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Candidate Forum to be held at AVCA meeting: Jan. 13

The Almaden Valley Community Association meeting on Jan. 13 will feature a State Senate District 15 Candidate Forum starting at 7 p.m.

Candidates vying for the Senate office currently being served by soon to be termed out Democratic Senator Jim Beall are: Anthony Macias (Republican), California Republican Party Delegate and candidate for the same office in 2016; Nora Campos (Democratic), former state assemblywoman for California's 23rd State Assembly district (2010-2012) and California's 27th State Assembly district (2012-2016) and candidate for California's 15th State Senate district in 2016; Dave Cortese (Democratic), Santa Clara County supervisor; Tim Gildersleeve (no party preference), candidate for U.S. Senate in 2016 and 2018; Johnny Khamis (no party preference), San Jose City Council member; and Ann Ravel (Democratic), former chair of Federal Election Commission.

The Candidate Forum will take place at WestGate Church - South Hills Campus, 6601 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA, 95120.

Minimum wage increase in San Jose now in effect

San Jose minimum wage workers are getting a wage boost of 25 cents to \$15.25 per hour effective Jan. 1, 2020.

Cities that already have hit the \$15 threshold will also see gains: In Cupertino, wages will increase to \$15.35. Workers in El Cerrito will earn \$15.37. Los Altos, Palo Alto and Santa Clara all will raise the minimum wage to \$15.40 per hour. Alameda and San Leandro are set to reach \$15 by July.

2019: The year in review

Santa Clara County talked immigration, women's health in 2019

By Katie Lauer

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

It was a momentous year for Santa Clara County lawmakers as they made major decisions on a wide array of policy issues, including immigration, homelessness, women's health and foster children's safety.

Here is a look at the top votes and policy discussions of 2019.

Sanctuary and ICE notification policy

Santa Clara County's sanctuary city policy took center stage after board members asked the administration to consider changes on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement notifications during its April 6 meeting, which led to eight hours of passionate discussion from residents and local lawmakers.

The sanctuary city policy bars the county from notifying ICE agents when undocumented immigrants are released from jail or honoring civil detainer requests, which would hold



The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors meets at 70 W. Hedding St. in San Jose. Photo by Katie Lauer.

immigrants until agents can arrive and initiate deportation. The policy came under national scrutiny after a San Jose woman, Bambi Larson, was brutally murdered by an undocumented immigrant and as President Donald

Trump used a series of high-profile slayings to criticize sanctuary policies.

After 56 days of heated debate and finger pointing between the county and the city, the
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Chief Eddie Garcia takes a bite out of crime

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

San Jose Chief of Police Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia updated residents on local crime and the state of the police department at a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

Garcia, who has been with the San Jose police department since 1992, and chief for four years, says he has yet to meet a San Jose neighborhood that doesn't want more police officers. He also can't wait for legislature to pass on gun control.

"We're proud of what we've done," he says. In 2018, San Jose patrol officers took nearly 200 guns off the street during car stops and investigations. "Recently, offi-



San Jose Chief of Police Edgardo (Eddie) Garcia updated residents on local crime.

cers approached an individual whose car was stopped in a roadway," he says. "It was a gang member on parole for assault with a deadly weapon. He started to reach into his waistband as officers approached, but they stopped him. He had a loaded Glock."

Garcia says that the officers could have driven by as all they're required to do is respond to 9-1-1 calls. "They risk their lives every day to take guns off the street," he says. "Guns that may have been responsible for murder, assault with a deadly weapon, robbery, burglary, or a home invasion. That's what your officers do all the time."

He expressed his frustration
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Fairgrounds manager gets 20-year extension despite poor showing

The struggling Santa Clara County Fairgrounds non-profit has been granted a new 20-year contract to continue running the 158-acre property.

The 20-year contract with Fairgrounds Management Corp. allows the county to terminate the agreement at any point with 90-day written notice. The non-profit must also submit a draft master plan by the end of April outlining its vision for revamping the property, including reports about its finances, maintenance and upcoming projects.

The Board of Supervisors approved the contract at a time when the county also is contemplating redevelopment plans for the fairgrounds on Tully Rd, which includes a 55-acre public park, a family entertainment center, hotel and sports facilities for the San Jose Giants, and San Jose Earthquakes.

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Carly Chan of Almaden receives national design art award from YoungArts

Carly Chan a senior at Leland High School, has been named a 2020 National YoungArts Foundation (YoungArts) Finalist in Design Arts, the organization's highest honor.

Chan has been recognized for her artistic achievement and joins the nation's most accomplished artists in the visual, literary, and performing arts.

"I'm honored to be one of the 2020 YoungArts Finalists in Design Arts, and I look forward to further exploring the role design plays in inclusion and awareness as I join the YoungArts community," Chan said.

Chan was selected by an esteemed discipline-specific panel of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process. This year's award winners represent the top 9.5% of applications across ten artistic disciplines.

