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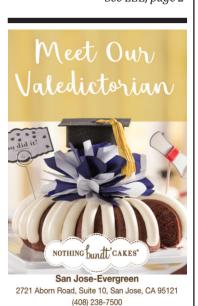
Former San Jose Mayor Ron Gonzales endorses Otto Lee for Santa Clara County Supervisor

Gonzales, San Jose's first Latino mayor, cites Lee's experience and competency

tto Lee's campaign for Santa Clara County District 3 Supervisor announced the endorsement of former San José Mayor, Ron Gonzales on May 14.

Gonzales said he respects Lee's dedication to serving his nation and his community and believes he will be a much-needed voice for Santa Clara County as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Otto Lee has earned my respect and my support for Santa Clara County Supervisor," said Gonzales. "He has proven time See LEE, page 2





Technical award bestowed to Evergreen **Elementary students** by Tech Museum

he Tech Challenge is a competition in which young innovators build a device to solve a real world problem.

The Tech Challenge 2020 "Launch, Land, Expand," presented by Dell Technologies, asked young innovators to "explore a distant planet". The mission was "launch, land and expand" equipment for scientific research and life support.

It was the 33rd annual tech challenge where more than 2300 students participated. Due to COVID-19, organizers canceled the in-person Showcase. Many participants decided to continue building and testing their devices while observing social distancing. This resulted in the first Virtual Tech Challenge Showcase.

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At left: Tech Challenge Outstanding Overall Performance was presented to "Dynamic Dudes" comprised of four Evergreen Elementary fifth graders. Pictured clockwise from top left are: Deepank Dhanger, Shaurya Singhal, Shashank Nandkumar, and Pranav Swaminathan.

200 goats escape, roam **Silver Creek Country Club** to the amazement of many neighbors

By William Bellou

Publisher

ore than 200 goats escaped their enclosure and ran rampant through several streets and began eating vegetation in the front yards of multimillion dollar homes in the Silver Creek Valley Country Club on Tuesday, May 12.

The animals are brought in a few days each year to clear the brush for fire safety on Trowbridge Way and Cannes Place in Silver Creek.

Thanks to 23-year-old Zach Roelands, the 'great escape" was caught on his camera as he came home after running a few errands around See GOATS, page 2

Pictured: Goats run rampant through the streets of the Silver Creek Valley Country Club after escaping their enclosure to the amazement of homeowners.







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A few goats break away from the herd to munch on roses in a neighbor's front yard in the Silver Creek Valley Country Club

Goats

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"This is the craziest thing to happen all quarantine, "Roelands wrote in a tweet sharing his video that soon went viral.

One man jumped on an all-terrain vehicle and attempted to direct the herd like a cowhand on a cattle drive. Some of the goats broke away from the group in order to sample garden flowers, including rose bushes, much to the consternation of the neighbors, who attempted to shoo them away as they began leaving their droppings along the street and driveways.

Also capturing the event on camera in the neighborhood was Amit Patel.

"All of a sudden they get onto our driveway and it was very exciting but I was a little bit nervous because the garage was open and I thought they might get into the garage," said Patel.

A golden retriever also got into the act by chasing after the hoofed renegades like a border collie, prompting one Twitter commenter to tweet "Golden Retriever is like 'This is my moment!'"

"The goats were rounded up and under control within minutes but everyone had to spend the next hour or so picking up their poop," Roelands said.

Lee

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and again that he is willing to put service first, exemplified by his almost 30 years of military service. As a former Mayor and lifelong public servant, Otto has the experience required to be effective on day one. In addition, Otto's perspective as an immigrant who came to this country in search of a better life will enable him to empathize with and fight for marginalized populations in our community."

Gonzales served for eight years on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and as a two-time mayor and member of the Sunnyvale City Council. He served as Mayor of San José from 1999-2006. Gonzales was a Councilmember and two term Mayor of Sunnyvale before becoming the first Latino Mayor elected in San José in 1999.

Gonzales joins a diverse coalition of elected officials, community leaders and political organizations that have endorsed Otto's campaign because of his commitment to building affordable housing, reducing homelessness, protecting the environment and reducing traffic congestion.

Otto's campaign also has the support of the Democratic Party, League of Conservation voters, Congressmember Anna Eshoo, Former US Secretary of Transportation and San José Mayor Norman Mineta, Former Congressman Mike Honda, and dozens of local elected officials.

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Four Silver Creek High School Seniors receive \$3,000 Villages **Tennis Club Scholarships**

By Wendy Ferguson Special to the Times

our Silver Creek High School ents of The Villages Tennis Club Scholarships.

The Villages Tennis Club allocated a total of \$12,000 for scholarships with each student receiving \$3,000 toward their college education.

Started in 2004, Tennis Club Scholarships have been awarded to 39 SCHS students for a total of \$84,000. Scholarship Committee members Claire Hintergardt and Wendy Ferguson socially distanced themselves to meet with the four youngsters. They all agreed that their senior year has been unlike anything they ever dreamed of or imagined. Now they are embarking on their next adventure and are looking forward to four years of new dreams.

Here are the winners' accomplishments and expectations.

Audrey Nguyen plans to attend the University of San Francisco and major in biology. She wants to become a doctor in either pediatrics or dermatology. Audrey says she loves helping people and working with others. She played on the SCHS tennis team all four years. Her mantra: "One point, one game, one set, one match. This is the one."

Camilie Huynh is going to UC San Diego and is majoring in biology.

She maintained a 4.0 GPA all four years at SCHS. At our meeting, she was hoping to become Valedictorian. Camilie feels that tennis pushed her to her limits, and challenged her personal drive and physical abilities. As a freshman, she won only one match, but as a senior she was undefeated.

Off to attend UC Irvine and major in English, Kristen Nguyen wants to become a high school English teacher. Tennis was very important to her as it taught her how to lead a team, build relationships, support others, and never give up. Kristen said that cooperation and communication that she learned on the court will help her in the future.

Dustin Bui will go to the University of San Francisco and major in nursing. He hopes to find an internship as soon as possible and work at a local hospital. Tennis taught him

persistence and patience, the latter, he says, will be a key factor in his studies and his work in the medical field.

Dustin's brother, Steve, won the scholarship in 2018 and is attending San Jose State University and majoring in Applied Math. Thankful for the scholarship, he said he feels it has afforded him many opportunities as well as helped him purchase books each semester.

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Villages Tennis Club Scholarship winners are pictured (I to r) Audrey Nguyen, Camilie Huynh. Kristin Nguyen, and **Dustin Bui**. Photo by Claire Hintergardt

Challenge

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Four young innovators going by the name "Dynamic Dudes" accepted this challenge. The Dynamic Dudes consisted of Deepank Dhanger, Pranav Swaminathan, Shashank Nandkumar, and Shaurya Singhal all of whom are 5th graders at Evergreen Elementary School.

"I could not be more impressed with the 'Dynamic Dudes' achievement especially during the current pandemic," said Mr. Stephen Sweeney, Evergreen Elementary School Principal. "Congratulations to the team as they strove to keep their scientific inquisitiveness alive during this difficult time."

Starting work on their project in November 2019 and after months of research, brainstorming, and failed prototypes, "Dynamic Dudes" built a system that successfully launched, landed, and expanded to the tech challenge's expectations.

