cabinet Room, 1966.

many functions of the organization: Will Crocket Book Club, Pete Miller Ph.D., Gus Bowman and many others.

Pastor C. Huey of (New Mission Community Church) opened with a breakfast prayer and sang with his beautiful cappella voice. The singing voice opens the doors to understanding and nurturing of enlightenment of new views to subjects once perhaps tightly guarded. The atmosphere in the room let all know that Dr.

King was in the presence of all.

### Lessie James informs

J.E.W.L. is a Non-Profit organization in collaboration with Evergreen Valley and San Jose City College located on the Evergreen Valley College campus. Lessie James is the founder and she is the artist of ideas that ensures events are planned, organized and fulfilled throughout the year. She said that in honor of Dr. King we must organize ourselves and learn to "go up and make people accountable." Ms. James expressed that the same resonance as Dr. King had in the past, that it is not just about Dr. King "he wouldn't have wanted it that way." Instead, it is about all of us, lots of people and "we got work to be done now!" She thanked the good grades being earned by the men's basketball Jaguars San Jose City College team who attended. Coach Carr was there and he is known as "the winningest coach." He took time to honor his players and explain they go to Universities with a good work ethic that has resulted in good grades for his players.

### The making of the King Holiday

It wasn't easy and it took forty actions from April 1969 to October 29, 1999 (30 years) for the holiday to become federal law. Students attending the event read poignantly the timeline of how many kept working at ensuring the day became a meaningful holiday and observed in depth by all. It was a struggle and the challenge was overcome by the work of many. All people participated in the process and it was interesting to note that Stevie Wonder (singer) even created a song called "Happy Birthday," to celebrate Dr. King and urging a holiday in his honor which became a chart topping hit.

### San Jose creates tremendous improvements for incarcerated youth

Nisreen Baroudi (public defender attorney) for Santa Clara County spoke about the grass roots civil rights movement that is helping to change how we charge arrested youth with

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## Arbor Day Foundation offering free flowering trees for new members

Arbor Day Foundation is offering 10 free flowering trees for those joining the organization any time during January 2017.

The free trees are part of the Foundation's Trees for America campaign.

By becoming a part of the nonprofit Arbor Day Foundation, new members will receive two Sargent crabapples, three American red-buds, two Washington hawthorns, and three white flowering dogwoods.

"These beautiful trees will beautify your home with lovely flowers of pink, yellow and white colors," said Matt Harris, chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees are perfect for large and small spaces, and they will provide food and habitat for songbirds."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting, between February 1 and May 31, with enclosed planting instructions. The 6- to 12-inch tall trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members will also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication, Arbor Day, and The Tree Book, which



includes information about tree planting and care.

To become a member of the Foundation and to receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to TEN FREE FLOWERING TREES, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410, by January 31, 2017. Residents can also join online at [arborday.org/january](http://arborday.org/january).

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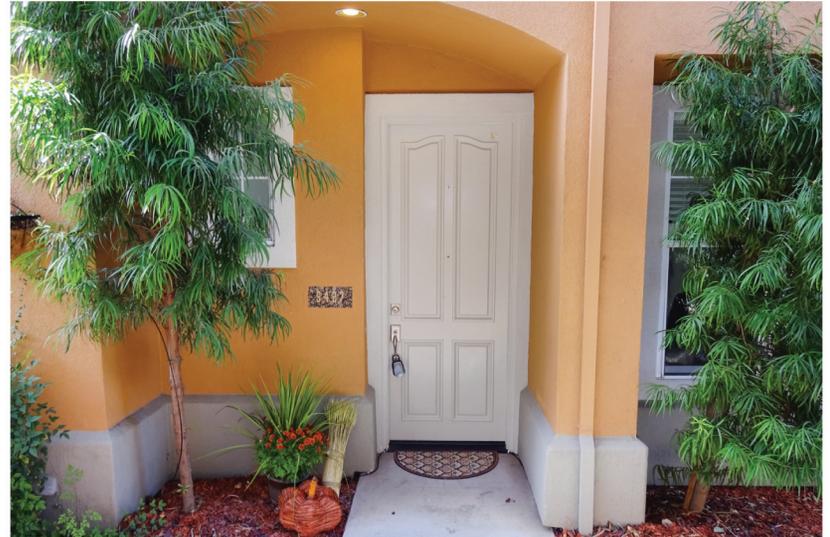
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## 'Buddy' unites residents from several neighborhoods in purpose and love

By **Brenda Bettaglio**  
*Special to the Times*

For many days, a big, beautiful, white stray Border Collie (neighbors called him "Buddy"), was alone and running around neighborhoods and the lower foothills in Evergreen.

Concerned neighbors put out food and tried to catch him but he was too fast.

As the temperature dropped, the situation became desperate. Messages and photos were posted on nextdoor.com requesting help in finding his owner or capturing him.

People from several different evergreen neighborhoods – many who had not seen "Buddy" – stepped in and offered food, shelter, assistance and advice. Eventually, they succeeded in getting Animal Control to help in the search.

On December 21, an officer came to Buddy's favorite eating place, set a trap and caught him. Everyone was thrilled and thought Buddy was headed to "shelter heaven" where he would be housed, fed and found the perfect forever home.

Well, not so fast.

Something happened between the capture and the perfect forever home and Buddy was placed on a "bite risk" list and given until December 26 to be rescued. When a dog is placed on a "bite risk" list, he becomes "unadoptable" by the general public and can only be "rescued" by an official rescue organization.

Neighbors discovered his new "bite risk" status on December 24 – not the best time if you plan to celebrate Christmas. Even so, many people jumped into action – contacting potential rescuers, emailing and calling the shelter to request an extension, visiting Buddy,

researching, posting, and reaching out to anyone who could help.

Fortunately, they were successful in getting the shelter to extend his deadline until December 29. However, residents were unsuccessful at finding a rescue organization to take him in, until The Perfect Dog rescue organization was contacted.

The Perfect Dog specializes in rescuing dogs that are unadoptable or overlooked in shelters. They take dogs that are in danger of being euthanized – they love and care for them until they find a perfect home.

Diana Rapa, the founder of The Perfect Dog, heard about Buddy's story. She jumped into action and contacted the shelter. Together, they had him neutered, vaccinated and chipped. On December 27, she brought him to his temporary perfect home where he is staying until he is ready for a permanent adoption.

"Buddy" now has a new name, "Banjo", and has turned out to be a happy, healthy and very loving dog who only behaved in an aggressive way because he was scared and alone.

With the help of many people throughout the Evergreen area who saw beyond his fearful ways and took the time to help him, Banjo now has a brand new beginning.

"Banjo" unknowingly was responsible for uniting and bonding caring people from California Oak Creek, the Meadowlands, Bel Aire, Hillstone, Silver Creek Country Club, The Villages Golf and Country Club, the Estates, Creekside, and Buena Park.

His journey from fear to love underscored the true meaning of Christmas.

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The Coyote Creek cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 28 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for World Wetlands Day.

All ages are welcome. Volunteers are needed to help with registration and photos as well as participate in the cleanup. Improve your Trash Karma by participating.

Be sure to wear long pants, sleeves, a hat, and closed-toed shoes since you will be near poison oak and around loose or muddy soil. All are welcome to participate (those under 13 must be accompanied by an adult). Volunteers under 18 must have a signed waiver (available upon completed registration). Community service hours are available.

Keep Coyote Creek Beautiful works with community members, groups and agencies to reclaim, restore, and beautify Coyote Creek. They do this by taking care of the creek, helping people to learn more about it, and offering ways to enjoy the creek.

Registration is required: [eventbrite.com/e/12817-coyote-creek-cleanup-for-world-wetlands-day-registration-30234824173](http://eventbrite.com/e/12817-coyote-creek-cleanup-for-world-wetlands-day-registration-30234824173)



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**Rain storm rain totals**

**J**acqueline Bogard reported that the recent 6-day storm totals accumulated 3.8 inches in a rain gauge located at the Silver Creek Valley Country Club.

Total rain year to-date total is 10.24 inches. The rain year began on October 1, 2016.