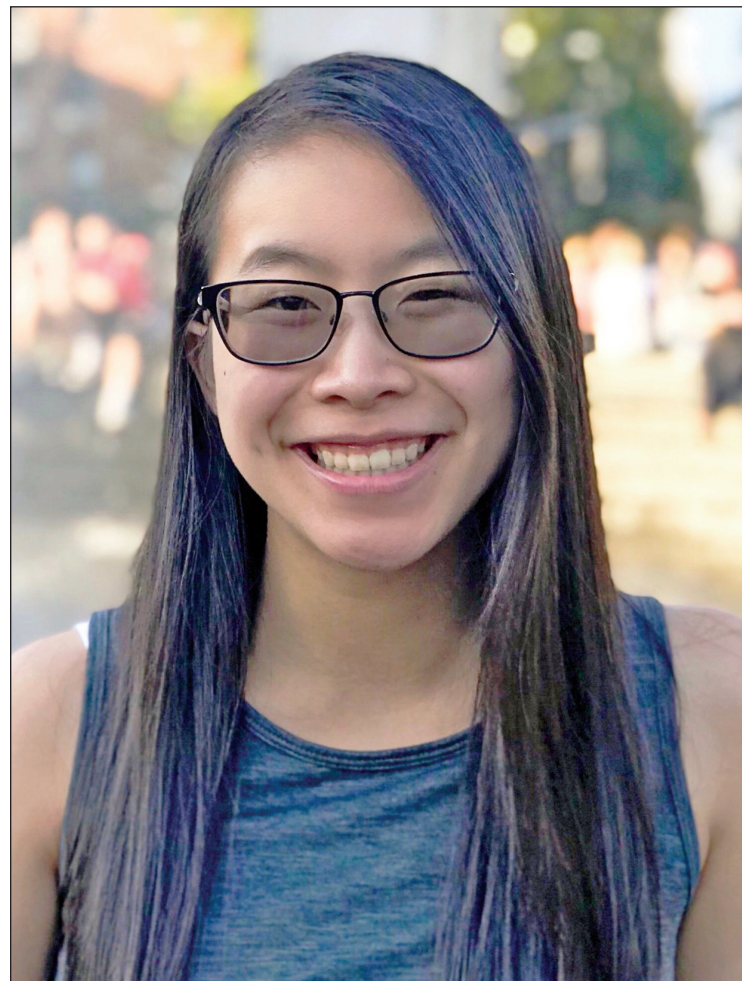
YoungArts award winners gain access to one of the most prestigious programs for emerging artists in the United States in which they will have opportunities for

creative and professional development throughout their entire careers.

Chan will receive a cash prize of up to \$10,000 and will participate in National YoungArts Week (January 5—12, 2020), the organization's signature program providing artists with an intensive, week-long and all-inclusive program featuring master classes, workshops, and mentorship from leading artists in their fields.

As a Finalist, Chan will be eligible to be nominated to become a U.S. Presidential Scholar in the Arts, one of the highest honors given to high school seniors bestowed by the President of the United States. As the sole nominating agency, every year YoungArts nominates 60 artists to the White House Commission on Presidential Scholars. The Commission then selects the 20 U.S. Presidential Scholars in the Arts.

Carly said she encourages other high school students to enter in the annual National YoungArts Foundation competition. They can



Leland senior **Carly Chan** has been named a 2020 National YoungArts Foundation finalist.

enter in any of these 10 disciplines: cinematic arts, classical music, dance, design arts, jazz, photography, theater, visual arts, voice, and

writing.

You can find out more information by visiting: www.youngarts.org/faq

LETTERS

Climate change debate heats up

Dear Editor,

In his Dec. 27 response to my open letter to Greta, Will Turner used several cities as examples of cities that have been flooded due to sea level changes he claims were caused by global warming. But most of the floods he cited were due to hurricanes which have been happening in those areas for all recorded history and have not been proven to be the result of a 1.5 degree increase in temperature.

Will Turner provided the URL (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_floods) for a Wikipedia article on floods that he claimed showed "the number of floods per year constantly increases with this year being the worst." I did

not find that to be true, check out the URL and you'll see what I mean. I did find this note about the Mississippi River Flood of March 1543. "The flooding reportedly lasted for 40 days" and I'm sure no one blamed it on excess CO2. The reason more floods are being reported now may only be that better records are being kept. I only found the one flood on the Mississippi listed for 1543. If the Mississippi was flooded for 40 days, there must have been floods in other places, but no one is keeping records.

Turner asked "...what causes of the current climate change are occurring other than our overloading the atmosphere with pollutants?" Mr. Turner, CO2 is not a "pollutant", it is a necessity for plants to live. Our current 1.5 degree increase in temperature could have been caused by the same natural forces that caused Greenland to become warm many centuries ago and that warmed up the world after previous ice ages.

In the Nov 25, 2019 Forbes magazine, there

is an article by Michel Shellenberger titled "Why Apocalyptic Claims About Climate Are Wrong". In his article Shellenberger points out that Climate scientists are starting to push back against exaggerations by activists, journalists, and other scientists. The following paragraph in bold was copied from Shellenberger's article.

I asked the Australian climate scientist Tom Wigley what he thought of the claim that climate change threatens civilization. "It really does bother me because it's wrong," he said. "All these young people have been misinformed. And partly it's Greta Thunberg's fault. Not deliberately. But she's wrong."

Mr. Turner, if you are concerned that too much CO2 will destroy civilization, why don't you push for the development of nuclear power plants that can produce energy without producing CO2?

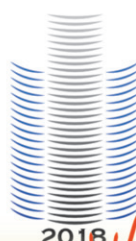
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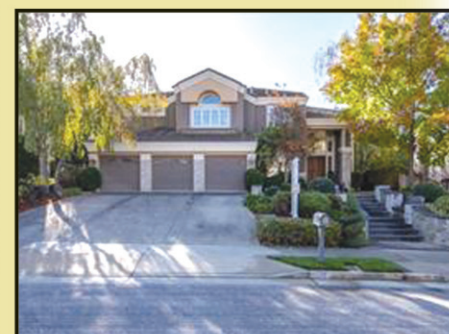
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Visitors to the community's leasing center, located just off of Branham Lane, can browse floor plans and discuss specific care needs.

Atria Almaden is pre-leasing for fall 2020 grand opening

Atria Senior Living has announced pre-leasing at Atria Almaden. The new senior living community will include 200 apartments and offers independent living, assisted living and memory care services. Atria Almaden is operated by Atria Senior Living, a leading provider of senior housing throughout California for more than 20 years.

Atria Almaden is located at 4610 Almaden Expressway. The community's new leasing center is now open, with their grand opening slated for fall 2020. Visitors to the community's leasing center, located just off of Branham Lane, can browse floor plans and discuss specific care needs.

The building will feature outdoor amenities including a pool, walking path along the Guadalupe River, fire pits, kitchen and shuffleboard court. Other amenities will include a fitness center, yoga studio, golf simulator, art studio, technology center, salon and spa, movie theater, and billiards room. There will be three on-site dining venues: a modern, full-service restaurant, sky lounge and bistro. Residents will also enjoy concierge service, chauffeured town car service, a calendar of curated events, discreet care, housekeeping service and underground parking.