The project used many scientific theories such as conversion of energy (potential to kinetic energy), gravity and trajectory. The young innovators also learned how to budget and choose the right material, taking specifications into consideration.

When it was the time for the final showcase and awards, due to the shelter-in-place order, the award ceremony was virtual. All the participants were eyeing the tech challenge channel on YouTube to see who would be the winner for the 2020 challenge.

It was a special moment when the anchor announced the award for "Outstanding Overall Performance" goes to team "Dynamic Dudes!"





LETTER

Temple member shares spirit

Dear Editor,

As a member of the Khmer Buddhist Temple, I want to thank the community for being open to our continued dialogue regarding the proposed Temple.

As we participate in neighborhood meetings, field questions, share information, and make alterations to our plans in order to meet objections, we hope that everyone understands the spirit with which we do so. It's in order to start off on the "right foot," showing that our goal is to live in peace and harmony with the world around us — and that, of course, begins with our neighbors.

We wish for what all who live in this community seek: the freedom to worship as we choose in a safe place; a desire to obey the laws; an eagerness to be productive and appreciated community members; and the aspiration of embracing the diversity of culture, religion and thought.

We ask that our neighbors provide us with the same welcome that we intend to provide them as we become more ingrained in this delightful community.

Yen Tran



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4-H: America's largest youth organization goes virtual with color me green 5k walk/run event

Complete your walk/run anytime from now through Sept. 30, 2020

By Dustin Geringer

Special to the Times

he 4-H slogan is "Learn by Doing," and 4-H members and leaders across the State and Nation are definitely living by that slogan today! 4-H is the largest youth development organization which began over 100 years ago.

The consensus when you talk to people about 4-H is that 4-H is focused around agriculture. However, 4-H clubs are about so much more than just agriculture and animals, as the clubs serve youth in rural, urban and suburban communities in every state across the nation.

4-H club members tackle some of the nation's top issues from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to healthy living and food safety. 4-H youth and leaders have had to quickly understand the impact and respond to support our communities during challenges due to the impact of COVID-19.

Santa Clara County 4-H youth are keeping busy with moving their events and including online Virtual resources. On the Santa Clara County 4-H website you can find activities to keep kids engaged and learning at home with STEM Fun and Education; Virtual Fieldtrips; Agriculture and Gardening; Health and Nutrition and so much more at: www.cesantaclara.ucanr.edu/Youth_Development/Covid-19_and_4-H_Participation_663.

Virtual 5K event

During the past few years, "Color Me Green 5K Run/Walk" has been held regularly, starting as a state-wide event to provide youth and community members a learning opportunity for improving their health through a fun event. Due to COVID-19, the event has been moved to a "Virtual Color Me Green 5K/1K Run/Walk" while observing the social-distancing guidelines and still focusing on staying healthy.

Participants will select where they will walk/run and time themselves. They can complete their walk/run anytime from now through September 30, 2020. Registration is now open at: www.ucanr.edu/cmg5k2020. Tshirts and color packets will start shipping out in August and you can receive a 20 percent discount with SportsBasement. Don't forget to share your picture with the organization at: cmg5kscc@gmail.com or Facebook @4HColorMeGreenSantaClara.



So, join the fun by lacing up those shoes, keep a minimum of six feet and run the "Color Me Green." (All proceeds raised will fund scholarships awarded to senior 4-H members planning to pursue higher education).

4-H clubs, out-of-school programming, inschool enrichment programs and camps also offer a wide variety of projects from agriculture and animal science to STEM, arts and crafts, cooking, photography, clothing, rocketry, robotics and computer science, citizenship, leadership and public speaking (to name a few). To learn more about 4-H or clubs near you, including program offerings and fees, visit our website at www.cesantaclara. ucanr.edu/Youth_Development and Social Media and @SCC4H

Photo courtesy of Dustin Geringer.

County of Santa Clara amends health officer order allowing retail business to open for curbside pick-up

ounty of Santa Clara Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody announced amendments to the current Shelter in Place Order to allow some businesses to resume operating, with modifications based on significant progress in controlling the spread of COVID-19.

In a joint statement issued this week, Dr. Cody and fellow Bay Area health officers acknowledged "the steadfast commitment of our residents to stay home, practice social distancing, and follow public health guidance," which has resulted in "sustained progress on several key indicators regard-

ing containment of COVID-19. This has remained [through] a full incubation period after the reopening of construction, outdoor businesses, and certain outdoor activities on May 4, 2020." It is because of these efforts by county residents that additional businesses can now open, and other activities can resume.

Under the new order, retailers in the county will be allowed to open for curbside/outdoor pickup, and the supply chain for those retail establishments will also be allowed to reopen. The amended order also allows additional outdoor activities to resume, including car parades, outdoor museums, historical sites, and publicly accessible gardens. These businesses and activities will be allowed to resume operation on Friday, May 22, 2020, with social distancing protocols in place to ensure the safety of workers and customers.

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Thank you for your cooperation in slowing the spread of Coronavirus

By Supervisor Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

A s we continue to follow Shelter in Place Order guidelines, I want to thank all of you for getting us to a point where we can move into the second phase.

Despite hardships and disruption of your daily lives, your cooperation in stopping the spread of COVID-19 — by staying at home, keeping social distancing and wearing a face covering when necessary – brought us to a place where Dr. Sara Cody, the County's Public Health Officer, could loosen restrictions a bit.

Starting May 4, construction projects resumed, such outdoor businesses as plant nurseries reopened, childcare for essential workers became available and we started to enjoy some

recreation activities, including golf and tennis. For all the details, please visit sccphd.org.

However, the Public Health Officials have said that we still need to keep following initial guidelines and the new safety precautions that are required as a condition to some of the activities now allowed. Until we have a vaccine, our vigilance is the most effective tool we have to fight this deadly virus.

There are five indicators that Dr. Sara Cody, our Public Health Officer, looks at before deciding if some of the restrictions can be loosened. She says that we're doing well on the first two:

• The total number of cases in the community is flat or decreasing, and the number of hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is flat or decreasing.

We have sufficient hospital capacity to meet the needs of residents.

But Dr. Cody wants to see more progress on

But Dr. Cody wants to see more progress on these indicators:

- Sufficient COVID-19 viral detection tests are being conducted daily.
- We have sufficient case investigation, contact tracing and the capacity to take care of those who need to be isolated or quarantined.
- We have at least a 30-day supply of Personal Protective Equipment available for all healthcare providers.

The County has ramped up testing for COVID-19 with community-based sites along with those already established, but many testing sites are not being used to capacity. Please visit my website at www.supervisorcortese.org to

find information needed to determine if you should be tested and to find a testing site.

Currently, the County has the capacity to investigate 25 new cases a day, each of whom may have only a few contacts because of the Shelter in Place Order. Health officials believe we will need the capacity to investigate and contact trace 50 to 75 cases a day, with an anticipated average of 40 contacts per case. To reach this goal, the current team needs to expand to about 1,000 members, including volunteers. If you're interested, contact ContactTracing@eoc.sccgov.org.

A significant number of individuals will need to isolate or quarantine to make our contact tracing efforts effective. We will need substantial support from cities and other community partners to help provide housing, food, income support and other services.

We're also not at the level of personal protective equipment that we need to have. Acute care hospitals' basic PPE needs are generally being met, but this is because patient volume is extremely low. As patient volumes return to normal, PPE usage will increase significantly. Regular sized N95 masks and gowns are still in short supply.