New storms have arrived with the heaviest rainfall Sunday, January 22. Rain totals for the new storms are expected to dump nearly three inches on Evergreen/Silver Creek Valley.

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# County prepares for a challenging year ahead

By Dave Cortese  
*Special to the Times*

I hope 2017 finds you well, and you're off to a good start.

On Tuesday, January 10, I was elected by the Board to serve as Board President for the third consecutive year, and the fourth time since 2010. I am honored to continue in this leadership role. Supervisor Joe Simitian will continue in his role as Board Vice President.

We have a challenging year ahead, with uncertainties about policy changes as a new administration takes over in Washington on January 20.

As County Supervisors, we are sure about this: We will do everything in our power to act against any executive orders or loss of funding that would have a significant impact on the County's delivery of services to its 1.8 million residents or impede someone's civil and legal rights. And so will our administrators and employees.

Of course, we hope for the best, but we want to be prepared for whatever challenges may come.

Last month, the Board directed County administrators to prepare for anticipated changes in policies or regulations in such areas as immigration, health care, civil rights, housing, the environment and social services. In partnership with community organizations, other agencies and city governments, the County is:

- Developing legal strategies that could be used to stop a loss of revenue or protect residents' civil rights. County Counsel James Williams and his team are heading up this effort.

- Creating a Federal Legislative Advocacy Task Force to keep the Board informed about the impacts

of anticipated changes in policies, legislation and regulations, and to propose board actions. The Task Force is being chaired by Supervisor Joe Simitian, with me as member. The other members are Santa Clara County U.S. Congressional Representatives Zoe Lofgren, Anna Eshoo, Ro Khanna and Jimmy Panetta, and their designees.

- Developing a plan through our Office of Immigrant Relations to provide information and legal representation to residents who may face deportation if immigration policies change. Unlike criminal proceedings, attorneys aren't appointed for those who currently don't have an attorney or can't afford to hire one.

At the Board meeting on January 10, we heard from many residents who fear the deportation of a family member that would tear their families apart. They implored us to help provide legal guidance and representation at immigration hearings. We are responding to those pleas with urgency.

Santa Clara County is home to one of the most diverse populations on earth. We consider our diversity an asset. Immigrants make up 37 percent of our workforce, and 44 percent of our economic productivity (GDP) is produced by immigrants.

But with our diversity comes a responsibility to provide services to all in the languages they speak and with the cultural sensitivity they deserve. We will work hard this year to do just that.

Please let me know your opinions, concerns and ideas on this topic or any other. You can call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at [dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org](mailto:dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org).



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Supervisor

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SALE PRICE.....	\$14,727
JEEP CA 2017 BONUS CASH**.....	-\$500
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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500

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**2017 DODGE JOURNEY**

41 OTHERS

MSRP.....	\$24,235
DEALER DISCOUNT.....	-\$3,758
SALE PRICE.....	\$20,477
DODGE CA 2017 BONUS CASH**.....	-\$1,000
DODGE CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH*.....	-\$1,000
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*.....	-\$2,000
DODGE NON-PRIME BONUS CASH**.....	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$15,977

2 AT THIS NET PRICE #534720, 527172

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**2017 JEEP CHEROKEE SPORT**

110 OTHERS

MSRP.....	\$24,590
DEALER DISCOUNT.....	-\$3,313
SALE PRICE.....	\$21,277
JEEP CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**.....	-\$4,000
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$16,777

5 AT THIS NET PRICE

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**2017 RAM 1500**

170 OTHERS

MSRP.....	\$27,715
DEALER DISCOUNT.....	-\$5,577
SALE PRICE.....	\$22,138
RAM CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....	-\$1,000
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH*.....	-\$2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$17,888

5 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE

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**2016 DODGE CHALLENGER SXT**

41 OTHERS

MSRP.....	\$28,090
DEALER DISCOUNT.....	-\$4,091
SALE PRICE.....	\$23,999
DODGE BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**.....	-\$3,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$20,999

3 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE #353919, 353921, 353922

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**2017 RAM 1500 4-DOOR**

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SALE PRICE.....	\$27,638
RAM CA 2017 BONUS CASH**.....	-\$500
RAM CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH*.....	-\$1,000
RAM CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**.....	-\$2,750
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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41 OTHERS

DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP.....	-\$4,500
DODGE CA 2016 BONUS CASH**.....	-\$1,500
DODGE CA 2016 RETAIL BONUS CASH*.....	-\$1,000
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**.....	-\$1,500

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$8,500

4 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET SAVINGS #357704, 357705, 357699, 358666

\*RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

**2016 DODGE DART**

17 OTHERS

MSRP.....	\$21,590
DEALER DISCOUNT.....	-\$3,492
SALE PRICE.....	\$18,098
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**.....	-\$2,500
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500
CHRYSLER NON-PRIME BONUS CASH**.....	-\$1,000

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

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44 OTHERS

MSRP.....	\$26,090
DEALER DISCOUNT.....	-\$4,543
SALE PRICE.....	\$21,547
DODGE CA 2017 RETAIL BONUS CASH**.....	-\$1,000
DODGE CA BC RETAIL CONSUMER CASH**.....	-\$1,250
CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500

NET PRICE AFTER DISCOUNTS AND REBATES

\$18,777

5 TO CHOOSE AT THIS NET PRICE

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OTHERS

NET SAVINGS OFF MSRP

\$7,777

2 AT THIS NET SAVINGS #E33226, E14239

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**NEW 2016 DODGE CHALLENGER HELLCAT**

17 OTHERS

DEALER DISCOUNT OFF MSRP.....	-\$6,777
DODGE CA 2016 BONUS CASH**.....	-\$3,000

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SALE PRICE.....	\$25,277
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CHRYSLER CAPITAL CASH**.....	-\$500
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# LUCY HSU VISITS 150 COUNTRIES

## Evergreen teacher travels the world to educate children

By Frank Shortt  
Times staff writer

Lucy Hsu is an enterprising lady with an inspiring story with her desire to educate children in Evergreen Valley and also in other countries. This is her story.

Lucy Hsu is presently an Instructional Coach for the Evergreen School District. She grew up in Evergreen Valley and attended Millbrook Elementary (kindergarten– third grade); Evergreen Elementary (third – 6th grade); Chaboya Middle School (7th -8th grade); Silver Creek High School (Class of 1999); UC Berkeley (Bachelors in Psychology and Music); and San Jose State University (Masters in Education Leadership).

Hsu was the first in her family born in the United States. Her family fled Vietnam by boat in 1978 landing in Hong Kong where her older sister was born in the refugee camp. Her mother, already pregnant with Lucy, first landed in Arizona but soon came to California where Lucy was born. Her parents had a rough go of it as they spoke no English, had no formal education, and had no money.

Lucy relates, “While I was being raised,

financially my family had difficulties. I recall going to food banks with my grandmother, my parents being on welfare, juggling learning English, my dad working at a gas-station and my mom sewing at home.”

“School was a challenge when I started kindergarten,” said Hsu. “I knew words in English I learned while watching Sesame Street. My sister and I stuck together, navigating the educational system, forcing us to be very independent. We were latchkey kids, and our parents couldn’t guide us much when it came time for applying to college, preparing for SATS, and applying for schol-



Hsu visits with Sudanese and Congolese refugees.



Lucy Hsu visits the first library in Myanmar.

arships or financial aid.”

Since childhood, Hsu always wanted to be a teacher. During college she became fascinated with psychology and considered the counseling field, hiring in at Stanford Psychiatry after Berkeley as a Research and Clinical Assistant. After a year, she realized she preferred education as a profession, returning to school for her teaching credential and a Master’s degree in Education.

Lucy stated, “I was hired by Evergreen, the only district I wanted to work for.

I taught at James F. Smith, grades 4th and 6th for 10 years. Throughout the decade of teaching, I spent most of my savings, holidays, and summers backpacking around the world. Growing up, my parents told us endless stories about their hardships living as poor village children. I knew one day I would visit their hometown. “

### Falls in love with travel

Hsu said she fell in love with travel, seeing how people live, and interacting with locals and their culture. “Visiting third world countries like Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos brought to life the stories I grew up hearing, and I was moved to connect with the communities and give back somehow.”

