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Recent area thefts prove not all thieves are dumb

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By Sean Eastwood Times Staff Writer ecent thefts locally prove that not all thieves are stupid, at least not in Silicon Valley.

Long – term parking

A family left their car in the long-term parking at San Jose Airport and while on vacation, someone broke into their car. The thieves found the car's registration in the glove compartment and proceeded to drive the car to the owner's home in Pebble Beach and robbed it.

Moral lesson: If you leave the car in long-term parking, don't leave the registration and insurance cards in it, nor your remote garage door opener. This gives us some-thing to think about with all our new electronic technology.

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Community meeting results in meaningful input for 27 acre development at **Evergreen Valley College**

By Kevin Larsen Times Staff Writer

The city of San Jose and the developer, Republic, invited the community to give their input to how 27 acres of Evergreen Valley College surplus land will be utilized on Saturday,

The meeting, attended by more than 100 people, was referred to as a "visionary process," by the planning department. "We are here today to engage with you," stated Roselyn Hughey interim San Jose planning department

"Republic, the applicant, is fulfilling a requirement to actually do some master planning process visioning exercise for the 27 acres that currently has a designation of neighborhood commercial," Hughev stated.

Development rights

Earlier in the process, Republic gave plans to the city for possible development of eight acres and has made architectural renderings for senior living assistance, and other uses.

"It won't end today; this is a long term effort. When I say it is ongoing, I mean, as the city gets additional applications on file there is always a community engagement process around that. I'm sure that in the future if there are aspirations and development proposals that come forward, again, there is always a community engagement process with each application that we get with the city," stated Hughey.

Arenas encourages all to 'Dream Big'

Sylvia Arenas, Evergreen's See MEETING, page 8

he 8th grade Boys Basketball team at LeyVa Middle School went undefeated this season and won back to back SECTION CHAM-PIONSHIPS on Thursday, Feb. 8., beating Valley Christian with a score of 45-41.





Mayor Sam Liccardo's recent State of the City Address stressed the topics of unity, inclusivity and housing.

MAYOR'S ADDRESS

Working together for a better tomorrow

By Lorraine Gabbert Senior Staff Writer

nity, inclusivity and housing were the hallmarks of Mayor Sam Liccardo's recent State of the City Address.

Among the city's accomplishments, the mayor highlighted adding 150 officers to the San Jose police force, reducing burglaries and graffiti and raising the minimum wage to \$15 per hour by

"We know there's a lot of work ahead," he says. "We're focused on affordable housing, equity in our city and creating a blueprint for the most sustainable city in the country."

Coming together

Following the devastation of the Coyote Creek flood, Liccardo

drew hope from the residents of San Jose who rallied together to clean hundreds of homes in five neighborhoods.

"Immediately after the flood, Paul Pereira and I were out with city employees helping residents... when Paul suggested that we solicit volunteers," says Liccardo. He did so, reaching out to Park staff and community lead-

"As I arrived at the Roosevelt Community Center that Saturday," he says, "I expected to roll up my sleeves with a few dozen good Samaritans. I was wrong. One thousand, six hundred and forty volunteers showed up that day!'

As the mayor helped carry a See ADDRESS, page 10

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The former Safeway store site in Evergreen Valley near the corner of Capitol Expressway and Aborn Road in the Silver Creek Plaza shopping center will be the new home of Sprouts Farmers Market.

Sprouts Farmers Market makes plans to open in Evergreen

By William Bellou

Publisher

here's confirmation that a new Spouts Famers Market will soon occupy the former Safeway location on Capitol Expressway.

For several months an Evergreen Times reporter was always given a "no comment" response from Sprout's Phoenix-based executive offices regarding the company's plans for a new store in

Evergreen, but the rumors persisted within the community that new store was in the works.

The tip off came when an ABC liquor license application to sell beer and wine for SF Markets (operating as Sprouts Farmers Market) suddenly appeared in the shuttered site's window at 1771 E. Capitol Expressway in the Silver Creek Plaza retail complex early this month. Currently there are two anchor stores at the site that includes Orchard Supply Hardware and a Walgreens drug store.

"It's great to be getting a new Sprouts store here in Evergreen," said Jenny Nguyen, who lives near the shopping center. "My family is very excited!"

There is no current estimate of when the store opening will be announced or when construction will be completed, but some are speculating an early summer grand opening.

The old 40,000 sq. ft. Safeway was closed after a 2014 storm caused a partial collapse of its roof. Safeway decided not to re-open its store and instead concentrated on promoting its newest San Jose store located on Cottle Rd.

Evergreen residents are more familiar with Trader Joe's than Sprouts.

Many members in the community, including former San Jose Vice Mayor, Rose Herrera, reached out to Trader Joe's trying to convince them to locate a store in Evergreen for more than a decade. Currently, many local residents trek from their homes to the Trader Joe's location at the corner of Almaden Expressway and Blossom Hill Rd.

Sprouts comparison to Trader Joe's

Trader Joe's has a more intimate farmer's market feel than Sprouts and Whole Foods, because their stores are smaller. Their See SPROUTS, page 15









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Committee for Green Foothills speaks against 900 homes ballot initiative for Evergreen

By Kevin Larsen Times staff writer

n Thursday, February 8, Alice Kaufman, a passionate speaker who works as the Legislative Advocacy Director for the Committee for Green Foothills spoke against the proposed 900+ house Senior Home Initiative which has been approved to be put on the June ballot measure at the District 8 Community Round Table.

The District 8 Community Round Table serves as a common body of community members who come together to address, research, communicate and educate on issues important to the greater San Jose Council District 8 communities.

The proposed Senior Home Initiative will have a requirement of one senior (55 or over) to live in the home, however other people can live in the home of all other ages, thus it was thought that many homes would be composed of elderly and other family of all ages who would move into the proposed homes.

The 900 home development proposal would run from Aborn Road along Yerba Buena Road over to Montgomery Park near Evergreen Valley College. If passed by voters the Evergreen Specific Plan and a Senior Housing Overlay would be created.

Many believe that this would result in more cars and traffic. However it was stated that the developer believes since people would be older there would be less traffic.

The ballot measure fate, which affects the Evergreen Valley, will be determined by the voters of San Jose on Election Day.

Kaufman is a graduate of UC Hastings Law School and the University of Chicago and has been a Legislative Advocate with the Committee for Green Foothills since 2012. Focusing on land use and environmental issues in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties, including in San Jose, where she spearheaded CGF's campaign for riparian cor-

ridor protection as well as many other campaigns to preserve natural resources and open space.

She railed against the initiative citing that all of the environmental groups, including key people in government were against the measure. She stated that once the measure is placed on the ballot, more organizations will formally create resolutions in opposition of the measure.

Kaufman stated that the initiative is "bad for San Jose," and gave some reasons:

- It bypasses environmental review
- It is not going to just impact Evergreen, but it can set a new precedent for possible development in other areas
- Could cause increased traffic
- Could cost City an extra \$17M a year in services
- Could impact Coyote Valley and increase development there (Coyote Valley is an extremely important wildlife corridor)

• Traffic thought to be impacted A key component of the initia-

A key component of the initiative that is of great concern to those opposed to it is that in addition to creating an Evergreen Specific Plan, it creates a new Senior Housing Overlay and "once it is voted in, it becomes law," states Kaufman.