"We are excited to grow our presence in San Jose and to add Atria Almaden to our portfolio," said Mike Mejia, Senior Vice Pres-

ident at Atria Senior Living. "Residents of Atria Almaden will enjoy the best senior living has to offer — all-inclusive amenities, engaging programs and a sustainable design — all delivered with the quality that has made Atria one of California's most trusted senior living providers."

For more information about Atria Almaden, contact Executive Director Paul Sheppard at 669.200.1475 or visit their website: www.atriaseniorliving.com/retirement-communities/atria-almaden-san-jose-ca

D10 Leadership Coalition semi-monthly meeting: Jan 11

An update on the Almaden Lake Improvement Project will be discussed at the D10 Leadership Coalition semi-monthly meeting, 9 a.m. — 12 noon on Saturday, Jan. 11.

Speaking at the meeting will be San Jose Police Department Southern Division Captain Gina Tibaldi.

The meetings are held at the Almaden Community Center, 6445 Camden Ave., San Jose, CA 95120.

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Kitchen

- New Samsung stainless steel appliances, including ventilated microwave, 5-burner glass cooktop, dishwasher, refrigerator, and under mount sink
- Custom French country white cabinets with soft-close drawers, corner cabinet, and pantry
- Granite counter tops, recessed lighting, and glass slider to second story deck

Living and Dining Rooms

- Dining room located between the kitchen and living room, creating an airy, open concept floorplan
- Living room features a bay window, as well as a wall of windows that overlooks the front of property, bathing the home in plenty of natural light

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

- Gorgeous French doors that lead to the bedrooms
- Remodeled Master bedroom with all-new ceiling fan, large closet, carpeting, and Milguard windows
- Master bath features an oversized tub, dual vanity

- sink, granite counters, vanity cabinets, and rolled vinyl wood flooring
- Second bedroom also features new carpeting, Milguard windows, and walk-in closet
- Guest bath has new vanity cabinet and sink, granite countertops, mirrored medicine cabinet, walk-in glass-enclosed shower, linen closet, and rolled vinyl floor

Additional Features

- Vinyl wood-type flooring and recessed lighting throughout living areas
- Magnolia installed house-wide internet wiring system for continuous connection
- New stackable Samsung dryer in kitchen utility closet
- New copper plumbing and electrical wiring
- Pelican water softener alternative system
- Brand new interior lighting and paint
- New tankless water heater, as well as new Bryant HVAC system

Exterior Features

- All new concrete siding, completely redone roofing with new trusses and comp shingles, new paint, and new lighting (including security flood lights)
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Nathan Ganeshan, founder of Community Seva.

Community Seva non-profit makes sure there is never an empty stomach

By Kevin Larsen
Times Staff Writer

The annual "A Meal to Heal - Tree of Life Lunch-eon" was held to fund-raise for the nonprofit Community Seva last month.

Community Seva organization was founded by Nathan Ganeshan who got the idea from his seven year old son.

"On a Sunday morning in spring 2013, when Nathan was taking his seven year old son to a tennis tournament, his little son asked him 'Dad, what about homeless people? Who will feed them today?' His son's words had a powerful impact on Nathan's mind," as stated on their website.

What is Community Seva

For six years Community Seva has grown dramatically. It was explained that the word "Seva" means selfless service which is performed with no expectation of any kind of return. They are not a religious or faith-based organization; they welcome all people to volunteer and contribute with their cause. All donation monies are plowed back into what they do for those who face desperate situations in their lives.

Nathan Ganeshan founder and president speaks

"In the decade of experience, I have been serving homeless individuals; I have personally had a chance to talk to so many homeless individuals whose stories have made me choke up. Speaking to them warms my heart and always inspires me to do more," stated Ganeshan.

"A few people who spoke to me at a local shelter told me that they were absolutely tired of eating the sandwiches or rolls or pizza all the time. They told me, 'You guys cook and serve such a variety of nutritious healthy dishes. It is awesome.' One person told me that he has allergies to gluten, and some of them have other dietary needs, so our meals make a big difference to their lives. One of them said, 'Is my Mom here somewhere? and said, only my Mom can cook food like this' and then he teared up."

"When we asked a lady living in an encampment, what we could do to help her, she said, 'I need anything you can give me to protect myself.' It took me a minute to



realize that she was afraid and felt insecure and vulnerable living on the streets. She continued to say that it was not her choice to live on the streets, she doesn't want to live on the streets, but now that she was there, she wanted to protect herself. Imagine a women sleeping in the dark every night feeling unsafe and afraid!" stated Ganeshan.

Ganeshan continued, "One man I spoke to said he became homeless because he lost his job and he sent his family to stay with his wife's parents so that they did not have to face living on the street. Soon after, his wife ended up divorcing him and he ultimately became homeless. It was not his choice either. Imagine losing your job, then your house and finally your wife! It is so hard to recover from that. I can share a thousand such stories - experience after experience, but the simple, loud and clear message is that homelessness is not a choice, circumstances and situations make a person become homeless and as responsible citizens of this country, we need to do our part, we need to act with kindness and we need to act with generosity."

City commendation awarded by Councilwoman Arenas

"I'm proud to honor Community Seva with this commendation because of their selfless service to our unhoused community across

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Symphony Silicon Valley presents 'The Red Violin', Jan. 24 – 26

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Starring Jason Fleming, Greta Scacchi, Don McKellar, Sylvia Chang and Samuel L. Jackson, The Red Violin follows the intricate history of a mysterious antique violin from its creation by a legendary luthier in 1681 Cremona, Italy, to an auction house in modern-day Montreal where it draws the eye of an expert appraiser. Follow the violin's journey as it travels through five different countries over the course of four centuries, mysteriously impacting all who play it. The performance version of the film score was meticulously reconstructed with the assistance and approval of composer John Corigliano himself.