“Throughout my years of travel, I enjoyed doing short volunteer projects, including teaching in Guatemala one summer, in Thailand another summer and volunteering in Haiti after the Earthquake,” said Hsu. “Those short-term projects were fulfilling and wonderful experiences, but they were never longer than a month or so. I became interested in the idea of living and volunteering abroad for possibly a year or two. While traveling, I had met many people who were living abroad long-term, working or volunteering and making a difference. I was

inspired to see many people living my dream and finally decided to invest a year of my time doing the same.”

### Hsu visits 150 countries

In the 15 years of travel, Ms. Hsu has traveled to over 150 countries. In 2015, she took a one year leave of absence and spent her time traveling through Africa and Asia including: Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Tanzania, Madagascar, Reunion, Mauritius, Seychelles, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Bhutan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and Armenia. Hsu belongs to a travel club, called the Travelers Century Club, for members who have been to 100 countries or more.

In Ethiopia, she visited the amazing National Museum, seeing the 4.4 million year old skeleton named Ardi, also the famous 3.2 million year old Australopithecine named Lucy. She lived in Kenya for 5 months, in a developing “slumburbia”, called Githurai, getting connected with the founder of a community-based organization, who invited her to live with his family while working with him to develop his hometown. Some of the work involved developing a youth mentorship and health education program, where she visited local schools to distribute sanitary products and educating the youth on hygiene and the prevention of transmittable diseases. The work involved fundraising and grant-writing; the goal to raise money for installing water tanks at schools and to expand the mentorship and health education program. Another highlight in Kenya was that family friends and Lucy donated 500 baby chicks, which she then learned to raise and care for, the purpose being to start a sustainable egg-selling business to support the community. Tanzania



A typical Masai village school house.



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involved conquering the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, a four day safari into the Serengeti encountering the wildlife there, and camping in the middle of Ngorongoro Crater. In addition, she spent some time in a traditional Masai Tribe, where the chief invited her to stay!

In Uganda, Lucy trekked in the Bwindi Mountain Forest, where she had close encounters with a gorilla family. She grew up mesmerized by stories of renowned researcher Dian Fossey, and was able to stay in the famed Travelers Rest Hotel, where other gorilla experts once did their research. In Madagascar she saw the famed gigantic baobab trees and encountered many endemic lemurs, also visiting Seychelles, Mauritius Island, and Reunion Island. While in Myanmar, she resided in an orphanage, teaching English in the remote village, helping to establish the first-ever children's library, also, helping to construct a preschool, developing the curriculum for a bilingual preschool program. She was also there for the first elected civilian president ending 50 years of military rule.

In Mongolia she trekked through the Mongolian desert, staying with nomadic families in a camel yurt. While in Bhutan, she hiked to the famous Tigers Nest Monastery, built in 1692 on the edge of the Himalayan cliffs. She volunteered at a remarkable school in Bangladesh built for the education of blind girls, and while there, she went to the southern coast to the Cox's Bazar and swam in the Bay of Bengal. The teachers of the blind school were victims of acid attacks which badly deformed them. "I was deeply touched to see the resilience among people of such destitute backgrounds," said Hsu.

"In Bangladesh, I had heard of recent attacks or petty crime, so I was extra careful to hire a local guide who drove and accompanied me everywhere, explained Hsu. "I dined in the hotel restaurant in the evenings. I always abided by local laws and dress codes in order to not draw attention to myself."

Lucy enjoyed living with locals, experiencing the true local lifestyle. She said she would love to have had more live chats with family and friends, but connectivity was always unstable. As a result, she posted photos on Facebook so family and friends could follow her journey. She wishes she had enjoyed more time in each destination.

She stated, "I envied the close-knit communities I experienced in Africa and Asia. Families live interdependently, helping each other fetch



Lucy Hsu visits a Masai Tribe.

water or cook together daily. I came away appreciating the things I have in the United States. 'My worst day is someone else's best day!' Hsu says she is reminded to always be grateful for what she has.

She continued, "In Myanmar, I walked a few steps to the local market to buy fresh produce every day. You see the same vendors daily, and people stop to interact and catch up daily. It's a contrast from life in America, where people generally live private and separate lives, with little interaction with their neighbors. I was happy to see the teaching profession is highly respected in Africa and Asia. Young children must learn to cook and clean up after themselves, as well as care for their school, staying before and after to clean the school facilities. Children from a young age learned life-skills to be able to function independently and often shouldered the responsibility of raising younger siblings and helping to bring in some income." School is not an option for all families, and children who have the opportunity see learning as a privilege, a valuable gift."

Hsu brings great insight to educators and students in the Evergreen School District. What if all teachers had the opportunity to experience education in some country with less educational opportunities than we possess here? What an eye-opening experience that would be.

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Times Local News

# City reaches tentative agreement with San Jose Police Officers Association on new 3.5-year contract

The City of San Jose and the San Jose Police Officers Association (SJPOA) have reached a tentative agreement on a new contract.

The agreement includes wage increases spread over the next 3.5 years as part of the City's ongoing efforts to address SJPD's chronic staffing challenges and rebuild the department.

"Rebuilding the San Jose Police Department remains our top priority," said Mayor Sam Liccardo. "We have already begun to stem the tide of officers leaving the department, and with this contract, we'll now be in a much stronger position to aggressively recruit and retain more officers. In addition, we've reached agreements with the POA on a number of other provisions that will allow us to significantly enhance the level and quality of services provided by our department."

Recent compensation surveys have shown that SJPD officers' take-home pay lags behind other nearby cities, and in recent years, the City of San Jose has continually seen officers leave the department for other law enforcement agencies.

To address this challenge, and to successfully recruit and retain more officers, the new agreement includes a series of pay increases over the next 3.5 years:

- Jan. 2017: \$5000 one-time, non-pensionable retention bonus for current officers
- July 2017: 10% general wage increase
- July 2018: 3.25% general wage increase + 2.75% non-pensionable Crisis Intervention Training pay

- July 2019: 3% general wage increase + 1% increase to non-pensionable Crisis Training pay

"This contract represents an ongoing commitment by the SJPOA and the City to rebuild our police department and deliver the level of public safety services that San Jose residents deserve," said Paul Kelly, President of the SJPOA. "We are committed to recruiting and retaining as many officers as possible and this contract is an extremely important step toward achieving that goal."

In addition, the City of San Jose and SJPOA reached agreement on a number of other issues that will enable the department to further address urgent staffing challenges and improve services to the community:

- A "clawback" provision to recoup a portion of the training costs for recruits who leave for another law enforcement agency within five years of graduating from the SJPD academy.

- Agreements to civilianize additional positions performed by sworn officers to ensure that civilians are performing civilian work and police officers are performing police work and to expand the duties of CSOs and Reserve officers in order to free up more officers to more quickly respond to priority calls.

- An extension of the length of officers' shift assignments from 6 months to 1 year to improve departmental efficiency and stability.

"I have been extremely proud of our officers during these trying times, and they are among the hardest working officers in the

country," said San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia. "This signifies the great support that Mayor Liccardo and Council have for our men and women. Our goal has been to once again be the safest city in the country, and the steps taken recently by our City leaders will establish the foundation to achieve this benchmark."

The tentative agreement will be presented to the SJPOA membership for ratification and then brought to the City Council for final adoption (expected to take place in February).

If approved, the agreement would be effective January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2020. The SJPOA's previous contract expired on December 31, 2016.

"I'm deeply grateful for the leadership and the effort from everyone involved in these negotiations," said City Manager Norberto Duenas. "We have achieved outstanding progress to solve one of our most pressing priorities for community safety, and I'm very pleased that we're on the right track to meet mutual goals in partnership with our officers."

## Laser therapy with deep-sea drug kills prostate cancer in trial

A non-surgical treatment for low-risk prostate cancer is in a trial stage.

London doctors inject a light-sensitive drug derived from deep-sea bacteria into a patient's bloodstream. In the trial, cancer cells were killed without destroying healthy tissue.

The treatment, called vascular-targeted photodynamic therapy or VTP, was developed by scientists at the Weizmann Institute of Science in Israel in collaboration with the privately-owned STEBA Biotech.