The Senior Housing Overlay is thought to allow Underutilized Employment Lands (U.E.L.) to be developed across all of San Jose and could stretch into the Coyote Valley. It was stated that this term is not clearly defined in the initiative, so if the voters pass the initiative there may be a different interpretation of what that term means. This could set a new precedent and result in lawsuits being filed all across the city.

It was stated that when vague terms are created in a voter passed initiative, it could lead to future lawsuits. For example, it was stated that if a developer asks to develop in "Underutilized Employment Land," it could



Alice Kaufman, Legislative Advocacy Director for the Committee for Green Foothills

mean to developers, "anything not built to its maximum capacity." If the initiative is passed, the city may determine that the land does not qualify as U.E.L. land and thus the term could be considered vague and thought to lead to future development requests across the entire City of San Jose and into areas that some believe should be protected.

City General Plan tossed if ballot initiative passes

The 900+ home initiative rewrites the entire City general plan and many at the meeting agreed that the project would not be approved by the City of San Jose for many reasons. There are policies currently in effect in which the city wants to build more urban villages and traffic is planned out to allow only such residential home construction projects to be built in certain places in certain amounts and certain ways.

It was stated that the Senior Housing Project oversteps the city planning department. The measure also puts into law a building proposal of a 365 page initiative which is not embraced by the city, including many other organizations.

"The Senior Housing Initiative seems to be rewriting the entire

city's general plan from top to bottom," stated Kaufman.

If a developer has enough monies to mount a ballot measure then they may circumvent the city plan to build what sounds nice to voters.

"The really insidious thing about this initiative is that It rewrites the whole general plan to eliminate any justification of the city's denial of a project, the thing you need to understand is that this project , this initiative could never happen under the current general plan because there are various policies that are in effect that this initiative conflicts with. For example, the city has a policy that for new residential they want it

to be built down with urban villages where there is transit more in-fluent areas and not way out on the edge of the city, that creates traffic," stated Kaufman.

Ballot initiative considered to be a "slap in the face"

Kaufman said this initiative wipes out the general plan and that, "It's pretty much a slap in the face to anyone who has ever taken part in a planning meeting or community meeting for input on a project."

So long as a developer can do this, it was stated, that why have a planning commission? This initiative was thought to be the wrong way to plan.

Affordable housing city requirements stated in the Senior Home Initiative were thought not to be in alignment with the current city planning requirements.

The take away from the meeting was that if a developer has enough money to mount a ballot initiative campaign to take a proposed building of a project directly to the voters, then the Evergreen Senior Housing ballot initiative can override the San Jose City Planning Department and the voters will be given the power to circumvent city planning.

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'Somewhere in Time' Fashion Show benefits the community

By Sean Eastwood Times staff writer

That does it take to pull off an enormously successful fashion show where all profits go to ben-

efit the local community?

Assistance League of San Jose (ALSJ) found its answer at its recent champagne buffet luncheon and vintage fashion show "Somewhere in Time" held at Shir Hadash Hall on February 1, 2018.

Local businesses made contributions by purchasing tickets more than the face value of \$75. In addition, an anonymous donor matched every dollar above that base ticket price.

Items for sale included vintage jewelry. The uniting of Goodwill Industries with ALSJ all made "Somewhere in Time" an event that put the "fun" in fundraiser and generated much-needed resources for Assistance League's philanthropic programs, as well as making it the couture show of the year.

The event was not your typical fashion show, but rather a history of times past told by the clothes themselves.

Each model's ensemble was put togeth-

er with amazing detail from the period it represented. From parasols to buttoned-up shoes the story was told visually with grace and elegance.

Fashions from the 1800's – 1960's

The fashions represented diverse eras from the mid 1800's through the 1960's and were presented and modeled by the women of Goodwill Bags of Greater East Bay.

Some of the vintage clothes worn by the models come from regular donations to Goodwill, others are specifically donated to Greater East Bay, and yet others are part of the models' private collections. Mink fur coats were modeled, as well as coats made from gorilla and skunk furs! And even though the fur coats took onlooker's breaths away, it was agreed by all that furs still look better on the backs of animals than on backs as fashionable accessories.

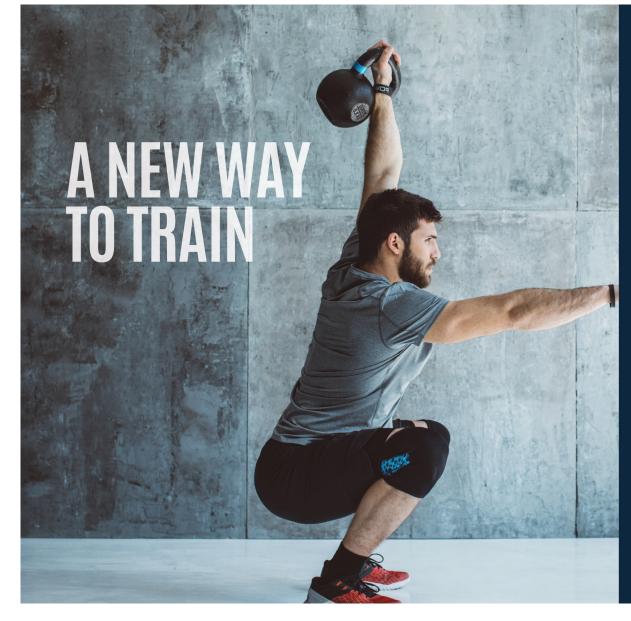
ALSJ members, Jane Earl and Monica Proctor-Bacon, both accomplished pianists, played background music that beautifully depicted the various eras. Rocki Kramer, the ALSJ Resource Development Chairperson, spearheaded the committees that collaborated to make "Somewhere in Time" a fashion show to be admired and imitated.

About Assistance League

Assistance League of San Jose is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization that puts caring and commitment into action through seven philanthropic programs. These programs improve the quality of life for families and students in the greater San Jose Community. For additional information, visit the ALSJ/s website at: alsj.org













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District 8 Councilwoman, welcomed the citizens and encouraged all to "Dream Big," in helping the design process of all 27 acres. She stated, "We are listening."

The workshop meeting, also referred to as a "charrette" meeting was the result of an unusual council motion which was for master planning the 27 acres.

When the council changed the general plan from quasi-public to commercial they understood that this was a significant land change for the neighborhood and wanted to develop a master plan. There has been no application submitted, which is different than most other community meetings with development applications, because the community has the opportunity to design what they'd like to see built at the 27 acre site.

The consensus of the San Jose City Council is that there would be no housing at the development site. The council was very clear there would be no housing.

Both the district and development team spoke about the amenities that might be included on the site, including an aquatics center and the possibility of playing fields.

Evergreen School District Trustee, Jim Zito (founder of the District 8 Roundtable and former chair of the land use committee) said in the past, charrettes were used for Fowler Creek Park and East Hills Visioning Project where the community came forward to participate.