"There is a kind of ideal beauty that reduces us all to yearning for perfection. The Red Violin is about that yearning." — Roger Ebert.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, January 24 at 8:00 p.m.; Saturday, January

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A Coopers Hawk

A Coopers Hawk resting on a streetlight at Cribari Lane and Villages Parkway on Christmas Eve morning. Photo by Lou Alexander

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Bay Area city Fremont has the lowest child poverty rate in the country.

Report: 2019 Most Caring Cities in America, according to WalletHub

With the holidays reminding Americans to look out for one another through acts of kindness like charitable giving – Americans donated over \$427 billion in 2018 – the personal-finance website WalletHub today released its report on 2019’s Most Caring Cities in America.

In order to identify the most compassionate places in America, WalletHub compared the 100 largest U.S. cities across 39 key metrics. The data set ranges from homelessness rate to share of income donated to charity to special-education teachers per capita.

Most Caring Cities in America

- 1. Virginia Beach, VA
- 2. Madison, WI
- 3. Pittsburgh, PA
- 4. Lincoln, NE
- 5. Minneapolis, MN
- 6. St. Paul, MN
- 7. Fremont, CA
- 8. Chesapeake, VA
- 9. Boston, MA
- 10. Scottsdale, AZ
- 11. Aurora, CO
- 12. New York, NY
- 13. Denver, CO
- 14. Plano, TX
- 15. Gilbert, AZ
- 16. Jersey City, NJ

- 17. Irvine, CA
- 18. Washington, DC
- 19. Seattle, WA
- 20. Omaha, NE

Key Stats
• **Memphis**, Tennessee, has the highest share of income donated to charity, 5.60 percent, which is 2.4 times higher than in Buffalo, New York, the city with the lowest at 2.30 percent.

• **Baltimore** has the most volunteer hours per capita, 56.28, which is 5.4 times more than in Jacksonville, Florida, the city with the fewest at 10.47.

• **Jacksonville**, Florida, has the highest share of residents who do favors for their neighbors, 68.70 percent, which is 1.8 times higher than in Orlando, Florida, the cities with the lowest at 38.30 percent.

• **Buffalo**, New York, has the highest share of sheltered homeless persons, 98.43 percent, which is 4.6 times higher than in Fresno, California, the city with the lowest at 21.60 percent.

• **Fremont**, California, has the lowest child-poverty rate, 4.58 percent, which is 11 times lower than in Cleveland, the city with the highest at 50.53 percent.

To view the full report and your city’s rank, please visit: wallethub.com/edu/most-caring-cities/17814

PG&E bills expected to increase \$6

PG&E is expected to increase monthly power bills by nearly \$6 under a new deal with regulators and consumer groups to help fund the utility’s wildfire-prevention efforts.

The increases for electricity and gas would show up in customers’ bills sometime in 2020 if the state’s Public Utilities Commission gives final approval to a settlement. The money would be used for programs that PG&E and state officials hope will reduce the possibility of another disastrous wildfire. PG&E’s equipment has been determined to be the cause of wildfire catastrophes in 2015, 2017 and 2018.

Monthly bills for the average customer who receives gas and electricity from PG&E may rise \$5.69, up 3.3% from the current monthly bill of \$172.52 for the average customer who is not in the utility’s low-income program for discounted rates.

Electricity customers would see an average increase of \$4.90 a month, up 4% from a current monthly bill of \$121.12, according to estimates provided by PG&E. Gas customers would see an average increase of 79 cents a month, a 1.5% increase from a current monthly bill of \$51.53.

Campaign aims to raise money for man killed in accident involving City Council candidate

By the staff of San José Spotlight

Tim Starkey loved Christmas, cooking a hearty meal for his family and toasting life with a glass of wine, according to his closest friends and family.

Starkey, 66, was killed by a vehicle near Blossom Hill Elementary School in Los Gatos last Monday. It was later revealed that the driver was San Jose City Council candidate Jenny Higgins Bradanini, who has remained mum on the accident other than to offer an apology to the family. The accident is still under investigation, according to authorities.

Meanwhile, a longtime friend of the Starkey family has set up a GoFundMe page in an effort to offset some of the funeral and burial costs.

"Tim Starkey brought so much joy to the lives around him and had a heart of gold," wrote Carrie Coffee Ziemer, who organized the campaign. "Tim shared his sense of humor with everyone he encountered and was happiest cooking a meal during the holidays or a Sunday night dinner with a curated soundtrack."

The campaign aimed to raise \$10,000, but has currently netted more than \$20,000 from more than 130 donors, many of whom shared heartfelt memories of Starkey, who lived in Santa Cruz with his wife Kathleen. He leaves behind two kids, Joe and Bridget, who live in San Francisco.

Ziemer said the Starkey family lost a husband, father, uncle and friend.

"The Starkey family is grieving with family and friends while also working through the repercussions of the accident and loss of Tim," she wrote. "The family has had a tremendous amount of love and support offered to them and has a long and difficult journey ahead. In order to help ease the stress of the financial burden that lies ahead, we have created this fund for Kathleen, Bridget and Joe. They are so grateful for the love, support and contributions from their village."

Details about the collision remain scarce as authorities last week investigated the accident, including reviewing Higgins Bradanini's phone, a standard process in such cases. Sources say Higgins Bradanini has not yet decided whether she'll continue her campaign for City Council in District 10.

According to Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department Sgt. Jamie Field, Starkey was struck and killed at 11:40 a.m. Dec. 16 on the 900 block of Blossom Hill Road. Higgins Bradanini had just left a meeting at San Jose City Hall, her campaign consultant Eric Stroker told San José Spotlight last week. She was not arrested.

Some of Starkey's family members have publicly stated that Higgins Bradanini drove into his parked car, though police officials have not confirmed how the accident occurred.

As authorities continue the probe, Starkey's



A photo of Tim Starkey surrounded by his family is posted on the GoFundMe campaign page.

family and friends are taking a moment to remember him this holiday season.