Results of a trial in 413 patients showed that the drug, which is activated with a laser to destroy tumor tissue in the prostate,

was so effective that half the patients went into remission, compared with 13.5 percent in a control group.

"These results are excellent news for men with early localized prostate cancer, offering a treatment that can kill cancer without removing or destroying the prostate," said Mark Emberton, a University College London consultant urologist who led the trial. "This is truly a huge leap forward."

The light-sensitive drug used, called WST11, is derived from bacteria found at the bottom of the ocean. To survive with very little sunlight, they have evolved to convert light into energy with incredible efficiency, Emberton's team said in a study published in the journal *Lancet Oncology*.

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This is a special place where young people as well as adults of all ages develop their minds and health at the same time in various places and times in the gym. It provides a positive atmosphere where people become stronger.

### Wrap the hands

Wrapping of hands with streams of white linen material is seen just before children grab their boxing gloves and without help put on these cumbersome brightly colored soft extensions over their half closed fists. The boxing ring is the focal point of the space and it is beautifully crafted with soft red floor and brightly colored ring ropes. The center ring is a thing of beauty and pride where children yearn to work on their skills and be coached and molded by expert trainers. It all happens out in the open.

Children spar in the ring two times per week with headgear and gloves and they combine what they do with honor and strength of purpose. No injuries take place for the ring is a place to hone in on skills of



the sport. Discipline is shown by coaches talking softly to each child in between one minute rounds. Just as the first round starts and at the last round ends, the two opponents tap gloves as a gesture of knowing that humanity comes first in life.

### Get ready for sparring

Sparing hinges on the quest for ongoing development, but before it takes place there are two flights of levels a person must choose to climb. Youth boxing 101 is the first experience all children come to know and in this level the basic fundamentals are taught. The other level or choice is called Youth Boxing Fitness and in this level the

children also grow to master boxing skills and develop increased stamina in workouts. What first might be considered drudgery is

loved and cherished in the months to come for more important than the boxing is the terrific camaraderie that is built in the gym; everyone is family.

Cali Boxing is created and developed by a person named Jessie Sanchez and he has done a miracle job in hiring other coaches his equal that work together as a close knit team.

### Take heed of comments

With cap back on head and pencil held on right ear, Coach Jessie is a man's-man who has a strong way of understanding and communicating with young boxers and adults with a depth of strength that is masterfully measured in what can only be described as having gravitas. He has a quiet burning fire inside him which exudes and instills strength to

others without using many words or raising voice. His eyes and face expressions do a lot of the coaching as those under his tutoring take heed of his individual comments to them each day. He loves what he does and it shows for the children want to go in and be there to practice. He and all the others that work at Cali are positive role models. Other coaches fit into the same creed of how things are done at Cali Boxing. All there are honing a craft. All moments during the day

are meaningful and vast teaching takes place.

### Making good choices

Foster Children and those with troubled pasts have also come into Cali Gym to be transformed. Things come natural to them and they experience weight loss and gain freedom in expending energy in ways that are not destructive. They learn to experience a new healthy outlet to burn off any aggression while getting in shape too. Coach

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## Hockey: EVHS beats Sobrato

Evergreen Valley High School's Roller Hockey team beat Sobrato High School at the Sportplex with the final score 8-5 on Jan. 7. Both teams played a fast game with some spectacular goalie saves. Both teams were evenly matched in play, but Evergreen made an extra effort in the third quarter with some lightning fast goals.



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# The 5 S's of organizing explained; the power of staging, selecting, sorting, storing and simplifying

By Zen Life Organizing  
Special to the Times

Clutter is a collection of things in your home that take up space, and are not used or looked at for more than 6 months.

Clutter can be as small as a piece of paper or as big as household furniture. Sometimes the clutter is so out of control, it takes over your life, causes stress and makes you feel overwhelmed. At this point, you can hire a professional organizer to help you organize or you can do it yourself. If you plan to do it yourself, then we recommend the 5S of Organizing.

This method will not only help you reclaim your space, but will also help you stay organized for a long time. It is not a quick process and can be overwhelming at times. However, once you are done, you will feel invigorated and want to simplify your life.

The 5S of Organizing stands for: Stage, Select, Sort, Store, and Simplify

## Stage

Set a staging area (place) for the things you want to organize. For example, If you want to organize your garage, the driveway can be the staging area. The bed or bedroom floor can be the staging area for your clothes. Create four piles: keep, donate, recycle, and trash.

## Select

This is the most important step in the



A typical garage, pre-organization (left) and after (right).

process and should not be skipped. Sometimes it's hard to purge when you are inundated with so much stuff. A simple way to do this is to select what to keep from the pile and purge the rest. Be selective of what you keep in your home, just like being selective with your friends. Keep the items that bring you joy, just like you keep certain friends because you enjoy having them around.

Be careful about selecting a lot more than you really need because you have a hard time letting go of things. In this case, select to keep only 20 percent of what you have and discard the rest. Statistically, we only use 20 percent of our things for daily functions and the remaining 80 percent are for "just in case" or "just because."

## Sort

Once you are done with the select step,

you will notice you have a lot more storage space and less things to sort. This is good because it will make the sorting process quick and easy. Sort the keep items categorized. For example: balls and baseball bats in the outdoor sports category or crayons and paints in the art supply category. You can even have sub-categories within each category, if needed.

## Store

Create a home for each category and store it there. Label the storage unit, just like the address for your home. You go back to your home every day because your home is labeled. You know what house number it is and what street it is on. Do the same for your things.

## Simplify

To prevent clutter, simplify your life. Only buy the things you need at a minimum. Don't buy an extra item just because it is on sale or

you think you might need it someday. Only buy the item that needs replacing. For example, buy a microwave when it is broken and discard the broken microwave immediately.

Before you bring something new home, whether it's a gift or a purchase, answer the following questions:

- Do I really need it?
- Where is its home?
- Does it bring me joy?
- What is something old I can get rid of?

Once those steps are accomplished you will be more mindful with your purchase and in your life in general. To maintain your simplified life, you just need to create a routine:

■ Start your day with an easy accomplishment. Spend 2 minutes every morning to fix your bed.

■ Clean up and put things back in its home after each use. Don't put them down put them away.

■ Schedule one day of the week to tidy up the place, should take about 10 minutes when your things are organized.

■ Spend 5 minutes to sort through paperwork each day. When you pick up your mail from your mailbox, it will take you just a few minutes to recycle the junk mail and process the rest.

We know you can be successful if you follow the process. Organization is not about perfection, it is a work in progress. Your life is changing a little bit every day and so are your needs.

## OFF THE SHELF

# Magic show, Lunar New Year coming to the library

By Randall Studstill  
Special to the Times

Evergreen Branch Library's Pete G. Magic Show on Saturday, Jan. 21, 3 p.m. promises a family-friendly magical entertainment show. On Saturday, February 4, 3 p.m., music lovers of all ages are invited to the Evergreen Branch for Samba Samba! James Henry will lead us all to dance, sing, and travel around the world to the rhythm of drums and percussion!

Both branches will be celebrating the Lunar New Year with a fun Year of the Rooster craft for kids ages 3 and up. Join us either at Evergreen Branch on Tuesday, Jan. 24, 4 p.m., or at Village Square, on Wednesday, Jan.

25, 5:30 p.m. Village Square also invites children ages 8 and up for "Brain Maps" on Saturday, Jan. 28, 1 p.m. After a brief presentation and some fun personality quizzes about the different lobes of the brain, participants will create their own personalized brain maps.

Kids who are interested in chess can learn how to play and improve their skills at both branches. Evergreen's Chess Club meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesday of every month from 4:00 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Village Square Chess Club meets on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month from 5:45 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Drop-ins are welcome.

Both libraries also have great programs for adults. On Tuesday, Jan. 31, 1:30 p.m., a representative from Kaiser Permanente will lead an Advance Health Care Planning Workshop at Evergreen Branch and show how to complete



Pete G. will be bringing his magic to the library on Jan. 21.

an advance health care directive. The Evergreen Library Book Club will meet Wednesday, Feb. 1, 6 p.m. to discuss Writing my Wrongs: Life, Death, and Redemption in an American Prison, a memoir by Shaka Sengho-- a Silicon Valley Reads 2017 selection!