My office sends out by email a daily newsletter devoted to COVID-19 information and resources. If you're not on our mailing list, call my office at 408-299-5030 or email me at dave.cortese@bos.sccgov.org. You can also visit the District 3 webpage at www.supervisorcortese.org for past newsletters by clicking on COVID-19 at the top of the page.

Please take care of yourselves and your families.

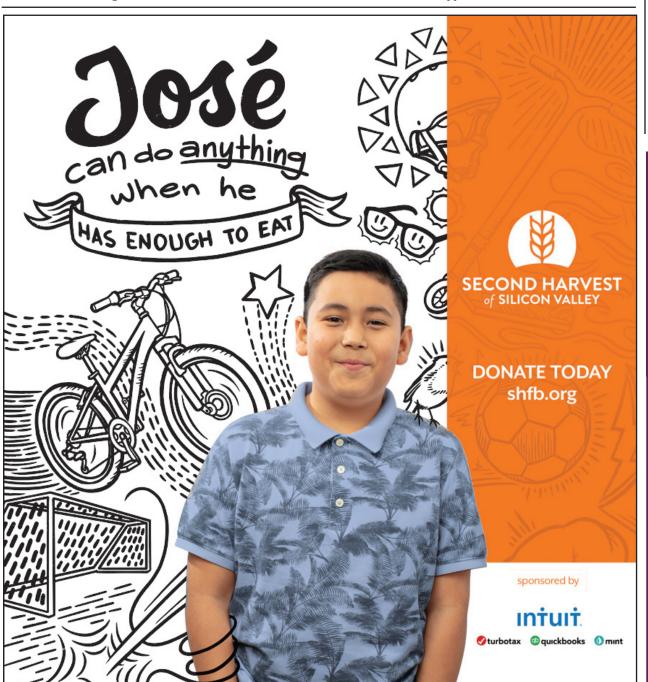


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partners, we are taking measured steps to enable businesses and activities to reopen safely," said County Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody. "We will continue to closely monitor each of the indicators, as well as other data, to assess how COVID-19 is circulating in our community. These data about the health and safety of residents will guide us as we gradually reopen more activities without eroding the significant progress we have made to date."

Today's announcement builds on the April 29, 2020 amendment to the Order, which allowed construction and outdoor businesses to resume operation with health and safety precautions in place. The new order updates the health and safety protocols that all businesses are required to follow if open.

"We recognize that COVID-19 and the measures taken to prevent its spread have profoundly disrupted the lives of all members of our community," said Dr. Cody. "We share the sense of urgency, and will reopen activities as soon as they can appropriately resume."



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Judge orders full signature recount for San Jose ballot measure

By Nadia Lopez

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight
abor leaders announced the revival of a contentious union-backed initiative to shift mayoral elections to presidential years last week, after a judge ruled in favor of a full recount of nearly 100,000 signatures to determine if it qualifies for the Nov. 2020 ballot

The order was issued on Friday, just weeks after Santa Clara County Registrar of Voters Shannon Bushey sued the city over dozens of mistakes she admitted making during the signature counting process, calling for the judge to reverse her initial decision and allow for the recount.

"The court holds the Registrar is permitted, and indeed obligated, to accurately ascertain the number of valid signatures...including by correcting errors and issuing a new, corrected certification," the legal document said.

The mistakes Bushey and her office committed, according to legal documents, included the "failure to locate voter records," misidentifying a registered voter's address, incorrectly concluding a voter registered after signing the petition and "erroneously" reviewing and reading voter records.

"In some instances the Registrar and her staff did not locate a voter record because their database search returned numerous hits and they did not attempt to locate the record in the results; in other instances, the record simply was not located despite seeming efforts to narrow it down," the lawsuit said.

The Registrar estimates the recount would take approximately 1,142 days to conduct, but the judge ordered the recount be completed within 45 days. To meet that June 23 deadline, county officials said they need at least 25 employees working ten hour shifts — costing a whopping \$1 million.

The pricey \$1 million reversal now falls on the city's shoulders, at a time when city leaders face a bleak eco-

nomic forecast in the fallout of the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The court has considered and rejects (San Jose City Clerk Toni) Taber's request that the county pay for a portion of the staffing costs required to conduct a full recount," the lawsuit said.

San Jose officials could not immediately be reached for comment Monday.

The decision is a win for labor leaders who say the measure — dubbed the Fair Elections Initiative — will put a cap on money in politics and encourage higher voter turnout. But the fight isn't over, as proponents of the initiative claim Taber lost more than 3,000 signatures — even before county officials admitted to making errors

"Toni Taber has some explaining to do," said Ben Field, executive director of the South Bay



Labor leaders turned in signatures to qualify the Fair Elections Initiative for the November ballot. *Photo courtesy of South Bay Labor Council.*

Labor Council. "The disappearance of the signatures of 3,000 voters on her watch makes it much less likely that our measure will qualify for the ballot. If the measure does not get on the ballot because of those missing signatures, it's an affront to democracy."

Now, they're demanding Taber provide the signatures. If she can't, they said the City Council should vote to place the measure on the ballot

But the council already voted on the measure last year, rejecting placing it on the ballot in a split 6-5 vote, favoring Mayor Sam Liccardo and his business-friendly coalition who opposed it.

If Taber can't come up with the signatures, the council refuses to put it on the ballot or the signature recount shows it failed to meet the 95 percent threshold, Field said labor leaders won't have "any other alternative" but to take

legal action against the city.

"Unless the city can find those 3,000 missing signatures, the only remedy is for the San Jose City Council to put the Fair Elections Initiative on the ballot," he added. "If the City Council won't do the right thing...then the community coalition won't have any other alternative but to take the city to court for the loss of the signatures."

In order to qualify for the November ballot, the measure's backers needed to collect at least 65,573 valid signatures. Labor leaders reported submitting about 97,000 total signatures to Taber, but the county said it had only received 94,202 from Taber. In a random sample, the Registrar of Voters reviewed 2,826 signatures from the pool of names and concluded 1,183 were invalid — falling short of the required 95 percent benchmark required by state election law to qualify for the ballot.

The ordeal has infuriated labor and business leaders alike, where the region's top business lobby, the Silicon Valley Organization, which opposes the measure, went so far to claim a legal stake in the case. The ballot's proponents say it will remove special interest money from elections by prohibiting certain donations from lobbyists, but business leaders argue the ballot initiative doesn't hold the labor community to the same standard.

While the judge denied the SVO's involvement, the business lobby's legal argument was granted "amici curiae" status, which means the information still stands up in court and can be used in the case.

The SVO could not immediately be reached for comment.

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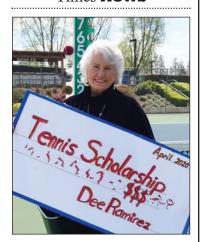
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Dee Ramirez kicks off fundraising efforts for Villages Tennis Scholarship

ee Ramirez (above), of the Ramirez Realty Team, has kicked off fundraising for the Villages Tennis Scholarship

Ramirez' generous donation provided a huge boost to the scholarship fundraising drive. A Villages resident, she believes in the importance "to give back to the community." She said she is delighted the funds will jump start this year's fundraising.