"We will always remember fondly the wonderful man Tim was, and we were lucky to be friends for over 17 years," wrote Chris and Anne Kelly on the GoFundMe page, "Tim was generous, kind, FUN, a loving and devoted father, and an amazing cook! We have wonderful memories of 'Sunday night dinners' (SNDs) with the Starkey family."

"I'll always remember his love for cook-

ing (and wishing he had been born Italian), and his overall zest for life," wrote Eliza Grismanauskas. "What an incredible man who is greatly missed."

The campaign's organizer said more details on Starkey's Celebration of Life will come in early 2020 because "Tim will want you there to toast with a Marg or Chardonnay."

To donate to the Starkey family's GoFundMe page, visit www.gofundme.com/f/starkey-family-fund

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Seva

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San Jose” remarked Councilwoman Sylvia Arenas. “Volunteers with Community Seva have served over 100,000 meals and I’m grateful to also partner with them to help provide school supplies for our families during National Night Out. This commendation is a testament to the inspiring leadership of Nathan Ganeshan, Community Seva founder, and the countless volunteers that help to build a better San Jose through their service.”

Fueled by donations
“Community Seva has grown exponentially in the last six years. Look at our trajectory of growth and service. We will beat any Internet startup in the Valley with our numbers; from 100 to 100,000 meals in 6 years. From 1 volunteer to 2,000 volunteers, we have distributed over 6000 backpacks and hygiene kits and our shower service will touch four digits very soon. All these achievements could not be done without all of your support and without the support from the core volunteer team,” Ganeshan stated.

Showers on wheels
Ganeshan explained some refuse to take a shower because they don’t have a single change of clothes. “It was very heart breaking to see this. We bought a coat and a pair of pants for a man to change into so that he could finally take a shower. Isn’t it hard to imagine owning just a single set of clothes that you wear day after day regardless of sweat or dirt or anything else? We are increasing the frequency of the shower facilities from once a month to 9 times a month – I repeat 9 times a month. This will allow our homeless brothers and sisters to take showers more frequently helping them stay clean and healthy, and maintain hygiene,” stated Ganeshan.

Homeless situation growing
“The homelessness count is increasing year after year, causing even death on the streets. The homeless count is 9000+ right here in Santa Clara county. Just in Santa Clara county alone, more than 100 homeless individuals have died this past year. Community Seva is working to secure a larger commercial kitchen so that we are not dependent on any shelter’s facility, so that we can cook and serve more food to the homeless. We are confident of identifying a commercial kitchen very soon and then the kitchen will need to be equipped well to handle the capacity at our end, and to meet the standards of the county’s health department,” stated Ganeshan.

Panelists enlighten
The event showcased the positive impact created over the past years with the vast network of volunteers, sup-

porters and community members. There were four panelists which included Ganeshan.

Pastor Scott Wagers
Pastor Wagers is founder and Senior Pastor of CHAM Deliverance Ministry. Their website states, “Silicon Valley has one of the worst homeless problems in the nation. Because of incredibly high rents and very low vacancy, people are becoming homeless who have never been homeless before. We need your help now more than ever to bring necessities to those who are trying to survive life on the streets.”

“Thank you for your invitation to speak Brother Nathan,” Wagers said. “I’ve been on the front line for 25 years. The problem is greater now. Thoughts and prayers matter; 6,200 homeless; 10,000 in county; and 158 homeless died some of which we advocated for. The picture is grim but there is hope. How do we make a difference? The front line is where the battle will be won or lost. All people are equal and that includes the houseless. Treat people with

absolute dignity and it transforms them. As Martin Luther King Jr. said, ‘You have to make a human connection.’”

Individuals donate \$10K
Up on the screen slides with photos showed what donation monies create. Many in the audience raised their hands to give a donation and placed checks silently in envelopes. Some raised their hands to donate \$10,000 in which all of their donations were assured to go back into serving the less fortunate with no employee earning a wage at Community Seva.

Shaunn Carwright
Carwright who works on rent control, tenant’s rights and unhoused issues stated, “The thing I see most at Community Seva is humanity. She explained that Community Seva goes out of its way to make eye contact with everyone and offers smiles of hope. She said, “Empathy is key!” Carwright educated that homeless women can get into use of drugs to stay awake at night to better protect

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themselves so that they are not abused. "There are a lot of ways homeless women can be intimidated. Once women are addicted it's hard for them to get off of it for it is a coping mechanism."

Homeless individual speaks of actual experiences

He asked the audience, "What does a houseless person look like?" The answer was given when he said, "I'm just a regular person trying to make it day by day, just unhoused so we don't know what a houseless person looks like, they look like you or I." When recalling what it felt like to be homeless he said, "I felt like the world gave up on me and I didn't know

where to get help." He painted the truthful picture of what goes on in the lives of the houseless and expressed such experiences can lead to mental breakdowns. Today he's working full time with a union job.

It was explained at the event, homelessness does not belong to a certain group of people instead it transcends race and is a conversation that needs to be had. "You will get to see where your dollar goes when you volunteer with us as the need is local - this seva happens locally. That's the beauty of our organization," stated Ganeshan.

Editor's Note: To learn more about Community Seva and how to donate, visit their website: communityseva.org.