The Village Square Library offers several programs for improving health and well-being: Yoga on Thursdays at 11 a.m., Dancersize on Fridays at 1:30 p.m., and "Success Without Stress" on Saturdays at 4 p.m. At Success Without Stress, participants learn meditation and breathing techniques that reduce stress and enhance the overall quality of life.

Improve your English speaking skills by attending an ESL Conversation Club. At Evergreen, the ESL Conversation Club meets on Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m. At Village Square, the Club meets on Mondays at 4:30 p.m. or Wednesdays at 10:20 a.m.

The Friends of the Evergreen Library book sale will offer many used books in good condition from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28. Your support of this quarterly event helps to fund Library programming and special events throughout the year—Thank you!

## Additional Events

All branch library locations' event listings may be viewed online at [events.sjpl.org](http://events.sjpl.org). Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds ([sjpl.org/updates](http://sjpl.org/updates)) and our Facebook page ([facebook.com/sanjoselibrary](https://facebook.com/sanjoselibrary))

Randall Studstill is a librarian at the Village Square Branch Library located at 4001 Evergreen Village Square. (408) 808-3093. The Evergreen Branch Library is located at 2635 Aborn Road, between Capitol Expressway and White Road. (408) 808-3060. Both are part of the San José Public Library System. For more information, visit the library website, [sjpl.org](http://sjpl.org).

## Heavy rain, winds force closures in Santa Clara County Parks

This winter's heavy rains are helping to ease the effects of California's drought. But all the wind and rain have also taken their toll on some Santa Clara County Parks and trail systems.

In some cases conditions at affected parks are changing daily, others are tied to current weather conditions and still others are facing longer closures.

Uvas Canyon and Sanborn County Parks are closed due to storm related damage and flooding. Trails have either washed out, flooded, or have been covered by landslides or blocked by downed trees.

At Sanborn, power lines fell and blocked the entrance to the park and a mudslide on Sanborn Road has made access to the park difficult. The Lake Ranch trailhead at Sanborn is closed, but all other trails are open at this time.

There is a closure of the Coyote Creek Parkway Trail at the Radio Controlled Plane Airfield. The trail collapsed so the airfield and the adjacent area will be close indefinitely. Coyote

LakeHarvey Bear Ranch was partially closed due to flooding, but has now reopened with restrictions. Cycling and Equestrians are currently not allowed on the trails. The park is open to hikers only. Camping in the area is limited due to flooding and washouts of some campsites.

Closures at Hellyer include La Raza Disc Golf Course and Coyote Creek Trail from Embedded Way to the Velodrome (Syvandale Avenue).

System wide there have been at least 15-mudslides that have affected the County Parks Trail System. Conditions at all 28 Santa Clara County Parks can change daily or with current weather conditions and potential upcoming storms.

Park visitors are advised to check [www.parkhere.org](http://www.parkhere.org) or call (408) 355-2200 and press 7 for current trail conditions and possible park closures.

Park visitors who see damage or obstructions to trails are encouraged to report those problems by calling (408) 355-2200 or email concerns to [parkinfo@prk.sccgov.org](mailto:parkinfo@prk.sccgov.org).

## Times Features

## Teens help kids become confident problem solvers

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

The idea that Math is fun is a novel concept for many who do not have access to the caring and engaging environment that promotes confidence and love for learning.

When we're having fun, we're more open to learning was the theme behind the idea that inspired Maya Nayak and Monjish Bhattacharya, two local high school students, founders of FunMath4kids, a program that aims to promote confidence and teach young students to get excited about the idea of problem solving and appreciate that the essence of mathematics lies in its freedom.

Since its beginnings as a pilot program with three students, it is beginning to grow to benefit a large number of students. Without the support of librarians, the program would have not been impossible.

In less than a year since its inception, the program expanded to three libraries including the Hillview Branch, hosted by the librarian Elizabeth Karr who says "FunMath4Kids was a popular program with our families at Hillview Library this past summer. Kids had a lot of hands-on fun learning about math and exploring new concepts in an approachable way. Maya was an excellent motivator and edu-

cator, keeping students engaged and collaborating throughout the entire class and teaching kids that they can be good at math and have fun while learning too."

A truly successful collaborative effort by librarians and volunteers, the program has grown to include more than 100 participants and 15 volunteers. This program has both kids and parents excited and will be expanding and reaching about to the larger community. The program is available at the following branch libraries: Village Square Branch Library, 4001 Evergreen Village Square, SJ, CA 95135; Hillview Branch Library, 1600 Hopkins Dr. SJ, CA 95122, and Seven Trees Branch Library, 3590 Cas Drive, SJ, CA 95111.

Since its humble beginnings as a pilot program with three students, it is beginning to grow to benefit large number of students already. The support from the librarians has helped make the program a great success; without them the program could not have been started as a pilot program. As the first librarian to host the program, Randall Studstill says "Maya and the other FunMath4Kids volunteers did a great job providing math enrichment for kids. Not only did the kids improve their math skills, they had fun too."

## Cali Boxing

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Jessie expresses, "boxing is a sport anyone can pick up and work at. It keeps kids out of trouble and teaches them discipline."

Adults come into the gym and sign up for classes, private training, strength-conditioning, kickboxing, boot camps and more. Many are professional working women and men who come in to take classes and develop themselves. If a person has a weight challenge they are made to feel comfortable and helped with professional guidance on how to get in shape so they can pull themselves up over time. This is the passion Coach Jessie refers to when he states, "I can say this gym is something I can call my own and that I am proud of helping people better their lives and I also get to meet great people."

Some children at schools may have occasion to feel or experience bullying. Taking classes at this wonderful gym can help children develop strong self-esteem and self-defense skills so that they know how to defend themselves. Some believe it builds strength and stamina and extinguishes any fear of bullying.

Pink gloves are checked out by girls with ponytails and they rock the gym with fluid moves of footwork and great skills of boxing. In the ring coaches treat the girls exactly the same as the boys and the girls are a marvel to watch for they have such strong skills developed over many years with smiles and sounds of skshh-hh, skshhhh, bam bam as their gloves spring away from their body to hit targets smartly. Their heads move fast to avoid any opposing blows from quick moving opponents and they dance with grace as they move to counter their opponent's strategies or take on the offensive and drive the match in new directions.

The sound of the tweet of the one minute timer marks the end of a quick round of practice. Never are any children hurt instead they go through the experiences with head gear and get to learn what it feels to be in a real bout or match. The actual bouts or championship rounds take place at sanctioned event locations away from the gym and they have had their share of those talented children and young adults who move up those ranks too.

## A special moment

One day Jessie stopped all in the gym from their workouts and there was silence as he asked everyone to gather-round. A youngster was moving up the Championship rounds at sanctioned events for the general area and moving forward after a win over the weekend. He was progressing forward to move up and challenge at higher level sanctioned matches in the State of California. With strong words and a down played bravado Jessie wanted to take a moment to honor the young boy who dedicates himself to being the best boxer he can be.

The young man showed humbleness and Jessie embraced his soft spoken ways as Jessie does by honoring each person with their own unique character. That boy is now moving up the ranks and challenging others and through it all more important than any trophy is the strength of character that is created inside him. There is no telling how that will affect that individual and the same is true for all others who walk into Cali Boxing each week. Some are positively moved just by listening to the boy's quest to achieve higher heights in the world of boxing. Like John Madden said about football, "winning is the best deodorant." There are those who say, when groups of people experience strength of winning it has a medicinal effect on the spirit.

Cali Boxing is where pure boxing skills are developed with deep dedication and love by the trainers. A place where all are welcome for boxing is for everyone.

Some comment, it is one of the most wonderful places you can get involved with your children or grandchildren and this is why this article has been written, to inform all of something very special that goes on at Cali Boxing. There is no age limitation nor restriction to begin your workouts.