Dee and Jesse, her husband, have lived in The Villages since 1995. They have been married 54 years and are both native Californians. The Ramirez Realty Team is a family business that includes husband, Jesse, and Jonathan and Suzanne, their adult children. They have four sons, seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

A grand total of \$84,000 has been awarded to hardworking and deserving Silver Creek High School students The 2020 Silver Creek High School Tennis Scholarship students are Dustin Bui, to attend University of San Francisco, Camille Huynh, to attend University of California, San Diego, Kristin Nyuyen, to attend University of California, Irvine and Audrey Nguyen to attend University of San Francisco.

Fundraising is a major task for the Villages Tennis Scholarship Committee. Normally the fundraising events include a tennis tournament, BBQ dinner and silent auction with items donated by local businesses and individuals, in addition to monetary donations.

Unfortunately, this year, due to the COVID 19 Virus, the fundraising events have been canceled. Dee has given the Scholarship Fund a significant start. It is hoped her generosity will spark additional donations from individuals and the com-

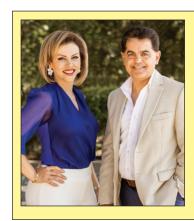
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San Jose Evergreen Community College District fills key leadership role

New Vice Chancellor of Administrative Services hired

ollowing a nationwide search, San José - Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) has named Jorge L. Escobar as its vice chancellor of administrative services.

Escobar, who has been serving in the role in an interim capacity since early 2019, will have responsibility for SJECCD's financial planning, resource allocation, and performance of the institution. As the chief business officer, he will lead multiple units including fiscal services, purchasing, and risk management, as well as bond program, police services, maintenance, and operations, among other areas.

"This is a very important leadership position within our District and it is critical as we navigate through the challenges and opportunities presented by the COVID-19 crisis," said Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland, SJECCD Chancellor. "While serving as interim vice chancellor, Jorge has infused the right level of energy and ideas in order to simplify, enhance, or automate the operational environment. During this time, he's led highly complex situations with integrity and elevated the fiscal positioning of the District as we received re-affirmation of AA+ and AA1 credit ratings from S&P and Moody's in April 2020."

Prior to his appointment as interim vice chancellor, Escobar took on the role of acting president at San José City College (SJCC) where he previously served as vice president of administrative services. Before joining SJCC, Escobar held various leadership positions with Princeton University, Laureate International Universities - The National Hispanic University, St. Augustine Universities, and Merrill Lynch. He has extensive experience in strategic planning, business reengineering, financial management, business development, technology implementations, online education, and oversight of construction projects.

During his tenure at SJCC, the college opened an extension site in Milpitas, upgraded multiple buildings and classrooms, modernized the campus infrastructure, and completed construction of a new physical education building and gymnasium, among other projects.

Escobar's educational background includes a Master of Science in education from Walden University, Bachelor of Science in business administration-finance from Rider University, Bachelor of Science in business administration management from Thomas Edison State College, and an Associate of Applied Science in business administration and accounting from County College of Mor-

"I am grateful for the opportunity to serve our community and to so many colleagues who have kept me focused on our mission with their guidance and support," Escobar said. "My commitment is to bring the best out of our District with our faculty and staff, to the people. We stand on the shoulders of so many who have dedicated their lives to



Jorge L. Escobar

provide access to quality higher education and I feel obligated to bring transformative possibilities to that vision."

"Jorge has shown unwavering commitment to our District's core values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice throughout his career and certainly while he has been with our District," Dr. Clift Breland added. "I look forward to continuing to work closely with him as we strive to continue bringing innovative educational programs and services to the cities of San Jose and Milpitas."

Escobar's appointment was approved by the SJECCD board of trustees during its May 12, 2020, meeting.

About SJECCD

San Jose Evergreen Community College District is composed of five main educational focuses, Evergreen Valley Community College, San Jose City College, San Jose Community College for Economic Mobility and the San Jose Evergreen College Extension (located in Milpitas)

For over 98 years, San José City College has been providing education and workforce opportunities to residents in San José; and for more than 44 years Evergreen Valley College has educated students in south San José and Milpitas.

In 1988, this college district began the Community College Center for Economic Mobility (formerly Workforce Institute), which acts as a training partner with many corporations in developing and maintaining a vital economy in the "South Bay."

Demographic changes, economic conditions, educational reforms, and the need for preparing students for postsecondary education prompted Measure G Bond funded initiative to build the San José-Evergreen Community College Extension (formerly "Joint Use 21st Century Post-Secondary Education Center") in Milpitas. This program now acts as a joint project between SJECCD and Milpitas Unified School District (MUSD) which began holding its first classes in spring 2017 with the following goals:

- 1. Promote a seamless system of higher education services
- 2. Expand access to higher education in underserved areas of the District
- 3. Improve regional economic development opportunities by providing access to career and technical education

The San Jose Evergreen Community College educates more than 26,000 students each year and each college is known as a hub of teaching, learning and innovation.

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Carbajal and Guel named to Dean's List at Iowa Wesleyan University

Jerry Carbajal (above left) and **Philip Guel** (above right) of Evergreen Valley have been named to the 2020 Dean's list at Iowa Wesleyan University.

Criteria to be a part of IW's Dean's List include degree-seeking students taking 12 or more hours per semester with a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Students exemplifying academic excellence represent the United States and countries abroad.

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Trump approves \$72.9M grant to Santa Clara VTA to cover costs associated with COVID-19 pandemic

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a \$72.9 million grant award to the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed by President Donald J. Trump.

VTA will use the grant funds for costs necessary to operate, maintain, and manage public transportation service, plus expenses for additional cleaning and personal protective equipment during the COVID-19 public health emergency. See FTA's apportionment tables for the totals apportioned to each area. (This funding is based on the agency's current request and may not represent the full amount the agency will receive.)

"This historic \$25 billion in grant funding will ensure our nation's public transportation systems can continue to provide services to the millions of Americans who continue to depend on them," said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

"We know many of our nation's public transportation systems are facing extraordinary challenges and these funds will go a long way to assisting our transit industry partners in battling COVID-19," said FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams. "These federal funds will support operating assistance to transit agencies of all sizes providing essential travel and supporting transit workers across the country who are unable to work because of the public health emergency."

Majority of Californians remain uncomfortable going to restaurants, gyms, according to poll

A majority of Californians still aren't comfortable going out to eat, according to a new survey.

Only 35 percent of respondents to an Emerson College/Nexstar Media poll, conducted May 8-10, said they would be comfortable dining out "with some spacing precautions," while even fewer — 26% — said they were comfortable visiting the gym.

The poll showed that people are more favorable to outdoor activities with 55 percent stating that they were comfortable visiting a beach or a park.

When it comes to work, a majority of the state is waiting for more precautions to be taken before returning to the workplace — or say they fear returning to their jobs at all.

Nearly 27 percent say they are willing to work under "any circumstances." For a fifth of Californians, wearing masks is what it will take to return to work. One tenth say testing must be widely available first, while one sixth said they feared returning to work at all.

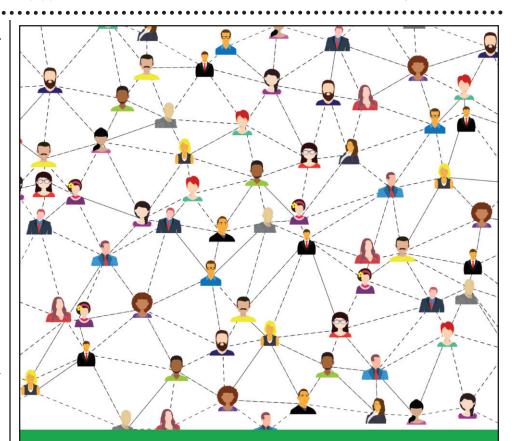
The virus has directly impacted the lives of Californians more via its economic toll more than its medical one. One third of the state said someone in their household has lost their job because of COVID-19, while 16 percent said they know someone who has been infected.