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SET #1: Peacock Variations & Tchaikovsky
 October 5-6, 2019
 Conductor: **Carlos Vieu**
 ♦ Kodaly: Variations on a Hungarian Theme - Peacock Variations
 ♦ Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 - Pathétique

SET #2: Partners & Dances
 October 26-27, 2019
 Conductor: **JoAnn Falletta**
 Soloists: **Robin Mayforth & Evan Kahn**
 ♦ Liu Boulanger: D'un soir triste
 ♦ Liu Boulanger: D'un matin de printemps
 ♦ David Amram: Partners: Violin & Cello Double Concerto (SSV co-commission)
 ♦ Rachmaninoff: Symphonic Dances

SET #3: Khachaturian & Brahms
 December 7-8, 2019
 Conductor: **Pietro Rizzo**
 Soloist: **Nareh Arghamanyan**, piano
 ♦ Glunka: Russian and Ludmilla Overture
 ♦ Khachaturian: Piano Concerto
 ♦ Brahms: Symphony No. 2

SET #4: Film with Full Score The Red Violin
 January 24-26, 2020
 Conductor: **Shih-Hung Young**
 Soloist: **Lara St. John**, violin
 ♦ Corigliano: The Red Violin

SET #5: Nakamatsu Plays Beethoven
 March 21-22, 2020
 Conductor: **John Nelson**
 Soloist: **Jon Nakamatsu**, piano
 ♦ Beethoven: Piano Concerto No. 2
 ♦ Beethoven: Choral Fantasy
 ♦ Schumann: Symphony No. 4

SET #6: Mozart, Lutoslawski & Brahms
 May 9-10, 2020
 Conductor: **Tito Muñoz**
 Soloist: **Giora Schmidt**, violin
 ♦ Mozart: Symphony No. 35 - Haffner
 ♦ Lutoslawski: Concerto for Orchestra
 ♦ Brahms: Violin Concerto

SET #7: Schubert & A Sea Symphony
 June 6-7, 2020
 Conductor: **Tatsuya Shimono**
 Soloists:
 ♦ Symphony Silicon Valley Chorale
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Free classes are offered to the community to help care for orphan kittens.

New nonprofit Kittens First partners with city shelter to save kittens

Kittens First is a new nonprofit that is partnered directly with the city shelter to save kittens.

Kittens First was founded earlier this year by a shelter veterinarian, Dr. Tiva Hoshizaki, city employees, volunteers, and kitten advocates. The mission of Kittens First is to prevent the euthanasia of homeless kittens through education. That's why we're empowering our community with innovative programs, online and in-person classes.

As a shelter vet, Dr. Hoshizaki sees over 5,000 kittens entering the San Jose Animal Shelter system each year. Many of these kittens are sick, injured and require immediate medical attention. Others are orphaned and need around the clock care to survive. This presents a huge challenge for shelter staff that lacks the resources and funding to provide the intensive care these kittens need.

Kittens First provide:

The Foster Program for the shelter allows countless kittens who are at risk of euthanasia to grow up safe and healthy in good

Samaritan's homes. The staff provides free medical care, resources, and guidance to the foster participants.

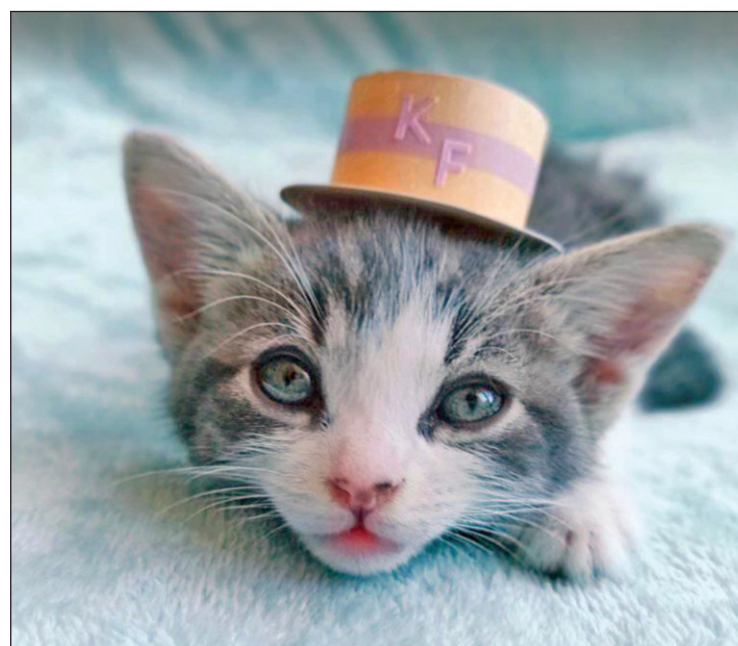
The Kitten Nursery where kittens fresh off the street are nurtured by our team of passionate volunteers who are able to provide extra care the shelter staff is unable to afford. The kittens are stabilized and provided medical care until foster or rescue can pick the kittens up.

Free Classes are offered to the community to help care for orphan kittens. The organization is in the process of building an entire online database of kitten knowledge for public use to ensure all kittens can be properly cared for.

The new non-profit believes that all kittens deserve a chance to live. If you would like to donate, the funds are used to buy much needed food, supplies, veterinary medicines, and other essentials that allow the program to run.

The goal of the organization is to save 1,000 kittens in 2020.

To learn more and to donate visit: www.kittensfirst.org



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Better Balance for Every Day

Resolve to make nutritious eating a priority

FAMILY FEATURES

Discovering a better version of yourself is all about striking balance. That's especially true when it comes to making smarter food choices that you can maintain over time.

A sustainable, long-term healthy eating approach, such as the Atkins low-carb lifestyle, emphasizes variety and balance. Start planning a low-carb menu filled with high-fiber carbohydrates, optimal protein and healthy fats with these tips from Colette Heimowitz, vice president of nutrition and education for Atkins.

Fill up with fiber-rich foods. Foods like vegetables, nuts, seeds, low-glycemic fruit (like berries) and whole unrefined grains are considered carbohydrates, but they don't raise your blood sugar the way processed carbs do. Fiber slows the entry of glucose into your bloodstream so you don't experience insulin spikes that encourage your body to produce and store body fat. Try to eat between 25-35 grams of fiber a day.

Reduce inflammation. A low-carb approach eliminates refined and processed foods and sugars that can cause inflammation. Focus on foods that decrease inflammation, such as colorful low-glycemic vegetables, low-sugar fruits, protein and healthy fats such as olive oil. The ground turmeric in this Golden Milk recipe offers an easy way to fight inflammation without sacrificing flavor.

Kickstart your morning. Start your day with a protein-packed choice such as these Chocolate Banana Protein Overnight Oats. You'll get the omega-3 fatty acids and antioxidants from the chia seeds along with protein and healthy fats to keep you energized while avoiding high-sugar breakfast alternatives.