*Cali Boxing is located at the Country Club Villa shopping center on McKee Road north of White road and tucked between the Lucky Supermarket and CVS. It provides an atmosphere that makes people stronger.*

*Cali Boxing has a Try Us Free for One Class opportunity and their phone number is (408) 729-5269. See more and meet Jessie on this website <http://www.sjboxing.com>.*



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# Community Calendar

## Events at New Seasons Market Evergreen

**Sat, January 21, 12–1 pm: Body Conditioning with ClubSport.** Learn how to use equipment that targets large muscle groups to lose weight, increase muscle tone, strength, endurance and cardiovascular fitness. Free.

**Sat, January 21, 3–5 pm: Learn Emotional Freedom Techniques.** Simple technique can relieve stress, change core beliefs, and eliminate self-sabotage and emotional baggage. With Certified EFT Practitioner Meenakshi Ramesh. \$15.

**Thurs, January 26, 5:30–6:30pm, Meal Planning & Prep for Beginners.** Learn to plan healthy, delicious meals for your Monday – Friday life with the right balance of protein, carbohydrates & fats to keep you nourished and energized. Free.

**Mondays, 12-6pm: Meatless Mondays.** Stop by the Solutions Counter for recipes and tasty samples for meatless meals chock-full of protein and flavor. Free.

**Wednesdays, 8am-9pm: Wellness Wednesdays.** Stop by the Solutions Counter every Wednesday and sample a new wellness product, a healthy meal recipe, or a featured healthy item from our deli and juice bar. Free.

Register for classes at the Solutions Counter in the store or at: [www.newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com](http://www.newseasonsmarketevergreen.eventbrite.com). New Seasons Market is located at 5667 Silver Creek Valley Rd, San Jose. 408-513-8200.

## COST OF HOUSING DROPS SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

### Enrollment report to be presented to Evergreen School District Board of Trustees February 9

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

The skyrocketing cost of housing in the Bay Area, including Evergreen Valley is causing a ripple effect at School Districts, forcing families to pull their children out of the school and move elsewhere.

Bay Area demographer, Tom Williams, said he expects 5,000 to 7,000 students in public districts between San Mateo and Santa Clara counties could withdraw from their current school in the coming years.

Families are seeking less expensive homes and reduced cost of living expenses elsewhere, resulting in school closings, or repurposing the facilities for revenue generation.

“The latest extreme rise in housing costs is having a negative enrollment impact throughout the Peninsula and the South Bay,” according to a Williams’ authored report. “With these much higher prices and rents likely to continue, many families with modest incomes no longer can afford to live in the area.”

Demographer Tom Williams will make a presentation about enrollment projections to the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees at its February 9, 2017 meeting.

The Facilities Advisory Committee (FAC) anticipates making its recommendations to the Board at its April meeting. The formation of the new 11-member committee was approved by the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees on June 9, 2016.

Headed by Rick Navarro, FAC is charged with studying all aspects of the District’s facilities in light of declining enrollment.



They will be making recommendations to the board that will maximize the use of the district’s facilities to both serve the community and perhaps generate revenue.

“This committee, comprised of community members and district staff, is working hard to make sure the recommendations they ultimately present to the Board will serve our students and our community well,” said Kathy Gomez, Superintendent, Evergreen School District. “It’s not easy and I am very grateful to the committee members who are giving their time and talent to this important work.”

#### Meadowfair

The Committee is exploring the viability of a new elementary school in the Meadowfair neighborhood. Arcadia is building more than 200 homes across from Eastridge Mall. The new school would be built next to LeyVa middle school.

For more information, visit the Evergreen School District webpage. Click on “Parents” and then click on Facilities Advisory Committee at the bottom of the second column.

## Charles Schulz Museum

Thursday February 9, 2017

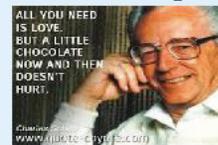
Come see how the Peanut characters were born by Charles Schulz.

Arrive between 7:15 & 7:30 a.m.

Depart 7:45 a.m.

Return by 6:00 p.m.

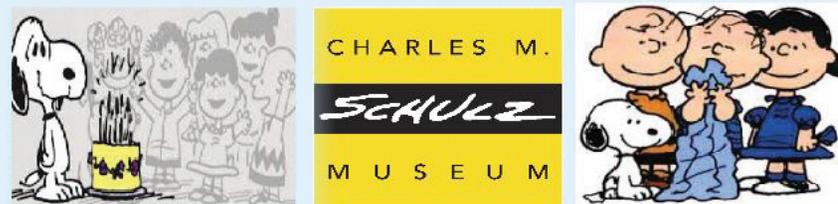
Cost: \$60, includes transportation, museum entry and choice of lunch menu at the time of sign up.



A one hour guided tour of the museum followed by lunch at the Warm Puppy Cafe. After lunch enjoy time on your own to browse the museum and shop.

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# Boulevard Bombs Foundation making a positive difference for the less fortunate

By Kevin Larsen

Times staff writer

The socially responsible car club Boulevard Bombs got its start more than ten years ago with prophetic words of the grandmother, Leona "Tita" Molina, of founding member, Sylvia Martinez.

One day the grandmother whispered something prophetic. In Spanish she whispered in her ear, "today it is them but tomorrow it could be us." This deep rooted understanding is what started the non-profit car club in helping others who are in need.

From there, Sylvia's husband, Tony, also became the strength behind figuring out little by little, year after year, how to help others and to never give up in the power of doing this. They came up with their own ideas and just started to put them to work. The first thing was to meet some needs by providing coats to people who were less fortunate.

## The Coat Drive Begins

With their Boulevard Bombs Car Club and volunteers, members gathered coats and went to St. James Park in downtown San Jose to hand out warm coats out to those in need.

After their first year, they realized that it would also be a great opportunity to provide a care package and something to eat.

McDonald's and Der Weinersnitchel were asked if they could help with a food donation and they were only too happy to help. The two companies provided 150 hamburgers and 150 corn dogs to give out with the jackets on cold days. Walmart was also approached and offered free bottled water. Today, these companies and others continue to help out.

## The Tote Bag idea

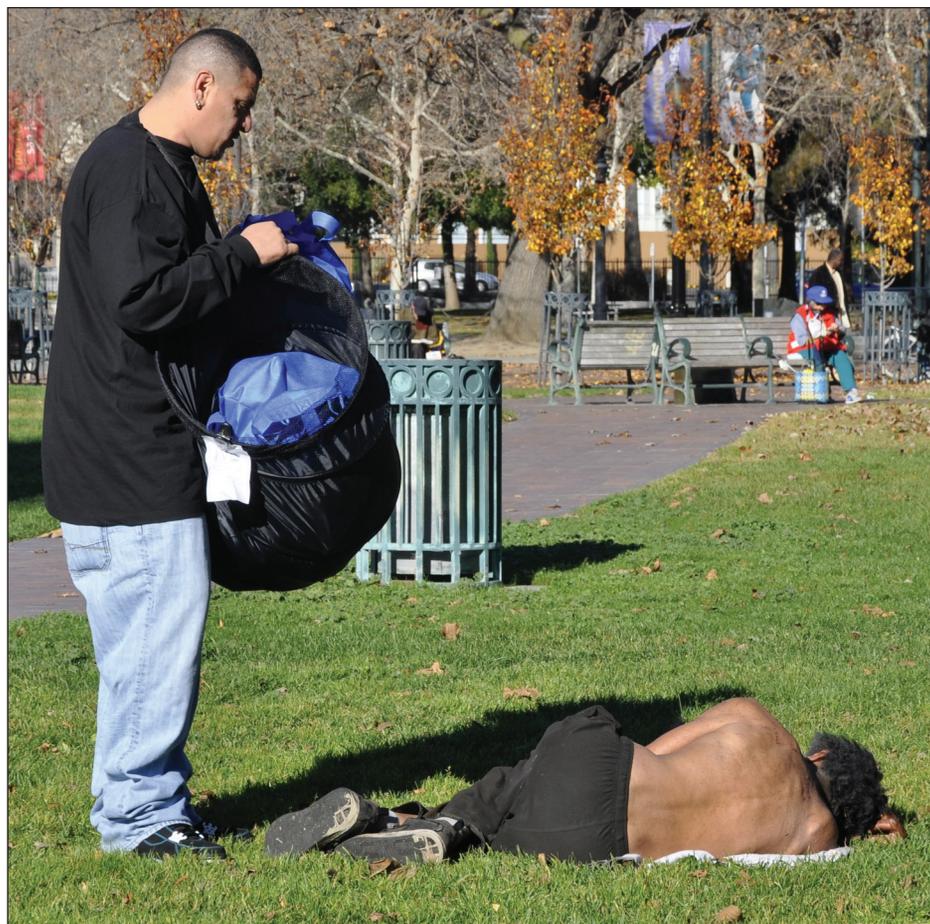
The organization next came up with the idea of providing some items in a care package that could help keep them more comfortable and warmer. The "tote bag" includes a fleece blanket, beanie cap, gloves, socks, umbrella, rain poncho, bottle water and more.