"We are looking at the big picture and what is going to be there," said Zito. He



Roselyn Hughey, interim San Jose planning department director.

described how in previous years the charrette meetings helped in the planning of things.

"When the community came together and we have a blank piece of paper as we do here, we decide and give input on what we want to see, but in that mix and as staff had mentioned there is an Evergreen Development policy, depending on what is proposed for that site the development it has to be followed and if it can't be built with that it has to be adjusted," stated Zito.

"When we go give our thoughts about uses for the community, such as an aquatics center, community centers, and other uses for the community, we will also take into consideration what impacts these amenities will have on traffic, the surrounding community and the college itself," Zito said.

Workstations rotated to gather input

Like three spokes on a circulating wheel, the participants broke into groups for 20 minutes. Each group offered hundreds of important ideas of input at each rotating center. In depth dialogue allowed one-on-one views and input to be voiced while the employees from the planning department and the developer scribed comments on large easel sheet paper.

Transparency was seen and things better understood by all as each tear off of chart paper was taped on the wall behind each of the individual three stations.

The highlights and reoccurring themes shared included:

Circulation

- Street traffic discussed
- Intersections
- Possible new roads
- Existing trails and bridge connection to site
- Circulation of cars and busses and transit in Evergreen

Services Uses and Amenities

- 12.9 acres for assisted care facili-
- ty (including medical services)
 - Integrate well with college
- Community Gathering
- Aquatics Center and SportsLocal Commercial
- A lot of different uses
- Student and teacher housing

Design and Aesthetics

- Distinctive architecture that represents Evergreen
 - Landscaping and access
- Public open space that is accessible
- Recognizing the design aesthetics for the college

Changes to the original plan

A flyer was distributed entitled "Surplus Land Fact Sheet." Frequently asked questions stated: "Based in large part on community feedback, the original plan to develop the full 27 acres of surplus land has been scaled back.

Current discussions focus on development of less than half of the 27 acres. Additionally, housing is no longer being considered, and an aquatic facility that would serve both an academic need at the college and be open to community members for public use has become a priority."

The charrette brought forth many new ideas for consideration. For example, it was considered that perhaps the college might develop a separate Aquatic Center for the community which would be enchanting for families to use on the 27 acres and run by a private company.

Also, new ideas were brought forth to consider student and teacher housing even though some believed housing was off the table so to speak in earlier planning. Thus many ideas and new possibilities were discussed and put forward.

The use of the 27 acres may be changed as time goes by and it was stated in the flyer that, "Students will benefit directly because revenue generated from the development will be used for student success initiatives and programs."

Arenas' final comments

At the end of the three and a half hour workshop Arenas stated, "Wasn't this exciting, wasn't this a Saturday well spent. All of this great information is going to feed into what the developers are going to do and

help guide them as well as the planning staff."

It was explained that the input will keep them on track in terms of the vision and the information that will be referred to the planning department. The process guides the City Council members as well as Mayor Liccardo in the future as they vote on the project.

View the Charrette

A YouTube video is established so that all can view the meeting.

Future Communications

Webpages will be set up on the city website to keep the community informed.

Genevieve Singh, Public Information Manager for the Department of Planning, Building & Code Enforcement for the City of San Jose, states, "The charrette was held for the entire 27-acre Evergreen Valley

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Community College Surplus Property on Saturday, February 3rd.

We are synthesizing the public input and comments received during the meeting. This input will be used to inform and shape the Land Use Development Standards for the current and future rezoning applications of the site. This is the first step in this process.

The current rezoning application is not the final project and additional refinement would be required through a Planned Development Permit application. The public will have additional opportunities to provide input as the development unfolds."

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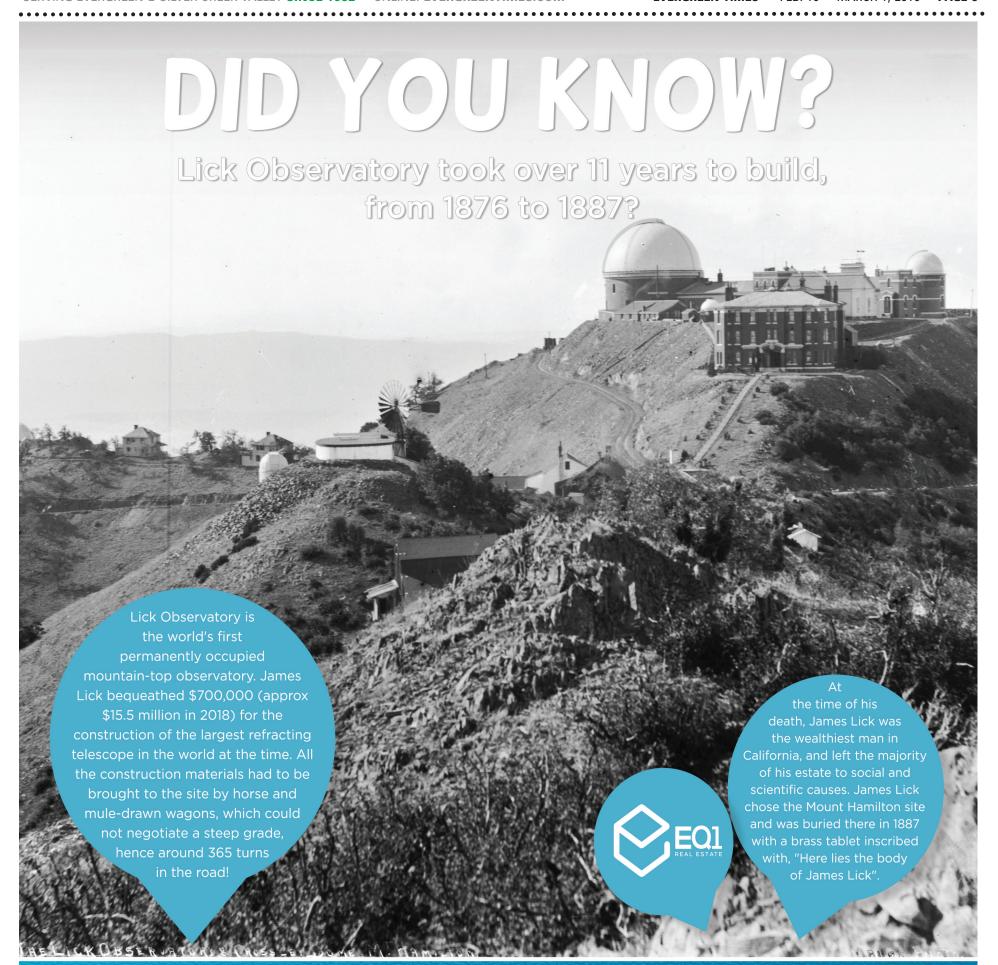
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water-logged sofa out of an apartment he noticed dozens of volunteers hauling furniture, clearing debris and consoling flood victims.

"At that moment, for what seemed like the first time in days, I exhaled," he says. "I silently offered a prayer of gratitude for our wonderful community of San Jose."