Find more recipes like these for Salmon and Asparagus Sheet Pan or Spicy Crispy Chickpeas and ideas for a balanced, low-carb approach to eating well at Atkins.com.



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Salmon and Asparagus Sheet Pan

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 2

Net carbs: 4.41

- 1 bunch thin spear asparagus
- 1 tablespoon, plus 1/4 teaspoon, extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 teaspoon salt, divided
- 2 salmon fillets (4 ounces each), no more than 3/4-inch thick

- 1 pinch black pepper
- 3 tablespoons olive oil-based mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon minced or pressed garlic
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese

Heat oven to 425 F.

Wash asparagus and remove woody ends. Place on rimmed baking sheet and toss with 1 tablespoon olive oil and pinch of salt. Arrange in single

layer, leaving space for salmon. Place salmon skin-side down on sheet. Brush with remaining olive oil and season with remaining salt and pepper. Place in oven and bake 12 minutes.

In small bowl, combine mayonnaise, lemon juice, mustard and garlic.

Remove sheet pan from oven, sprinkle asparagus spears with cheese and cook 3 minutes, or until fish reaches 145 F and asparagus spears are tender and beginning to brown on tips.

Plate one fillet and half the asparagus, drizzle each plate with about 2 tablespoons mayonnaise sauce and serve.



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Spicy Crispy Chickpeas

Prep time: 5 minutes

Cook time: 15 minutes

Servings: 8

Net carbs: 8.3

- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chickpeas
- 1 tablespoon ghee (or clarified butter), melted
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chili powder
- 1/4 teaspoon chipotle chili powder

Heat air fryer to 390 F 3 minutes.

Using fine mesh sieve, drain and rinse chickpeas. Use towel to gently pat chickpeas dry, removing skins. In small bowl, toss chickpeas with ghee and salt.

Cook in single layer in air fryer 6 minutes. Pause and shake bowl; cook 6 minutes. Pause and shake bowl; cook 3 minutes.

In separate small bowl, sprinkle chickpeas with spices and toss to evenly coat. Chickpeas can be stored in open container at room temperature up to 3 days.

Golden Milk

Prep time: 8 minutes

Cook time: 7 minutes

Servings: 3

Net carbs: 3

- 1 cup canned unsweetened coconut milk
- 1 cup plain unsweetened almond milk
- 1 cup water
- 1 tablespoon coconut oil

- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground turmeric
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 10 drops liquid stevia extract

In small pan, whisk coconut milk, almond milk, water, coconut oil, turmeric, cinnamon, ginger and pepper. Warm over medium heat until hot but not simmering, about 7 minutes. Remove from heat, whisk in sweetener and serve.



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Garcia

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with failed criminal justice reforms and the early release of inmates due to prison overcrowding, sharing a story of an individual who was arrested for being a felon in possession of a handgun being put on parole, only to be arrested and released again. The next time he was arrested, he shot an officer.

Garcia says that due to Prop 57, an individual sentenced to 10 years in prison was released in two, even though he was arrested committing a crime with a loaded firearm. "They released him because they deemed the crime non-violent," he says, "because although he had a firearm, he didn't use it. You have police officers and DAs doing their jobs, and judges doing the bidding of the community, only to have people on parole boards release them. I'm not a fan. A felon in possession of a handgun does us no good and should be held to the fullest extent of the law."

"Never has it been more important for our police department and officers to hold the line for our community," he says. "The pendulum's swung way too far and needs to come back. I hear about second, third, and fourth chances [for inmates] but what are we doing for our victims, neighborhoods, and future victims?"

Following the mass shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival on July 28, 2019, the police department has initiated active shooter mitigation for events with large crowds. They now have nine guardian cars to respond to an active shooter at local events or schools.

The department also started a street crimes unit to deal with quality of life issues including crime and homeless encampments. Garcia says that last year, the unit, made up of six officers and a sergeant, made 200 felony arrests, 800 misdemeanor arrests, 40 pros-

titution arrests, gave out 172 citations, conducted 228 probation searches, served 262 arrest warrants, seized 11 firearms, and recovered 66 stolen cars. "What we do with what we have," he beams.

Balancing criminal justice reform and keeping neighborhoods safe, while building community trust is an ongoing battle for the police department. "We've struggled to combat crime and be responsive to the community and how they want to be policed," says Garcia. "We're going to take the criminal element off the street in a fair manner, but we're going to do it, because all of our communities are impacted by crime, and it's our job." He allows that sometimes departments can be too heavy-handed or turn a blind eye. "We're trying not to do that," he says. "We can offer great public safety and at the same time, help, and be part of our community."

Garcia recalls attending a contentious community meeting in Almaden Valley about five years ago following a wave of burglaries. During the past five years, his department has concentrated on catching burglary rings to great success: residential burglaries are down 40 percent, and school burglaries are down 30 percent. Although the percentage of commercial burglaries rose, overall burglaries are down 20 percent. "If you arrest one crew, you solve a lot of crime," he says.

After robberies spiked last year, the police department decided they had to be surgical in the way they approached crime. In the end, they were able to bring robberies down 15 percent in the city. Assisting their efforts is a \$750,000 grant from the state aimed at combating car break-ins.

In addition, Garcia says that San Jose's police department boasts one of highest homicide clearance rates in the nation.

Garcia is happy with how far the
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police department has come with staffing and retention. He credits the relationship the department now has with the mayor and city council for its increase. In January 2016, seven officers graduated from the city's police academy. More recently, they've had 40 promotions. "We've turned a corner," he says. "People want to be police officers here and they're coming from all over the country: all of our academies are relatively full. I'm very proud of what we've accomplished."

However, Garcia would like to see the police department grow. He notes that San Jose, a city of more than one million people, currently has 1,151 sworn police officers. Meanwhile, Boston, a city of about 700,000 people, has more than 2,000.

Almaden resident Trent Engler says that the FBI recommends 2.5 policemen per 1,000 residents, and as San Jose has a million residents, it should have 2,500 officers. He also notes that as Almaden Valley has 40,000 residents, they should have nine police officers rather than their 1.5.