Krizsha Mae Del Parto of Evergreen inducted into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi

Krizsha Mae Del Parto of Evergreen Valley was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Del Parto was initiated at California State University, Sacramento.

Phi Kappa Phi membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership. Graduate students in the top 10 percent of the number of candidates for graduate degrees may also qualify, as do faculty, professional staff and alumni who have achieved scholarly distinction.

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 300 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.



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Santa Clara County approves country's first basic income pilot program for foster youth

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. has unanimously approved a \$900,000 in funding for the Country's first pilot program providing basic income to transitioning foster youth.

County of Santa Clara Supervisor Dave Cortese, who introduced this measure, said: "Youth transitioning out of the foster care system are a group of residents who are particularly in need of and deserve robust support. Creating a pilot program to provide a basic income to these individuals will allow the County to better support their transition out of our foster care system and to help them find a stable path to success, wellbeing and independence."

Under this pilot program, young people transitioning out of the foster care system in Santa Clara County, from ages 21 through 24, would receive unconditional cash payments of \$1,000 a month from June 2020 through May 2021.

Partnering with Supervisor Cortese on the pilot program was the Gerald Huff Fund for Humanity, a nonprofit organization dedicated to furthering the understanding, acceptance and implementation of Universal Basic Income programs to benefit all Americans.

Gisèle Huff, president of the Gerald Huff Fund for Humanity, recalled a conversation with Supervisor Cortese last summer about the needs of transitioning foster youth and the potential of $% \left\{ 1\right\} =\left\{ 1\right\}$ a basic income component to help meet those needs. As part of the Fund's mission to promote the implementation of Universal Basic Income programs, Huff decided to participate in the County's effort to support this vulnerable population.

Santa Clara County hospitals part of national COVID-19 convalescent plasma study

COVID-19 convalescent plasma is being made available to eligible, admitted patients who are critically ill and determined to be at high-risk for developing severe symptoms at three hospitals Santa Clara County.

Participating in the study are the clinical staffs at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, O'Connor Hospital and St. Louise Regional Hospital. They are participating in a Mayo Clinic sponsored research study regarding convalescent plasma.

Goals of the research include determining whether plasma from people who have recovered from COVID-19 can improve oxygenation and reduce the requirement for mechanical ventilation, intensive care unit (ICU) admission, and death; and if the COVID-19 convalescent plasma assists in the treatment of SARS-CoV-2 infection by providing patients with antibodies against the virus, while waiting for patients' immune system to mount an effective response.

Physicians are hopeful that this intervention will provide clinical improvements, but it is too early to arrive at any conclusion.

"Infections like the new coronavirus are dangerous because we do not have antibodies against them. We hope to learn if supplying antibodies can save lives," says Dr. Dayani Nualles-Percy, the lead investigator of the study at SCVMC. "Given the lack of natural immunity and the lack of a vaccine, plasma therapy may help to provide the body what it needs to fight the infection."



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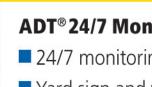
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Times **OpEd**

By leading and acting together, we can create a far better future for our community

By Cindy Chavez

President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

hen I envision our country and our community after we conquer COVID-19, I don't think about a return to normalcy. I think about a far better future and how we, working together, will make it so

Why, some may ask, should we talk about a post-pandemic vision when we don't yet have a vaccine or even know how to reopen airlines and hotels?

Perhaps the answer can be found in the actions of Franklin Roosevelt and Winston Churchill — two of the greatest statesmen of the last century. In 1941, the Nazis and fascists were triumphant. No one had a plan to defeat them. Yet that year FDR and

Churchill drafted the Atlantic Charter — a statement of their conception of a post-war world including self-determination of peoples and freedom from fear and want.

These tough-minded leaders proposed a vision because they realized that such hopes inspire people to perform the difficult tasks needed to accomplish major goals but also because they recognized their visualization of the peace would shape the way they waged the war.

We should learn from their example, lead and act.

Our experiences in fighting the coronavirus reveal both the strengths and weaknesses of the old normalcy and can guide us as we move forward. The most important of these lessons is that even when we are forced into strict isolation, it is our bonds to

each other, our commitment to community that allows us to sustain ourselves and prevail. Our failure to reduce inequality has made the pandemic worse than it needed to be. Yet the steadfast reliability and courage of those we have overlooked and often underpaid – stock clerks, delivery drivers, janitors, cashiers, bus drivers, mail carriers – have enabled us to make social distancing work and prevent the collapse of our health care system.

From these experiences, I propose several components of a post-pandemic future:

- Affordable health care should be available to everyone, without exception, and working families require paid sick leave. This isn't just an issue of justice; it's a matter of self-preservation. Epidemics spread deeper and faster when people are unable to visit a doctor or clinic. We can debate the best model to achieve this, but the goal must be a bedrock of our future.
- The tragic cases of the virus decimating senior-care facilities starkly reveals what we should have recognized earlier. Many senior citizens cannot be cared for at home. They should not be relegated to an industry in which staff are often inexperienced, poorly trained and earning minimal compensation. In the worst cases, owners may sacrifice safety to maintain the bottom line. The public sector needs to begin to build its own high-quality skilled nursing facilities and assisted living residences where sen-

iors can be secure, supported by personnel with superior training and career paths.

- Access to the internet isn't a convenience; it's a fundamental element of economic well-being, physical and mental health, and connection to information and public support in emergencies. We have the technical capability of bringing every household on line. In our post-pandemic world, we must demonstrate the will to do
- Throughout the world, the reduction in driving has generated magnificent improvements in air quality. We should not allow a climate crisis to arrive just as a medical crisis has been overcome. By expanding mass transit (including techniques to maintain the health of riders and employees) and by continuing the trend to telecommuting, we can create conditions for substantially less traffic, many fewer weather emergencies, and much healthier lungs.

Successfully confronting the coronavirus is a struggle. It is a struggle not only for each of us individually, but a struggle for our institutions, our businesses, our government, our relationships, and our faith. By keeping sight of a just and constructive vision, we can take actions so that in the next crisis we will be better prepared. We can help ensure that these exhausting struggles will not have been in vain.

Cindy Chavez is president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.



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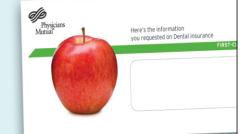




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San Jose moves forward with mandatory face coverings ordinance in revised health order

an Jose City Council and Mayor Sam Liccardo on May 19 have approved drafting an ordinance to discuss on June 2 a possible revision of the health order concerning mandatory use of masks in the fight to stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Mayor Liccardo said, "Wearing face masks is an important step to getting people back to work."

The mandatory requirement concerns San Jose law enforcement because it would criminalize residents.

"This is not a good idea to continue to criminalize otherwise law-abiding residents for not wearing a mask," said San Jose Police Chief Eddie Garcia. "We're continuing to drive a wedge between us and the community by having officers asked to enforce these health orders."