While handing out coats, the car club became concerned because on one occasion they nearly run out, as many were in need of warmth. One person (who wished to donate and remain anonymous) saw the flyer for the event on Facebook and wanted to pitch in. He made a trip to a department store and showed up to the event with a great number of jackets. Several people also showed up with coats and clothes to donate.

Car club members were surprised and grateful for the amazing support. Not only were they able to provide enough coats, tote bags and food that day, but a church also volunteered and donated warm store bought pies, cookies and bread. "God had his hands on this event!," said Silvia, "and you could feel the love from the homeless and the volunteers." Sylvia whispers, "don't be afraid to mention God in the article, he's the one that is making this all possible."

## "No, I'll use these later"

During one of their feed and coat give away days a very poignant thing occurred. There was an elderly man with bare feet who walked up to the table (in line) for a coat, care package and food. Spotting this person without shoes one of the volunteers drove to the department store to buy tennis shoes and give to the individual. One could just not imagine a person walking around in winter



A Boulevard Bombs member distributes jackets to the homeless.



Boulevard Bombs purchase sleepingbags for the homeless.



Results from the latest Boulevard Bombs toy drive.

without shoes. When the new shoes were given to the older gentleman he smiled and slipped them on quickly and knowing that others thought he might wish to put the socks on first he shook his head and whispered with a wink, "No, I'll use these later."

## Turkey Drive

From giving coats away the Boulevard Bombs decided to build their empire of caring by organizing other functions which fall under their choice of how to help the less fortunate. Every year they decide to do fundraising and build awareness to gather up donations and buy lots of turkeys. They coordinate the delivery of turkeys to shelters and other needy organizations.

When they the car club members rub shoulders with others who want to pitch in and help, a synergistic energy takes place where relationships of giving are forged. That intangible thing called "family," is formed by new faces. Hundreds of turkeys are given away each year and many wish to remain anonymous when they help out by providing services from their businesses such as delivery and ordering of the birds. It's a deep devotion all have that propels them forward to do things for humanity. Lots of support rolls in from the San Jose and Monterey Boulevard Bombs Car Club Chapters, volunteers, supporters, community and other organizations.

## Hot August Nights Car Show at juvenile hall

Each year something happens that gives everyone goose bumps: Hot August Nights. The event takes place inside the walls of juvenile hall for teenagers. The incarcerated youth boy and girl Units plan and work in teams to create beautiful posters and presentations for judging by the Boulevard Bombs classic car owners. A competition is won and three selected Units get a pizza party or popcorn party or celebration for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize by the Unit. But that isn't the true reward. The true bounty of the day is for the incarcerated youth to view the classic cars as they are beautifully displayed on inside of the locked enclosed courtyard area. Those boys and girls that earn the right to come out and walk the yard can take their time in soaking up the view and begin creating their individual aspirations of ownership of such vehicles someday in their future. "What's under the hood?" is a common question from the youth. Then as a Boulevard Bomb member pulls the handle to open the hood, there are gasps heard as the entire engine shown is carefully chromed from air filter cover to manifold. That is the reward that warms up the hearts and minds of the gals and guys who are away from home serving the time they earned to right the wrong of choices they made. Up to seventy cars are on display.

## Classic cars brighten the Veterans Day parade

To give honor to all vets the Boulevard Bombs participate each year in the Veterans Day parade. Care is taken to display the American Flag and other flags such as the P.O.W. (Prisoner of War), Marine, Army, and more. The onlookers say loudly that they love to see the cars and there is a lot of gesturing with two thumbs up along the route by all.

## Helping Santa

So many smiles are shown by children each year by the careful organizing of toys for give away by Boulevard Bombs. The

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Cars are on display at Juvenile Hall to celebrate Hot August Nights.

boxes are marked with tape that says what age is appropriate for each toy. They help out Santa as much as they can as he gets ready each year to put them in his bag, and the toys are given to kids that are less fortunate.

**Boulevard Bombs Foundation**

From a small group of people, the organization is now a full-fledged foundation. It shares a website with Blvd Car Club and has a page where any donation of one dollar is gladly honored with 100 percent of all proceeds being used for the less fortunate. There are hundreds of photos that show what they do.

**PayPal is up and running**

PayPal is accepted for they are a tax deductible, 501(c) non-profit organization. With the Tax ID number that one can get by calling them, all donations are tax deductible. They take donations via credit cards too. To donate, visit <http://www.blvdbombs.com/Donation.html>

**Boulevard Bombs Foundation Welcomes Volunteers**

Boulevard Bombs Foundation is growing to the size where more volunteers are welcome. Tony and Sylvia's labor of love needs your help in volunteerism and leadership. They have established with others too, the strong principals that built the foundation and to have the foundation grow and reach up to the future, more people need to be part of the Boulevard Bombs family. Perhaps a large grant will be obtained someday and the foundation can take wings to touch the lives of more people.

Founder **Sylvia Martinez**

They say, "thank you all for helping make a difference in our community, we can't do it without you and we hope and pray that one day we can get more donations so that we can help a lot more homeless and needy kids and do it all more often."

**Blvd Bombs Car Club**

Blvd Bombs Car Club has no monthly dues or monthly meetings. Their mission is to help the less fortunate. If you have any questions please leave a message at 408.781.2365 and someone will return your call.

For more information google: [www.blvdbombs.com](http://www.blvdbombs.com) You can read all about the organization on their wonderful website. You can even call and talk to Sylvia and Tony. Their website has many hand restored cars all may wish to view.

The Boulevard Bombs founders say, "We may not have quantity, but we do have quality members with the same mission of helping the less fortunate." They start off as members, then, become family.



A successful Donate-a-Coat drive.

## Colorado group offers lessons on how to protect kids from legalized Marijuana

By Sean Eastwood  
Times staff writer

**F**or the eight states, including California, where voters just loosened restrictions on marijuana use, now comes the challenging part; protecting children from pot.

A Colorado group, Smart Colorado, has contacted the Evergreen Times on how they protect children from pot. "Regardless of where you stood on your state's marijuana ballot issue, now is the time to come together and put your children first," said Diane Carlson, a co-founder of Smart Colorado.

"Policymakers, health officials, nonprofit leaders and the marijuana industry should be able to agree that we can't afford to lose a generation of children to today's high-potency marijuana," said Carlson. "This is not the time to walk away from the issue. The work is just beginning and now is the time to up the game in terms of protecting kids. They're counting on us all to get this right."

Smart Colorado was formed after the 2012 passage of Amendment 64, which legalized recreational marijuana in the state. While the group didn't take a position on Amendment 64, Smart Colorado has fought energetically to limit harm to kids from the subsequent mass marijuana commercialization.

Smart Colorado's recommendations include limiting THC potency. THC, marijuana's psychoactive ingredient, is scientifically proven to damage the adolescent brain and to be damaging to fetuses and breast-fed babies.

Nationally, the potency of marijuana has more than doubled since the early 1990s. But in Colorado it is even stronger: Average potency of flowers/buds in Colorado is now 17.1 percent THC while the average potency for concentrates is 62.1 percent. Potency rates of up to 95 percent have been recorded.

"Colorado's high-potency marijuana has become a fundamentally harder, more dangerous drug," Carlson said. The Rocky Mountain PBS show "Insight with John Ferrugia" recently highlighted two deaths associated with "dabbing," the smoking of highly concentrated forms of THC known as "wax" or "shatter."