The mayor also commended San Jose firefighters who worked multiple shifts and rescued 300 flood-trapped residents, donors who contributed \$7 million in support, city employees who worked multiple shifts to help the recovery and non-profits who housed those displaced by the flood.

The mayor said that the city is working with the Water District and the County to ensure it is better prepared for the next natural disaster by implementing superior response protocols, mass warning technologies and risk detection.

"We're fixing what's broken," says Liccardo, "but our response to the floods speaks to something much greater. It reveals a collective resilience, one that enables us to overcome adversity when we work together, to accomplish great results."

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"Our work together is enabling hundreds of low-income [first generation, historically underrepresented] students to attend college this year without paying for books, fees or tuition," says Liccardo, "and we hope thousands more in the future."

"We are all about removing barriers for our students," says SJECCD Chancellor Dr, Deborah Budd. "We believe by creating students who can succeed by completing Associate Degrees and transferring to a four-year university, and providing internship opportunities, our students will be prepared for success as they complete their education and enter higher wage jobs. Educational attainment is one of the prime indicators for future wage potential equity. Helping them...break the barriers of generational poverty, we could become the equity entity to diversity the workforce in Silicon Valley."

Iriana Luna Lozada, San Jose City College's student body president, urged the city to defend the aspirations of Dreamers. "San Jose City College has provided me with a powerful combination of personal, professional and academic experiences," she says, "and advocated for change to help find solutions to social

'That's why we challenged the administration's revocation of DACA last year," says Liccardo, "and why, along with Supervisor Joe Simitian and our colleagues at the County, we will fight for Iriana and for...our 20,000 Dreamers, all the way to the Supreme Court!"

Mayor's Introduction

The mayor was introduced by his wife, Jessica Garcia-Kohl. "With Sam, what you see is what you get," she says. "He leads with integrity. In politics, where disagreement and difference of opinion dominates, Sam listens intently to multiple sides. He seeks to understand the issues...and works collaboratively towards sustainable solutions. Within conflict he sees a calling to create something greater...whether it's standing up for Dreamers...or working towards density in downtown, striving to be the most sus-





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tainable city in the nation or fighting to close the digital divide."

Protestors

Liccardo was interrupted several times during his speech by protestors shouting, "Not my mayor." In response, someone in the back of the auditorium shouted, "You're my mayor," to an outburst of applause. Heckling broke out several more times during the address with shouts of "Serve the people, not your pockets," as well as opposition to a proposed Google site downtown near Diridon Station, which Liccardo sup-

Liccardo took it in stride. "I get more around the dinner table during Thanksgiving," he says. "That's democracy in a big city."

He also says that he understands their concerns about the lack of affordability in our city. "Thousands of families are being left behind," he says. "We have to do more and pull together to do it."

Housing

Liccardo singled out Silicon Valley's affordable housing crisis as both the region's most dire need and one of his top priorities. "The state of our city is strong and getting stronger," he says, "yet the great paradox of our prosperity lies in our thousands of neighbors who struggle weekly to pay rent in an economy that increasingly marginalizes many."

His goal is to build 25,000 homes, including 10,000 affordable units in the next five years. To accomplish this, he is reducing zoning and regulatory barriers to building high-density housing downtown and near transit, creating urban villages and challenging wealthier suburbs to do more to house those who work there.

There are currently 8,400 new housing units in the pipeline, including more than a dozen affordable housing proj-

The trick is in balancing housing with retail, which pays more in taxes. "We have to expand job opportunities while housing the population," he says. "We need to build housing differently. It's not going to look like the suburban sprawl of the past; it's going to be focused downtown and near transit where we're going to be building high-density and where residents won't be depending on automobiles. How we build is critical. We're a big city and we're not going to suddenly stop growing."

However, Liccardo says that Coyote Valley won't be affected by the housing boom. "As long as I'm here," he says, "I'm going to oppose any efforts to build housing in Coyote Valley."

The Housing First imperative provided the framework for All the Way Home, a campaign working to end veteran homelessness. Working with community partners, the city has housed more than 900 homeless veterans since 2015. "We won't stop until we bring every veteran "All the Way Home," says Liccardo.

Liccardo called for converting motels to apartments, building tiny home villages, using prefabrication building methods and partnering with congregations in the Winter Faith Collaborative.

"Many residents understandably have strong concerns about housing the homeless near their neighborhoods," he "But...our homeless says. neighbors...have been here for years. They're in our parks, living in our creeks, in our streets and behind our commercial stores. So, the question isn't whether we're going to put homeless in our neighborhoods; the question is whether we're going to house them. Let's make San Jose a national model for inclusion."

Sustainable City

The mayor outlined plans for a sustainable future for San Jose. "While the current occupant of the White House may have withdrawn from his global environmental responsibilities," he says, "here in San Jose, we'll embrace the imperative to show global leadership." As part of a Climate Smart Plan, with a goal of reducing emissions to Paris Accord levels, the mayor celebrated the planned launch of San Jose Clean Energy. Through this program, residents and businesses will have the option to purchase cleaner, more renewable sources of energy at prices competitive with private utilities.

The mayor is also committed to mass transit projects, including the electrification of Caltrain, expanding hybrid VTA buses and BART service to San Jose.

Inclusivity

"Together, we can forge the most suc-

cessful multicultural community on the planet," says Liccardo. "Together, we are San Jose."

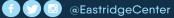
Rabbi Dana Magat shared the mayor's sentiment in his invocation. "With pride in our hearts and hard work," he says, "we can create an even more inclusive San Jose where everyone has a place to live and all basic needs are taken care of. We are here to be a voice for the voiceless. To stand up for what is right and good for all."

"If you want to go fast, go alone," says Liccardo, quoting an African proverb. "If you want to go far, go together. By embracing the same collaborative ethos that animated our response to the flood, we will go much farther, together."

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From left: Victim Lizette Andrea Cuesta and suspects Daniel Gross and Melissa Leonardo.

Silver Creek High School graduate Cuesta's dying words lead deputies to her two suspected killers

he Silver Creek community is mourning the loss of Lizette Andrea Čuesta, a 2016 graduate from Silver Creek High School.

Cuesta, 19, tragically passed away early Monday morning, Feb. 12, shortly after her dying words lead deputies to her suspected killers identified as Daniel Gross and Melissa Leonardo. Both were arrested at their Modesto home on suspicion of murder at approximately 1:15 p.m. the same day as the killing, according to Sgt. Ray Kelly, a spokesman for the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

Cuesta was stabbed multiple times and deserted in a rural area near Livermore, CA on Tesla Road. The teen was airlifted to Eden Medical Center in Castro Valley and identified two suspects, Daniel Gross and Melissa Leonardo just before passing

Emergency responders said the Cuesta crawled nearly 100 yards at approximately 2 a.m. Monday, before a passing motorist spotted her near the road.

The East Side Union High School District issued the following statement on Tuesday, Feb. 13, "We are in shock and disbelief regarding this tragic event. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends, and loved ones. We have additional counselors and support staff available to students at Silver Creek High School."

Cuesta moved to Tracy about three months ago with her family from their home of many years in Evergreen.