The mandate exempts masks for people with medical excuses, exercising, children 6 years old or younger, or anyone who is otherwise unable to wear a face covering without assistance.

Councilmember Johnny Khamis expressed concern about enforcing the new mandate and said he can't support a proposal that would "criminalize" peo-

ple who aren't wearing masks when walking their dog or picking up a newspaper.

"If I'm on my sidewalk, I don't feel like I should be in violation of the law," Khamis said.

City officials will draft an ordinance and return to the City Council June 2 to discuss implementation of the measure and alignment of it with the county's revised health order.

It is unclear when the new rules will go into effect



Times **OpEd**

Thank this obscure law for a potential coronavirus vaccine

By John T. Preston

Special to the Times

ccording to the Milken Institute, over 70 treatments for COVID-19 are already in clinical trials or progressing toward clinical trials. Several of the inventions behind this flurry of activity resulted from government funded research in U.S. universities.

This public-private cooperation is our best hope of defeating the virus. It's also the foundation of our entire drug development system. And it wouldn't be possible without an obscure law known as the Bayh-Dole Act.

For 40 years, this bipartisan policy has allowed university and non-profit researchers to retain ownership of patents that result from federally funded research, and then license those patents to private-sector companies that have the resources to turn good ideas into viable products.

The law has delivered an incredible return on taxpayers' investment. American research universities' patent awards have risen steadily over the last four decades, increasing from just 390 in 1980 to nearly 7,500 in 2017. Bayh-Dole has contributed over \$1 trillion to America's economic output and has supported 4 million jobs and more than 11,000 startups.

It'd be hugely counterproductive to weaken the law, as some politicians have urged.

Before Bayh-Dole, the government retained ownership of the patents resulting from federally funded research. For instance, if the National Institutes of Health funded research into a protein at a university lab, and then university scientists patented that finding, the government would own the patent. In theory, this ensured that taxpayers would receive any royalties for patents the government subsequently licensed out to companies.

But in practice, the federal government did a terrible job of licensing patents to private firms, who could then turn the findings into commercial products. Prior to Bayh-Dole, just 5 percent of government-owned patents were ever licensed to the private sector.

In short, Bayh-Dole has kept federally-funded research from going to waste.

My time at MIT showed me the caliber of innovation that can occur when inventors can retain ownership of patents. Just look at high-definition television, a relatively recent invention -- and the result of both federal support and private-sector risk-taking.

Controlled-release drug technology was another groundbreaking invention developed during my time at MIT. Controlled-release technology makes possible such lifealtering devices as drug-eluting stents that unblock arteries and long-lasting birthcontrol implants.

Despite the law's myriad successes, some lawmakers have proposed weakening it. They want to allow the government to "march in" and seize patents on technologies or medicines they feel are overpriced. Though their motives -- seeking to make medicines and other products cheaper for consumers -- are understandable, their

scheme would backfire horribly.

Drug companies spent a combined \$180 billion on research and development in 2018. That sum dwarfs the National Institutes of Health's current annual spending of roughly \$42 billion.

Firms would stop spending such sums if

the government could arbitrarily seize the final products that result from years or decades of additional R&D. The pace of innovation would slow considerably.

By facilitating closer cooperation between university scientists and the private sector, Bayh-Dole has paved the way for technologies Americans could only dream of a few decades ago. It's our best chance for a coronavirus cure. Tampering with the law makes no sense at all.

John T. Preston is former Director of Technology Licensing at MIT and founder of TEM Capital.



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Sikh religion honors 'True Trade'

Members of Sikh religion organize 'Free Food Drive-Thru'

Feeding the hungry is a key tenant in Sikhism as taught by our founder

By Kirpal Atwal

Special to the Times

Member of the San Jose Gurdwara Perhaps the best gift we can receive is the joy of giving to others who are in need.

On Sunday, May 17 our San Jose Gurd-

wara once again connected with all in our valley to touch lives of many. Honoring people with no human to human contact was tough to figure out. We overcame all barriers by preparing complementary bags of healthy food to give to those who drove up in their cars. Our founder of our Sikh Religion taught us well by his actions. It is our wav.

Members of our Sikh religion organized a

"Free Food Drive-Thru" as our way of implementing our new Coronavirus Relief Initiative. We advertised that "We know how difficult it can be during these times of the global pandemic and we are here to help. The Sikh community of San Jose has come together to organize a drive through food give-away for anyone who is in need of







our little community.

The mist of the morning hit the windshields of all who drove up to see us and these droplets on the glass were not unlike tears of jov.

The air was special. It had a distinct cleanliness as one breathed deep. Our Priest with his joyful nature was with us and blessed the Gurdwara and those who arrived to it. This is why Evergreen is so special.

As darker clouds rolled in, they provided private vails of helping each and every person who came to visit knowing that we, the American Sikhs are always here at the Gurdwara to be of help to anyone, any day, any time. Privacy is given to anyone in need or to those wrestling with life's problems. It is our

For some time now we have honored Mayor Sam Liccardo and others to not allow the general public to visit the Gurdwara. Since we first opened our doors we have served free complementary food in our Langar (kitchen) 365 days of the year. Having food available offers a comfort of mind to all. We knew we had to strive to find a way to get nourishing food to those in need.

As cars began to pull up we held a prayer before serving. God is with us all and we feel it as we learn more from our Holy book. God helps us and influences our ways in how we live our lives as American Sikhs. It is our way.

We had many conversations as to how this new food delivery system would work. We had to devise a touchless method of once again connecting with all in our Evergreen community. Everything was helped by those who volunteer and donate to make such concepts materialize. As the day came to a close we privately served about 50 cars and felt great joy in our hearts to give to those who might be experiencing challenges during this time. Everyone faces challenges in their lives. We felt content to honor one of our important tenants in our religion of honoring those in need.

Below is a kind handout we placed in each care bag of nutritious food. We want to do this more often in our community. It is a part of "True Trade," taught to us by our founder of Sikhism. It is our way.

Guru Nanak Feeding the Hungry

Guru Nanak (1469-1539) was founder of the Sikh faith. He preached the message that there is one God, creator of the whole humanity and everything else in this nature. Being created by the same God we are all equal and whether we are rich or poor, black or brown or white is all a part of God's great design. We should treat everyone with respect irrespective of the religion, race, gender or place of birth or any other difference by birth. We should see the light of the same God in everyone.

Among the values he taught, the foremost were a truthful living, compassion for everyone in nature, contentment and controlling our five vices of lust, anger, greed, infatuation and vane pride. He travelled widely and held discourses with people of different faiths.

The Sikh langar (meal) tradition, where everyone is served complementary food celebrates the values of compassion and equality taught by him. When he was growing up, his father gave him some money to go to a neighboring city and make a profitable trade (business). On the way he met a group of hungry saintly people. He used the money to serve the food to them. Upon return, when his angry father asked as to what he had done with the money, Nanak replied "Father, I have done a true trade." Langar continues the True trade. In Gurdwaras (Places of worship for Sikhs) all over the world, everyone is welcome to share a simple but nutritious vegetarian meal. Everyone sits at the same level to emphasize equality.

At the time of this Covid-19 pandemic, Gurdwaras all over the world are providing complementary meals or groceries to hundreds of thousands of people who need help. The food drive by Sikh Gurdwara San Jose is a small step in the spirit of Guru Nanak's True Trade.