The report also said that Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment Executive Director Dr. Larry Wolk supports limiting marijuana potency until more studies have been conducted.

"It's just very difficult to study what the true impacts are when you're dealing with all these different levels of potency," Wolk told Ferrugia.

Wolk added: "The credible research that exists was all done on THC potency that's very low compared to what we see being made available through products today."

Dr. Kari Franson of the University of Colorado School of Pharmacy told Ferrugia: "These super high concentrations of THC – we don't know what happens because we have not been studying it."

Smart Colorado also recommends strictly limiting the production and sale of marijuana edibles, which come in forms that are appealing to kids like candies, cookies and sodas.

Colorado has placed some limits on edibles, requiring that they come with a diamond-shaped stamp and the letters "THC". Starting this year, the state also will ban any edible marijuana products in the shape of a fruit, animal or human — in addition to existing bans on the use of cartoon characters on packages or other images deemed attractive to kids.

Colorado also limits edibles to 10 mg THC per serving. Franson noted in the Rocky Mountain PBS program that dabbing can deliver as much as 600-



800 mg of THC. THC-infused beverages should also be tightly regulated. In Colorado beverages that can look like other regular sodas and drinks can contain up to 100 mg of THC in one container.

One Colorado manufacturer plans to bring these products to other states, as reported in a New York Times article. Chuck Smith, co-founder of Dixie Brands, is quoted saying, "If it is safe enough for Colorado, it will work for the other states."

This is yet another example of why states must get ahead of the marijuana industry when it comes to determining what products and potencies they will allow to be sold in their state.

Smart Colorado also encourages states to enact limits on marijuana marketing that could reach children and to provide funding for youth prevention and education campaigns, which provide information about the risks of today's high-potency marijuana.

In addition, Smart Colorado recommends restrictions on the location and concentration of marijuana businesses to avoid areas where youth congregate and ensure that lower-income neighborhoods don't bear the burden of a disproportionate share of these businesses.

Colorado ranks first in the nation for marijuana use by those 12-17 years old, according to National Surveys on Drug Use and Health data released in December by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. That's a consequence of commercialization.

Colorado has nearly 500 retail marijuana stores compared to 322 Starbucks and 202 McDonald's, according to the Rocky Mountain High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area. Colorado has a total of 2,892 state-licensed marijuana businesses, including manufacturing and cultivation facilities.

Smart Colorado has prepared a policy resource called "Lessons Learned" so that other states can learn from its experience.

"A 'first, do no harm approach' might help other states minimize some of the negative consequences we have experienced in Colorado," Carlson said.

"Unfortunately for Colorado's kids, we learned lessons the hard way – by trial and error," Carlson added. "In the process, Colorado has endangered a generation of children. While we may not be able to undo the damage marijuana commercialization has done to young Coloradans, other states like California can benefit from our experiences and protect kids."

"We hear about the low- or no-THC marijuana treatments for athletes recovering from injuries or children suffering from seizures and, while research is very limited, we see the hope these can offer," added Carlson, whose son experienced multiple daily seizures. "But those products bear little resemblance to the ultra-high-potency products that have turned Colorado's marijuana into a more dangerous drug."



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## Oral history

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possible crimes committed. Passed by 60 percent of the votes, Proposition 57 sets in motion a new way we as a society will treat the youth when they are arrested.

“Get into the criminal justice system, we need you guys,” says Baroudi. She passionately explained that the passage of proposition 51 is so very important to the youth for in their earlier years they may improperly be pressured to confess on crimes due to their thought process (development of the human mind) not being fully formed. It is expressed that youth think differently than those who are older. Before all crimes for youth could be sent to adult court but now the crimes must now be presented in juvenile court first and the judges, with prudence can decide to move the process to adult court for a juvenile if warranted.

### State assembly speaker Chou speaks on process of change

Assembly person Chou gave a very enlightening speech on the process of how a bill is passed. There are six steps. It is written, reviewed in committees and assembly, presented to committees, presented on floor, then goes through the same process in state senate. The steps of the process call for determined efforts over a long period of time and great communication and collaboration of all. He expressed that he is listening to all on the idea of changing day light savings for some want more light at night and may not wish to turn back the clocks an hour during certain times of the year. Chou was very earnest in listening to concerns and spoke on how it is very important for all to be involved in making positive changes. He offered a window into the perspective of what State Assembly people must do in their jobs and his words also reflected the same strength that Dr. King expressed in working together in positive ways to make positive changes. He was an example of how all cultures and communities work together.

### Dean Kravitz expresses concern for widespread school voucher programs

With clarity of thinking and view, Dean Kravitz (Language Arts Dean of Evergreen College) expressed her concern regarding the School Choice Vouchers. “If our educational

system moves to include more Vouchers, it could upset learning,” the apple cart so to speak, said Kravitz. “It could result in low income parents having difficulty of school choice in needed to drive their son or daughter each day to a different school. Thus, more middle to higher income students would flow that direction instead of low income parent children. Also, the voucher might only cover part of the education costs and if so would not this just be a way for higher income parents to receive some kind of discount. “The possibility of the school voucher use could negatively impact the way current public schools operate in serving students.”

### The Marches

The thrilling words of a living legacy came from Reginald Braddock as he described his efforts in participating with the marches and in working with Dr. King. He participated in four marches and on the third an effort was also made to explore and keep a watchful eye on any sniper places one might hide so as to keep Dr. King safe. He spoke on how he often served as a helper to Dr. King and sometimes Dr. King would wear dark “shark skin” kind of suits and something happened at a speech. Dr. King was so passionate and so enthralled in what he believed in that once in a while he would speak to the masses at a podium and the back of his suit formed a dark line of sweat. The sweat caused the jacket to rip and he took it off and threw it behind him never missing a beat as to what he was impassionedly stating to the crowd. Reginald Braddock was there to actually catch the jacket and take care of Dr. King.

### Student speaks to value of Black Student Unions

Ikenna Kuba expressed that Black Student Unions are a place that creates a platform for people of color to provide more community and a safe environment. It enhances unity and strengthens knowledge of history. Social justice is explored and learning is created by figuring out past mistakes. The Black Student Union creates strong values in learning.

A closing prayer was read by the honorable Bishop William Andrews of Bethel Temple Church. His prayer flowed from inside him and the eloquence of it brought joy to all. Then, just a moment later after a bit of silence the beautiful song “Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around,” was sung.

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# Evergreen Area Meetings

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## District 8 Community Roundtable

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

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

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

## East Side Union High School District Board of Trustees

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

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

## The Evergreen AI-Anon meetings

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

## The Evergreen Business Association

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

## Evergreen-East Valley Realtors Marketing Meeting

Meets each Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The 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

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

## Evergreen School District Board of Trustees

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

## Evergreen School District Parent Advisory Committee

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

## The Evergreen Senior Advisory Council

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

## Evergreen Valley Garden Club

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

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

## Evergreen Valley High School Athletic Booster Club

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

## Evergreen Valley High School Site Council

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

## Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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

## Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

## The Evergreen Community Center

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

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](http://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](http://rhvaa.org))

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

## San Jose/Evergreen Community College District Board

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

## San Pedro Squares Toastmasters Club

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

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

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

## Silver Oak Educational Partnership

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

## SIR Branch 114 at the Villages

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

## Tully Ocala Capitol King Neighborhood Association

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

## West Evergreen Neighborhood Association

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

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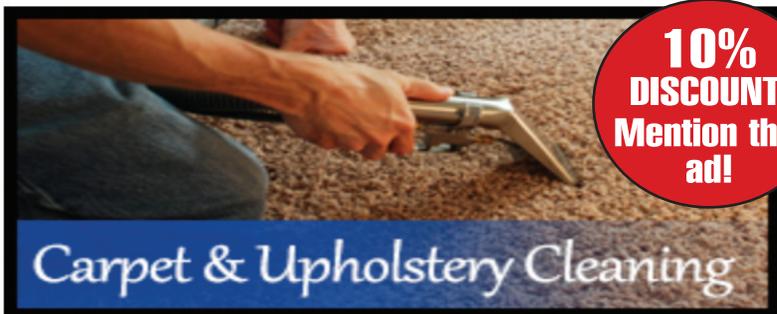
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