A family member has started a GoFundMe campaign to help Cuesta's family with expenses during this time.

OP ED

Vote NO on deceptive Evergreen Development Initiative

n the June ballot, San Jose residents will be voting on a deceptive development initiative Evergreen that could harm our community, our environment, and our city.

The San Jose Mercury News opposes the Initiative, saying it "isn't about housing shortage; it's about greed."

District 8 Councilmember Sylvia Arenas opposes the measure because it is a "threat" to the neighborhoods in Evergreen and across San Jose.

In its staff analysis of the proposal, the City of San Jose says that it would "negatively impact the fiscal health of the City by resulting in a deficit of \$17.1 million per vear."

Hundreds of endorsers across the city have already pledged to oppose this initiative, and we encourage you to join us in endorsing the opposition campaign too. See the website: www.stopthedeception.com.

Here are five reasons why we should Vote No on this measure.

• The Initiative, which proposes building several hundred homes on designated employment lands in the Evergreen foothills, will increase traffic in our community without ensuring that developers will pay for any additional traffic mitiga-

• The initiative casts aside San Jose's General Plan, which was the product of 50+ public meetings, input from 5,000+ community participants, a 40-member task force of community members, and the unanimous approval of the City Council. It would circumvent city rules designed to protect neighborhoods and communities. It also rewrites the Evergreen East Hills Development Policy (EEHDP), which guides how thoughtful planning is done in our area. This policy was the result of diligent hard work by San Jose residents and city leaders to maintain the character and environmental integrity of Evergreen. Issues such as traffic, noise, growth, etc., were carefully considered and written into the policy for the benefit of all stakeholders involved. Now, the Initiative attempts to bypass all the "checks and balances" built into the policy by unilaterally rewriting EEHDP in such way that it stacks the deck in favor of the developer, not the community at large. In many instances throughout the

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The Tabard Theatre Company announces Summer Youth Theatre Camps for 2018

The Tabard Theatre Company is presenting its Summer Youth Theatre Camps for children ages 6 to 14.

The program begins on Monday, June 18 through Friday, July 20, 2018 at the Theatre on San Pedro Square, 29 N. San Pedro Street, San Jose, CA 95110 (Parking validations are at the San Pedro Garage directly across the street)

Tabard's Youth Performing Arts Summer Camps are fun musical theatre adventures for youth of all skill levels. Each summer, Tabard Theatre conducts two 1-week sessions and one 2-week session. Session I is for children ages 6 to 10, Session II is for children 7 to 12 and session III (two week) is for children/youth ages 8 to 14.

Camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tabard Theatre. Each camp ends with a final showcase performance.

10, Session II is for children 7 to 12 and session III (two week) is for children/youth ages 8 to 14. Camps run Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tabard Theatre.

Box Office: 408.679.2330 www.tabardtheatre.org/tickets

Tuition: Sessions I and II \$275 (\$255 before April 1, 2018) Session III (two-week camp) \$515 (\$495 before April 1, 2018) Lunches available for \$60/week.

Camp Schedule:

Session I – June 18 – 22 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Ages 6 to 10 years.

About: The Circus is in town and there's excitement in the air! But wait, the

Ringmaster has come down with a case of laryngitis and they need to find a substitute, fast! Join the clowns, jugglers, dancing bears, lions and a host of other hilarious performers as they help one very sad clown smile again. And now...it's on with the show!!

Camp: \$275 (\$255 before April 1, 2018) Lunch: \$60

Session II – June 25 – 29 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Ages 7 to 12 years

About: The delicious adventures experienced by Charlie Bucket on his visit to Willy Wonka's mysterious chocolate factory light up the stage in this captivating adaptation of Roald Dahl's fantastical tale. Willie Wonka features songs from the 1971 film starring Gene Wilder. Willy Wonka JR. is a scrumdidilyumptious musical guaranteed to delight everyone's sweet tooth.

Camp: \$275 (\$255 before April 1, 2018) Lunch: \$60

Session III (two-week camp) – July 9 – 20 (9 a.m. to 2 p.m.)

Ages 8 to 14 years

About: Who can resist this all-time favorite fairy tale, told with fun and flair? Our acting troupe takes over the stage area, playing rhyming Narrators, singing Villagers, friendly Animals, charming Royalty, energetic Messengers, the haughty Stepmother and Stepsisters, the irresistible Fairy Godmother, and lovely Cinderella. Of course, once the charming Prince discovers the proper owner of that famous sparkling slipper, everyone lives happily ever after!

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which was the product of
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force of community members, and the unanimous
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Initiative, exclusionary clauses have been added that have exempted the developers from paying their fair share of mitigations.

• The Initiative itself is a

• The Initiative, itself, is a dense, confusing and even misleading document packed with lawyer-crafted exclusionary clauses. If the Initiative passes, we must live with all of it, good or bad, but without any recourse through community engagement. By design, the current EEHDP policy provides pathways for us to contribute. This Initiative, however, short circuits the process and closes the door on the city and community by rewriting the rules to their benefit.

• It would cost taxpayers millions, hurting San Jose neighborhoods. This initiative

has not taken into account the additional overstretch of other city services, including our Police Department, which is still trying to rebuild, and our Fire service.

• It will not help veterans or needy seniors. The developers claim that they will house veterans, yet they make no enforceable commitments to ensure that any veteran will live in a single one of these homes. The actual language of initiative does not make any requirements or commitments to housing veterans or needy low income seniors.

In short, the Initiative is deceptive and

sets a bad precedent for ballot box land use that can affect every neighborhood in the city. Today, it's Evergreen - tomorrow it could be any neighborhood in the city and could include Coyote Valley and areas in Almaden, Willow Glen and other council districts.

Let's stand up for our Evergreen community and San Jose. Please Vote NO on the Initiative.

Wesley Lee

Evergreen Valley

D8 Community Round Table Land Use member





Crime

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broken into while they were at a football game. Their car was parked on the green which was adjacent to the football stadium and specially allotted to football fans. Items stolen from the car included a garage door remote control, some money and a GPS which had been prominently mounted on the dashboard.

When the victims got home, they found that their house had been ransacked and just about everything worth anything had been stolen. The thieves had used the GPS to guide them to the house. They then used the garage remote control to open the garage door and gain entry to the house.

Knowing the owners were at the football game, the thieves knew what time the game was scheduled to finish and so they knew how much time they had to clean out the house. They brought a large truck to empty the house of all its contents.

Moral lesson: Something to consider if you have a GPS - don't put your home address in it. Put a nearby address (like a store or gas station) so you can still find your way home if you need to, but no one else would know where you live if your GPS were stolen.

Cell phones

A young mother has changed her habit of how she lists her names on her cell phone after her handbag was stolen. Her handbag, which contained her cell phone, credit card, wallet, etc., was stolen. Twenty minutes later when she called her

hubby from a pay phone telling him what had happened. Her hubby says, "I received your text asking about our Pin number and I've replied a little while ago." When they rushed down to the bank, the bank staff told them all the money was already withdrawn. The thief had actually used the stolen cell phone to text "hubby" in the contact list and got hold of the pin number. Within 20 minutes he had withdrawn all the money from their bank account.