Editor's note: This group will be serving free bagged food for less fortunate at Andrew Hill High School on Friday, May 22, 2020 from noon to 1 p.m. There is a new documentary titled "Guru Nanak: The Founder of Sikhism" which is shown on KQED plus (KTEH PBS channel). Also one can learn more about this great visionary teacher by searching the web.

To learn more about the San Jose Gurdwara, visit: sanjosegurdwara.org.

Times **News**

SOS AUTO REPAIR'S "Quick Tip"

Why auto inspections are important

COVID-19 UPDATE:

As the COVID-19 crisis continues, we are changing how we do business to protect the health and safety of our customers and associates.

Safety first:

We're continuing to aggressively clean & sanitize our facility throughout the day.

We're practicing social distancing, making sure to stay at least 6 feet away from each other.

We've installed Plexiglas at our office window to protect our guests and ourselves

We're continuing to wear gloves and masks consistent with the CDC's guidelines.

We sanitize your vehicle & keys before we get into your vehicle and after we are done with repairs.

Shorter business hours:

During the crisis, our hours of operation are:

Monday - Friday 8 am to 3 pm

This allows us extra time for cleaning/sanitizing our facility, tools, parts, and vehicles. Many of our vendors/partners have also limited their hours and staff, including delivery drivers. That being said, our shorter hours allow us time to pick up parts that would normally be delivered.

For your convenience: Coming soon!

We will be offering a contactless payment option (with a valid email address)!

But for now, you have the option

to pay over the phone, if needed.

We understand that these changes may represent a different experience with us but this is our way of ensuring that we can continue to meet your needs while keeping health and safety our priority.

Now let's get back to our "Quick

Why are car inspections so important?

Next to owning a home, buying a car is among the biggest purchases we make. Despite the huge investment, many of us have a relaxed approach when it comes to the maintenance on our vehicles. While regular Oil Changes are great, they only go so far in keeping our cars in tip-top shape. To ensure vehicle safety and to prevent the need for costly car repairs, car inspections are key!

Here are a few benefits of a car inspection:

Peace of Mind, Priceless!

Here in the bay area, many of us rely on our vehicles every day. Making the time for a car inspection can be hard and at times may seem impossible but it is a proactive step in reducing your chances of breaking down on the way to work, dropping the kids off at school, carpooling, or getting stuck in a parking lot. Knowing your vehicle is running smoothly offers peace of mind that you and your passengers (most of the time, your family) will be safe and that your daily routine won't be interrupted by car troubles.

Money in Your Pocket.

Many car issues happen over time. This means they can be caught and fixed before they cause major trouble. However, these little problems aren't always easily detectable. A vehicle inspection can help catch them long before they result in attentiongrabbing sounds or a fault in function. Vehicle inspections do cost money, but identifying small issues before they become big problems

will save you money in the long run. ALWAYS have an Inspection prior to purchasing a used car.

It's so important to have a Pre-Purchase Inspection done before you purchase a vehicle to identify any underlying issues it may have. Just taking it on a test drive can leave issues unnoticed, and the last thing you want or need is to invest in a vehicle that becomes a money pit. It's better to spend a few hundred dollars on an inspection than a few thousand dollars on repairs. Generally, sellers who are upfront about the condition of a car for sale will have no issue with you getting it inspected before committing to the

Just in case.

Car inspections are considered preventive maintenance, and for that reason we perform a multipoint inspection at every oil change. But it's also important to have an inspection prior to heading out on a road trip (and not the day before or day of your trip. We need time for these kinds of services).

Been in a fender bend lately? This is also a good time to have an inspection done, no matter how minor the accident.

Here are a few items from our Visual Multi-Point Inspection list:

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Times Feature

Strange Sierra weather patterns insure summer water supply

By Frank Shortt

Times staff writer

arly New Year 2020 brought in a false spring in the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Scientists began warning of water shortages as snow and rain had not yielded expected production.

With warm spring-like weather, wild-flowers began blooming. Trees began sprouting their leaves. Animals began their friskiness as it felt like mating season to them. Human denizens of the area began preparing for warmer temperatures as heat persisted. This continued up until early March

Suddenly, without warning, clouds began to appear around the 12th of March. The warm temperatures began falling, especially at night. On March 15, huge drops of snow, measuring about three inches long, began to fall and stick on the trees and the ground. Eventually, from this particular storm, which had been predicted since March 11, three feet of snow was viewed by residents of the 4,000 foot range.

Fickle predictions by weathermen and leaders of PG&E became a reality as power



This creek is being fed by melting snow.

lines, transformers, and power poles failed due to the heaviness of the wetter snow that had fallen. Needless to say, all the blooming wildflowers, the budding trees, and the frisky animals experienced a setback. Spring had not sprung after all!

After the three feet of snow that fell, those with generators continued a partial existence, according to the power of their particular generator. Those without had to use old methods of bringing in snow to the food drawers of their refrigerators to keep stuff cold in the rest of the refrigerator. There was no way to get down to the local small grocery stores to replenish food stock. Small snow blowers were of no use as they would become clogged after the

first foot or two in forward progress.

On April 4, about a foot of snow still remained at the 4,000 foot level. This was due to another storm that dumped out about 12-15 inches of new snow in the interval between March 15 and April 4. During this time there were cold rainstorms that helped to melt some of the snow.

Scientists have changed their minds about the amount of water in the Sierras! They are now saying that there will be plenty of water during the summer of 2020. The bay area will benefit, as well as points farther south thanks to the canal systems and



Above: Dogwoods in bloom. Below: A rhodo-dendron in bloom.



the rivers that inundate the areas.

Spring has now come as a reality, and rains continue to come as, once again, flowers and trees have continued to do their thing, and yes, the animals are also frisking about!

Op Ed

SJECCD continues to serve community

By Ryan Brown

Special to the Times

recent article in the Evergreen Times, "Questions Raised: Research finds San Jose – Evergreen Community College District underserves San Jose Students" is rife with misinformation and unsubstantiated claims. We value community feedback, but it is disingenuous to elevate a public comment made at a Board meeting into a news story and call it "research." This is not research. Research starts with research questions and uses multiple measures to assess, without bias, the answers to those questions. This is a case of an opinion searching for data to one-sidedly support that opinion.

During this time of crisis, San Jose – Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD) remains firmly focused on how best to serve our students and our community despite the many challenges we all face as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

At SJECCD, we were among the first community colleges in the state to transition to online instruction and remote operations. This decisive action was taken in order to help slow the spread of COVID-19 throughout the community and ensure the safety of our students and employees. It also ensured that students remain on track to graduate and transfer to a university to continue their education or enter the workforce. Our students are accepted as transfers to the UC system at a rate that is among the highest in the state, especially among Asian and Hispanic students, who are accepted as transfers to the UC system at a

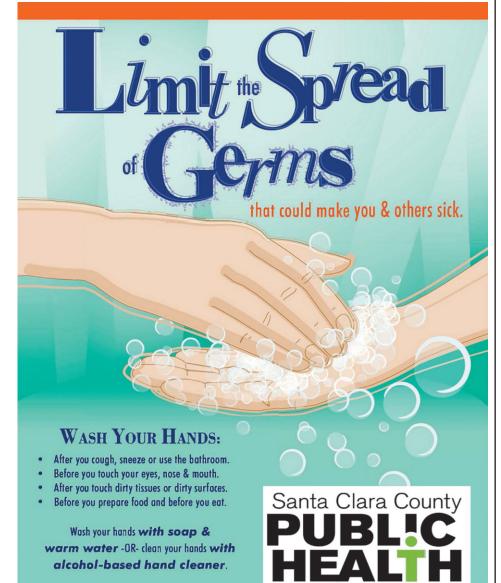
rate of 84 and 79 percent, respectively.