"We're at authorized staffing levels, but that's nowhere near where the 10th largest city in the country needs to be," Garcia says.

He asserts that the police department is in dire need of more 9-1-1 call takers and dispatchers, and that while they had 50 motorcycle officers in 2009, today they have 10. He would also like to add personnel to his investigations, and sexual assault units, and assign every division captain their own street crimes unit.

"This is still a great job," he says, "regardless of the issues we face."

Regarding the city's future growth, Garcia would appreciate it if the city council was mindful of the police department during planning. "Sometimes public safety is an afterthought when we think about how we're going to develop this city," he says. "They plan 'X' amount of fire stations, but no one ever asks me how many police officers we'll need to patrol an area when it increases in size. As the city grows, the city police department has to grow with it."

However, Garcia keeps the city's budget in mind. "I'm not saying we have to build the police department at all costs," he says. "I live in Cambrian and I remember the dark times this city went through. I remember when my daughter and my wife had to go to Martin Luther King, Jr., Library because our local library branch was closed. I remember when I couldn't hit



ground balls to my sons in Little League because the grass was three-feet-high or we had to call it a day when one had to use the bathroom because the park's bathroom was closed. We have to balance what we can do, because I want my daughter to be able to use the local library. I want any father or mother to be able to hit ground balls to their kids at their local park. We can't hold the entire city hostage. We need to grow, but we need to grow responsibly."

Garcia reminds Almaden residents that they live in one of the safest parts of one of the safest, largest cities in the country. "There are other places that wish they had what we have," he says, but allows that these statistics don't help when someone is a victim of a crime.

When asked how the community can help, he suggests residents attend city council meetings when contentious topics arise. "I'd love to hear someone come up and say they support the police department," he says. "When policing issues come up at City Hall, we often hear the negatives, but rarely hear the positives. If there are big issues and you can't make the meeting, email your councilmember that you support the work the men and women are doing in your police department. I've been in that room with a lot of negativity, but I know there are a lot more people that support us. It's important for everyone to hear that."

Garcia also says that simply saying "thank you" to an officer makes all the difference. "I can't tell you how that sticks with us for the day, for the week," he says. "I'll be in an elevator and an officer will say, 'Thank you, Chief. Thank you for supporting us.' It goes a long way. It really does."

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Year in Review

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supervisors unanimously voted to leave the policy unchanged, citing law enforcement's inability to determine whether someone is undocumented while in custody. That vote surprisingly included Supervisor Mike Wasserman, who first brought the referral to the board after Larson's murder.

This decision to stand pat outraged some members of law enforcement. San Jose Police Officers' Association President Paul Kelly said officers cannot protect residents if "violent, repeat offenders are continuously let back into our community."

In April, Supervisors Cindy Chavez, Dave Cortese and Joe Simitian expressed concerns about limiting immigrants' rights and accelerating the rate of profiling, but voted to explore changes to the policy. They later reversed that decision. Supervisor Susan Ellenberg voted to not consider any changes.

"I don't believe we need to go back and study this issue," Ellenberg said. "We want violent criminals prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. But we do not and will not have one system of justice for people born here and another for people born anywhere else."

Moratorium on the Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center

This year, supervisors debated the safety and well-being of children at the Santa Clara County Receiving, Assessment and Intake Center (RAIC) and voted unanimously to phase out its operations. The key concern, they said, was getting already vulnerable children away from violence and drugs brought in by older youth.

RAIC was intended to be a last-resort 24-hour-hold placement facility for children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse and neglect. However, children would often stay for weeks or months at a time, before being placed with relatives or foster parents. Cortese said the RAIC initially opened in 2009 to replace the then-dangerous children's shelter, but had become just as bad.

While the decision to phase out the center came swiftly, county staff asked that the RAIC remain open until alternative services could take its place. Reforms under consideration to replace RAIC include increasing recruitment of foster parents and tripling the support services budget to \$1.4 million.

The supervisors hope to have solutions in

early 2020 as the center is phased out. Proposals will be presented to the board in January.

Women's health

Working to protect women's health locally, Santa Clara County dedicated \$5 million in May to support services for mental health, domestic violence, human trafficking and sexual assault, including support for two rape crisis centers and additional sexual assault training for law enforcement.

In September, the board approved one-time grants of \$503,000 to the YWCA-Silicon Valley and \$97,000 to Community Solutions. Chavez said the additional dollars would help bolster staff and services, especially after Gov. Gavin Newsom didn't renew state funding for such resources.

The supervisors also started working to hire more victim advocates and expand medical exams to north and South County by February.

Affordable Housing

Although Measure A — a \$950 million affordable housing tax measure — passed in 2016, the supervisors this year continued to spend revenue from the measure by approving housing projects countywide.

In August, 80 acres of vacant county-owned land was approved to be transitioned into affordable apartments for homeless residents. The five properties initially identified for this housing included sites near East Santa Clara Street, the Valley Health Center Gilroy, St. Louise Regional Hospital, DePaul Health Center and The Hub, the future site for a foster youth center.

The sites are located near hospitals and transit corridors, which offer more amenities and resources for the vulnerable populations they will serve.

Two more lots were approved a month later — at 425 Auzerais Ave. and the corner of Gallup and Mesa drives in San Jose. Combined, they will add 176 new homes for low-income and homeless residents, funded by \$15.6 million in Measure A funding and \$17.4 million from No Place Like Home funds.

As of September, more than 31 percent of Measure A's \$950 million had been committed to extremely low- and low-income housing. Earlier in December, lawmakers broke ground on Santa Clara's first supportive housing complex, the 145-unit Calabazas Community Apartments, also funded by Measure A.

Contact Katie Lauer at klauer77@gmail.com or follow @katielauer on Twitter.

San Jose makes 'Happiest City' List

SeniorLiving.org has released a study on the 20 Happiest Cities in America using the latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Census Bureau, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Labor and Zillow.

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