Moral lesson: 1. Don't disclose the relationship between you and the people in your contact list. Avoid using names like Home, Honey, Hubby, Sweetheart, Dad, Mom, etc.

- 2. And very importantly, when sensitive info is being asked through texts, confirm by calling back.
- 3. Also, when you're being texted by friends or family to meet them somewhere, be sure to call them back to confirm that the message came from them. If you don't reach them, be very careful about going places to meet "family and friends" who text you.

"Purse in the grocery cart" scam

A lady went grocery shopping at a local mall and left her purse sitting in the children's seat of the cart while she reached something off a shelf. Her wallet was stolen, and she reported it to the store personnel. After returning home, she received a phone call from the Mall Security to say that they had her wallet and that although there was no money in it, it did still hold her personal papers.

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Times Features

Sprouts

Continued from page 3 offerings are typically priced lower than Whole Foods, but the same or slightly lower than Sprouts. Trader Joe's also carry all of the paleo-esque cooking products and organic, grass fed meat you can think of, for a very reasonable price.

Sprouts Farmers Market is like a much larger Trader Joe's. The stores offer good prices on fresh, organic produce, and it also carries items that are sold in bulk that aren't sold at Trader Joe's. Overall there's a wider variety of overall selection of items at Sprouts. They also carry premade salads, including Greek, and large deli fresh sandwiches are \$4.99. Exotic meats are offered for customers who follow the paleo diet, such as naturally farmed meat from animals like elk, wild boar, and kangaroo. You can also sample the company's gourmet coffee offerings at just 99 cents per cup.

Sprouts Farmers Market operates 15 store locations in the Bay Area, including three currently open in the north and west regions of San Jose.

Dollar Tree store to open

Signs went up on the corner of Aborn Road and White Road in Evergreen which announced the future opening of a new Dollar Store. This location is where the Save Mart was once located. Over the past half year lots of renovation has taken place both inside the building and outside with new walkways. Their website shows that they currently have 12 stores in San Jose.

The Dollar Tree website states, "Our roots go back more than 60 years. To appreciate how it all came to pass, you have to rewind more than a half century to K. R. Perry and a Ben Franklin variety store in Wards Corner, Norfolk, Virginia, and to Macon Brock's, Doug Perry's (son of K.R. Perry), and Ray Compton's adventure into \$1 retailing."

Classes offered for coding flying cars

dacity, the online education startup founded by self-driving car veteran Sebastian Thrun, is opening its digital doors to potential flying car engineers.

The company has announced

that it has begun accepting applications for its newest class: a two-term course on engineering a flying car.

The eight-month program will begin in late February, helping engineers develop skills for jobs at large aeronautics companies or the latest wave of flying car startups.

For more information, visit: www.udacitv.com.

Crime

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She immediately went to pick up her wallet, only to be told by Mall Security that they had not called her. By the time she | them to burglarize it.

returned home again, her house had been broken into and burglarized.

The thieves knew that by calling and saying they were Mall Security, they could lure her out of her house long enough for



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Times **News**

Navigating the 3 stages of retirement

People often view retirement as just one more stage of life. But retirement isn't just one stage; it's at least three – although all three do share something in common.

"Every stage of retirement requires planning," says Jack Teboda, president of Teboda & Associates, a financial services firm. "Otherwise, you could end up running out of money, or your health might take a turn for the worse and negatively impact your retirement savings because you hadn't planned for it in those early years of retirement."

It's not easy to put exact ages on each of the three stages of retirement. That likely will vary from person to person, depending on their finances, health and family situation.

But here's what to look for in each stage:

• Stage 1, adjusting to a new lifestyle. Many new retirees brim with excitement when retirement begins. They can golf, visit museums, play with their grand-children, travel or catch up on their reading. Not everyone adjusts well, though. It's not easy to flip the switch overnight

after you've spent several decades reporting to work every day. Also, if your retirement income is largely dependent on your savings you'll want to be careful that you don't spend too much in those initial years. "Your adviser should be able to help you come up with a plan

that will give you income for life so you don't have to worry about running out of money," Teboda says.

• Stage 2, staying socially connected. As the years pass, many retirees move closer to their children or move into a retirement community because it makes them feel more socially connected. "Sometimes at this point,

especially if they haven't planned well, people may start to have even more worries that they will outlive their money," Teboda says. "One way they address that is to cut back on expenses. Some people even decide to get a part-time job to bring in extra money, and working becomes another way to stay connected."

• Stage 3, realizing you may need assistance. More than 70 percent of Americans, 65 or order, will need some form of long-term care at some point in their lives, according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "When people map out their retirement," Teboda says, "they need to plan for that possibility because the cost of long-term care can be devastating to

your finances."

He says people need to consider a number of factors – taxes, longevity and market risks, among others – to improve the odds of a joyful retirement, which is one reason Teboda says his firm takes a team approach to advising, using finan-

cial professionals with different areas of expertise. For example, one team member, Amanda Jager, is an Associate Financial Adviser, and another, Kevin C. Sanders, while also an Associate Financial Adviser, is an attorney specializing in estate planning.

"In each stage of retirement," Teboda says, "it's

important to confer regularly with your adviser and to be ready to adjust your financial plans if necessary."

For more information, visi www.eboda.com

About Jack Teboda

Jack Teboda

Jack Teboda, president and founder of Teboda & Associates has more than 35 years' experience, helping people pursue financial independence through personalized investment strategies. His firm takes a team approach to providing advice to clients on retirement concerns and other financial planning issues. Teboda works with Kevin C. Sanders, an attorney and Associate Financial Adviser, and Amanda Jager, an Associate Financial Adviser.

SPORTS BRIEF

Spring Basketball League at Chaboya Middle School

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Teen Basketball at Chaboya Middle School begins Friday, March 2nd for all interested Evergreen-area boys and girls 5th thru 8th grade regardless of the school they are attending. Sign-ups will continue until the 80 available slots are full.

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Games begin at 3:30 and every hour thereafter.

For more information or to register, phone (408) 605-1513, John Franza. You can also stop by Chaboya, or e-mail E.A.S.Y. Hoops Basketball at easyhoopsbasketball@yahoo.com to obtain a registration form.

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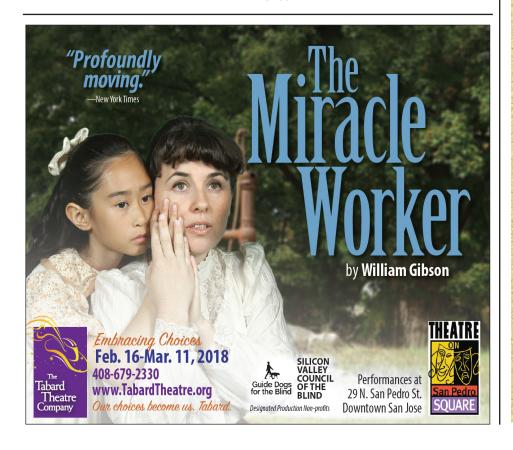
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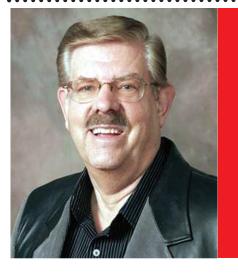
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Times Feature



Edith Sutterlin and Oliver Chin author visit at Evergreen.

OFF THE SHELF

'Around the World in Two Hours' series begins this Friday

By Edith Sutterlin

Special to the Times

Village Square Branch's Asian New Year Celebrations, part of their "Around the World in 2 Hours" program series begins Friday, Feb.16, 3:30-5:30, p.m.

Evergreen kicked off the Year of the Dog with an author visit from Oliver Chin. Several attendees purchased books related to the birth year of their children or grandchildren. Oliver Chin's books for each of the Chinese Zodiac signs can be found in the catalog at sipl.org. Year of the Horse and Year of the Sheep are also available as downloadable e-books.

Supportive online resources

Pressure mounts for some teens during the winter and early spring at some high schools as seniors wait to hear back on college applications and financial aid packages. Other students start stressing about various admissions or standardized tests that may impact their educational future.

San Jose Public Libraries have many supportive online resources and materials to help with both test preparation and the application process, whether you are looking at high school, undergraduate, or graduate level programs, as well as information on stress reduction. Some of the links may be found from the sjpl.org/teens page, then selecting tabs linking to pages with specialized Homework Help, Chat with a tutor (both practice tests and seven sessions per week of individualized online tutoring are available free through our subscription to Tutor.com, using your library card number), or College & Jobs.

San Jose Library branches will be closed on Monday, February 19, for the Presidents' Day holiday. School may be out for the rest of the week, but the Library will re-open for business Tuesday through Saturday. Sign up for classes and contests offered during the February 20-23 winter break for East Side Union High School district and Evergreen Elementary School district. Village Square has these special class series to offer your children: "My Sky Workshop" is a basic astronomy class for 2nd through 6th graders, daily Tuesday through Saturday, February 20-24, 2-3 p.m. Java Logic will attract 3rd to 7th graders who will begin to learn coding. That class series will meet from Tuesday through Friday, February 20-23, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Chess signups

Meanwhile, over at Evergreen Branch, register now to participate in Evergreen Chess Tournament, to be held Thursday, February 22, at 1 p.m. Separate competition brackets will welcome children ages 8-11 or 12-17, with students matched according to their self-reported level of expertise. Make it a real break for all ages at Evergreen as your family drops by to relax with your choice of coloring sheets for all ages or to try your hand at games or puzzles available for in-library use during this school break.

On Saturday, February 24, 10:30 a.m., we invite you to Family Storytime at Evergreen Branch to hear "Mango, Abuela, and Me," the Silicon Valley Reads book selection for younger children. Join in an activity where children will explore ways they can be helpful and supportive within their families, even as preschoolers or in elementary school. This program is eligible for Read Away Your Fines. In the afternoon, head over to Village Square Branch for "Mad Science: Fire and Ice," sponsored by their Friends group. This chemistry show is sure to entertain you as you learn about air pressure, dry ice, and gases.

The following week, Dr. Seuss' birthday, March 2, is the occasion for Read Across America, with birthday parties at both Village Square, Friday, March 2, 4 p.m., and at Evergreen Branch, Saturday, March 3, 10:30 a.m.

Additional Events

View all library event listings online at events.sjpl.org. You can view all that is going on across the city, or limit to a particular branch location, such as "Evergreen" or "Village Square."

Updates on library events are also available via our RSS feeds (sjpl.org/updates) and our Facebook page. facebook.com/sanioselibrary

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

Times Op Ed

2018 brings renewed commitment to fight for rights of all in Santa Clara Co.

County

Report

By Supervisor Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

s we begin a new year, I am looking forward to my remaining three vears on the Board of Supervisors.

One thing that's different this vear is that we have a new Board President for the first time in three years.

Since January 2015, I have served as President of the Board of Supervisors of Santa Clara County. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in this role, and I'd like to thank everyone who helped me navigate through the challenges and accomplishments during that time.

At the January 9 meeting, the Board unanimously elect-

ed Vice President Joe Simitian to be Board President, and Supervisor Cindy Chavez to be Board Vice President. I thank them and Supervisors Ken Yeager and Mike Wasserman for giving me an unprecedented three years as the Board's leader, and my staff for the extra work that the title brought to the office.

I look forward to working with the Board, administrators, County employees and community members in the coming years on the initiatives we've launched to create affordable housing and reform our jails, the battles we are fighting in the name of social justice and the progress we've made on protecting our environment.

The work is not done. It will never be done. But as John F. Kennedy said, "Here on earth, God's work must truly be our own." We've learned that is so true, no matter how you define God or who your God is. It is so true here in Santa Clara County, and it is something we need to continue to further. And I know we will.

We have a window of opportunity to continue to lead, locally, and I have the opportunity to continue to work with the finest Board of Supervisors in California or anywhere. We have an opportunity to continue to create not only a legacy here as a great County and a great Board of Supervisors but to cement in these values across the country, for as long as we're

Looking back, I feel truly blessed to have chaired this Board, particularly this past year, the Year of Compassion. It became an opportunity for us to share our values with the rest of the nation, and perhaps the rest of the world. We were called out about a year ago to respond

with our best moral compass to the challenges to our very way of life, our way of thinking, our design for living here.

I'm referring to the County's lawsuit to stop the federal government from withholding funds from us because we don't comply with what we believe are unconstitutional and aggressive immigration rules. We've also taken legal action to keep DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) participants at work and in school in the U.S., and joined

other cities in legally challenging the order to restrict travel into the U.S. of residents from six majority-Muslim nations. And Supervisor Cindy Chavez and I have conducted hearings to listen to the voices of immigrants, women and victims of hate crimes, and created work plans to address their concerns, which are shared by all Board members.

We didn't take those actions to make names for ourselves. We did them because they were the right things to do. Our mission is to fight for the legal rights of all residents, regardless of documentation; to ensure that everyone has physical and mental health care, food and housing; and that they are safe, enjoy the vast open spaces of the County and feel welcome no matter where they are from.

When I travel, I'm reminded that our County has become a model for leading everything good and right, progressive and moral in this country. At meetings in other states, I see handouts that describe our programs to inform other elected officials and public policy leaders that the Santa Clara County way is the way to do it. The Speaker of the New York City Council greeted me in her office and said, "Thank you and thank God for Santa Clara County, for what you're doing to lead the nation."

To have a front-row seat to all of this as President of the Board, and as a Supervisor representing District 3, has been more than a privilege. It has been an opportunity of a lifetime.







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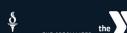












Times **Feature**

Fitness tips to put the boom back in baby boomers

By Sean Eastwood

Times staff writer

Baby boomers whose exercise routines have gone bust may be thinking about putting the boom – and a little sweat – back into their lives as they ponder earlier New Year's resolutions for

But thinking and doing are two different things

"In our society, everyone wants a great body," says Jaime Brenkus, a nationally recognized fitness expert and brand ambassador for Evergreen Wellness, which provides videos and articles to people 55 and older to enjoy healthier lives. "The problem is no one wants to work for it."

In some cases, baby boomers – those born from 1946 to 1964 – may consider themselves "too far gone" to embark on a serious fitness regimen at this stage in life.

But you don't need to train for a triathlon, Brenkus says. Even out-of-shape people in their 50s, 60s, and 70s can take manageable strides toward improving their physical wellness.

"Success in life is not about a matter of inches and pounds," Brenkus says. "It's when you start taking your first steps toward a realistic and reachable goal." For out-of-shape boomers who want to lose weight, feel better, look better, get fit and put that boom back in their lives in 2018, Brenkus offers a few simple exercises to get started:

- · Sit and get fit. Four easy moves you can do on a chair will give you a slimmer, trimmer and tighter waistline. Do at least 20 repetitions of each exercise. For the first, place your hands behind your head, crunch forward and then lean back as far as you can while keeping your feet on the ground. For the second, you can do side bends. Place your hands behind your head again, but this time alternate bending from one side to the other. For the third, rotate your body side to side with more twists. Finally, scoot to the edge of the chair. Bring both knees into your chest and then lower your legs to the starting position.
- Round-the-world lunges. You will do a forward, a side and a reverse lunge. Perform each in one movement. (1.) Forward lunge. Stand with your feet together and back straight. Place your left hand on a chair for balance and support. Slowly take a big step forward with the right foot. Lower your body until your right thigh is parallel to the floor and your right shin is vertical. Then move back to See FITNESS, next page









Times Feature

\$1 million available in grants for projects to restore wildlife habitat

he Santa Clara Valley Water District has \$1.3 million available in grants, made possible by the voterapproved Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program Priority D3: Restore Wildlife Habitat.

Under this priority, the district will be awarding grants for activities such as creating or enhancing wetland, riparian and tidal marsh habitat; protecting special status species; removing fish migration barriers; installing fish ladders; removing non-native, invasive plant species; and planting native species.

Qualifying projects will enhance creek and bay ecosystems, improve fish passage and habitat, leverage community funding through grants; and increase collaborations for stewardship activities among the various cities, nonprofit organizations, schools and underserved communities within Santa Clara County. The minimum grant amount per project is \$50,000 and the maximum grant amount is \$500,000.

Recently completed wildlife restoration projects include the Foothills Park Riparian Enhancement Project by Grassroots Ecology (formerly Acterra Stewardship) which received a grant to restore and enrich wildlife habitat by removing invasive vegetation, planting over 20 native species, and monitoring 4 miles of creek and throughout Foothills Park in Palo Alto.

Another recently completed grant-funded project was the Stream Stabilization and Habitat Enhancement Phase 2 at Vasona Creek by West Valley College. This project restored habitat by reseeding riparian vegetation, planting native species, protecting and relocating dusky-footed woodrat nests (a special status species). It also resulted in the creation of an outdoor classroom and "Stream Team" composed of faculty and staff to integrate the project into curriculum and raise student and public awareness of environmental issues restoration.

The water district will host a public information workshop to provide an overview of the grants, application guidelines and process, including a demonstration of the recently implemented web-based grant administration system. Participation is recommended, but not mandatory. The workshop will take place on the following date and time:

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Dusky-footed wood rat

March 30, 2018 at 11:59 p.m., submitted through: applygrants.valleywater.org

For additional questions, email: grants@valleywater.org.

Fitness

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the starting position. (2.) Side lunge. Slowly step to the side with your right foot about 3 feet and squat so your thighs are parallel to the ground. Move back to the starting position. (3.) Reverse lunge. Slowly step back with your right foot about three feet. Bend both knees and lower yourself until your left thigh is parallel with the ground. Return to starting position.

• Morning rituals. Brenkus says he starts each morning with fitness moves that work the entire body. The first is pushups. Start with an amount you're comfortable with. For example, if you do 10 every day, that adds up to 300 for the month. If you're a beginner, it's okay to start your



Jaime Brenkus

pushups by doing them on a wall. Next are squats. Your feet should be shoulder width apart. With your abs held tight and your back straight, slowly lower yourself into a seating position until your bottom touches a seat. Make sure your knees don't go past your toes and are aligned straight. If just starting out, try quarter to half squats where you're not bending down as far.

"When it comes to exercise, people think more is better," Brenkus says. "That's not true. Better is better."

About Jaime Brenkus

Jaime Brenkus is a physical wellness ambassador for Evergreen Wellness myevergreen-wellness.com, which provides videos and articles designed to inspire people 55 and older to enjoy happier, healthier lives. Brenkus is a nationally recognized fitness expert best known for revolutionizing the fitness industry with his 8-Minute Abs video series in the 1990s.

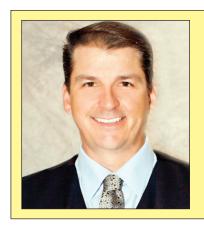
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District 8 Community Roundtable

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

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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 ESUHSD Education Center, 830 N. Capitol Ave. 347-5000. Check the web site for agendas and updates: www.esuhsd.org

The Evergreen Al-Anon meetings

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

The Evergreen Business

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

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 New Seasons 5667 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

Meeting at the SUNRISE SENIOR LIVING CENTER, 4855 San Felipe Road (across from McDonalds). Meetings will be on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, from 7-8 PM. EVGC membership is \$20/year or \$30 for couples. During this time of transition, any membership fees paid now will be extended to cover all of 2018 as well. For further information, please feel free to contact Susie Henderson: susiehenderson@sbcglobal.net or 408-532-

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-

Evergreen Valley Service Organization

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Falls Creek Neighborhood Association

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

The Evergreen Community Center

offers a variety of classes and special events, for kids, adults, and seniors. For more information on our activities visit: www.sanjoseca.gov/ prns. The Senior Nutrition program serves a delicious and

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

Friends of Evergreen Library Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., in Group Study Room A at the Evergreen Branch Library, 2635 Aborn Road, San Jose. Visit their website at friendsofevergreenlibrary. 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/ The Kiwanis meet regularly every 4th Tuesday of the month at the Red Lobster (12:00 noon). For more information, please contact: President of Kiwanis East San Jose Mr. Bud Lomonaco. Phone: (408) 903-7526

LeyVa Community Action Team Association

This group is bounded by Barberry 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 sec-

ond Thursday at 7 p.m. at Tully Library. 365-1300.

Meadowfair Neighborhood Association meets the second Wednesday of odd-numbered

months at 7 p.m. at Meadowfair Center, 2696 King Rd. For more information, call 539-2308.

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

Rotary Club of San Jose East/Evergreen meets every Thursday from 12:15 to 1:30 p.m. at the Ranch Golf Club, 4601 Hill Top View Lane. (408) 270-0557.

Story Road Business Association Meets third Wednesday at 8:30

a.m. at Prusch Park, South King Road at Story. For more information, call 238-5422.

San Jose/Evergreen Community **College District Board**

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San Pedro Squares Toastmasters

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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). New meeting schedule will be posted soon.

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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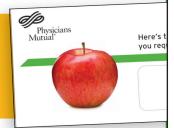


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