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis, we have provided hundreds of laptop computers to students who did not own a computer in order for them to be able to remain enrolled and engaged in their education. An additional 2,000 laptops have been ordered and will be distributed to students still in need of a device upon their arrival. Additionally, SJECCD has disbursed hundreds of thousands of dollars in emergency grants to those students with the greatest need due to unemployment, illness, and other complications related to COVID-19. We will soon be distributing more than \$3 million in additional emergency funds directly to students. These funds are being made available from the federal CARES Act.

Faculty and staff at SJECCD have exhibited unparalleled dedication and commitment to our students and community while making a remarkable transition to online instruction and services in a very short amount of time. Because of this effort, almost no instructional time was lost and students remain on track to receive credit for their courses and graduate this spring for those who are eligible.

While our physical campuses are closed, our colleges remain open virtually and we are currently registering students for summer and fall term classes. With so much uncertainty because of COVID-19, one thing remains unchanged: San Jose – Evergreen Community College District will continue to provide innovative educational programs and services to those we serve.

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Times Feature

Major layoffs in Silicon Valley hit Team San Jose, Goodwill and car dealers

By Nadia Lopez

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight
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oronavirus-linked layoffs have soared in Silicon Valley in recent months, affecting more than 21,000 employees across 26 companies in March alone, according to a San José Spotlight analysis of data from the state's Employment Development Department.

Industries with the most layoffs were retailers, restaurants, hotels, the arts and entertainment sector, personal care services and gyms. Beyond the region, layoffs spiked in March and April across California as well.

The Silicon Valley companies that laid off the most workers in San Jose were Team San Jose with 1,304 layoffs, Goodwill of Silicon Valley with 779 workers, auto retailer the Del Grande Dealer Group with 676 employees and the commercial contracting company Therma with 447 workers.

A report released last week by Joint Venture Silicon Valley, a regional research organization, compiled nearly a year's worth of information from the EDD, showing a massive uptick in layoffs in the past two months across dozens of industries.

Joint Venture Silicon Valley to release an updated report on layoffs next week.

"Layoffs are happening everywhere — at companies big and small — and they're no surprise given the current circumstances," said Rachel Massaro, the organization's director of research. "Most of these layoffs are in exactly the industry sectors we would expect." Most workers were classified as temporarily laid off, a "promising sign" that many will be rehired, Massaro added.

Team San Jose, the city's event planner and de facto tourism bureau, laid off a com-

bination of full-time employees and a variety of people who worked at the organization in the past six months, including parttime and contract workers. Employees who worked in event production, set up, food and beverage roles were let go, officials said.

"We're all navigating new territory," spokesperson Frances Wong said.

"The majority of our revenue streams come from events, and when events were paused, our team members employed in event production and operational roles were all affected."

The organization has refocused its operations to prioritize helping the city run its emergency shelters and food-distribution efforts.

"We shifted our efforts and talent from events to doing what we can for San Jose," Wong added. "Team San Jose's operations affect the community, and as a premier business and meetings destination for Silicon Valley, we're not alone from an industry standpoint. We're taking the time to reassess every angle of operation."

Other San Jose-based employers with more than 100 layoffs include BJ's Restaurant, The Cheesecake Factory, The Old Spaghetti Factory and Western Dental services.

Nutanix, a tech company headquartered in San Jose, furloughed 1,434 employees in the city as well as 12 workers in San Mateo and 11 in San Francisco, according to recent notices filed under the Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification (WARN) Act, which requires a 60-day notice before a plant closure or mass layoff. Due to the pandemic, Gov. Gavin Newsom suspended the 60-day notice requirement, effective March 4, for employers who meet certain condi-



The San Jose McEnery Convention Center, which is home to Team San Jose's office, is pictured in this file photo. *Photo courtesy of Team San Jose.*

tions

The company has made several efforts to cut costs during the pandemic, officials said, including "two week-long unpaid furloughs" for the bulk of its employees over the next six months.

"Like almost every other company in today's environment, Nutanix is taking deliberate and proactive expense-reduction measures that we believe to be prudent as we manage through the uncertain business conditions brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic," spokesperson Jennifer Massaro said. "Nutanix services will remain fully available, and the furloughs have been structured so that our customers should experience little or no changes from the normal course during this period."

Though the WARN notices list the employees as being "temporarily laid off," Jennifer Massaro told San José Spotlight that Nutanix's employees will not be terminated and continue to receive benefits.

"Furloughed employees are not being

terminated ... and will remain employees of Nutanix with access to our benefits plans, for example, during the furlough periods," she said.

Some employers did not disclose on the WARN notices how many employees they plan on bringing back. The nonprofit Goodwill of Silicon Valley temporarily laid off 162 employees, while 617 employees' layoffs were classified as "unknown," meaning many of them might not be rehired.

Before the pandemic, Goodwill employed about 900 workers, which means it laid off about 86 percent of its workforce.

"We did it as a layoff and not a furlough, and the reason for that was because we didn't feel that was right to furlough people indefinitely without knowing when we would reopen," Goodwill of Silicon Valley CEO Michael Fox said.

The move allowed the organization to pay out its employees with vacation and sick pay, as well as save money to continue operations. In the first two weeks when Goodwill decided to furlough its employees, the decision cost the organization \$1.4 million, Fox said.

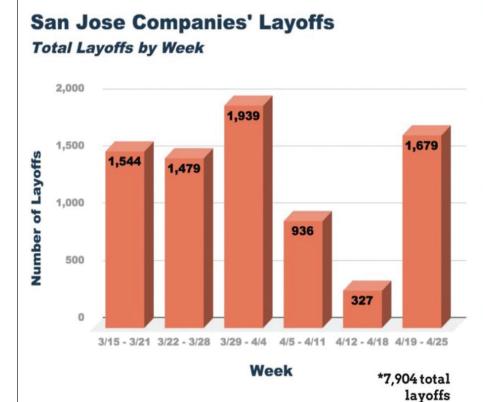
"We have a lot of reserves we've built out over the last few years for something like this, but if we continued with our full force like that, we would have been out of money by the first week of June," Fox added. "We just don't know if we'll ever get back to normal — there's just so much uncertainty out there. But we do know that we had to stop the bleeding."

The organization did not qualify for federal assistance such as the paycheck protection program or CARES Act funds because it has more than 500 employees, which has severely constrained its finances, Fox said. Though strapped for resources, it has continued to run its emergency operations and plans to reopen two more stores in the coming weeks.

Despite the pandemic nearly shuttering the longtime Silicon Valley nonprofit, Fox and his team are not giving up.

"I spent all last week cleaning bathrooms — we're all pitching in to do whatever we need," Fox said. "We're doing what we can to survive today, so we have a fight in this for the future."

Contact Nadia Lopez at nadia@sanjos-espotlight.com or follow @n_llopez on Twitter.



Layoffs	Company Name	Layoffs
3/19	CorePower Yoga, LLC dba CorePower Yoga	240
3/19	TeamSanJose	1304
3/23	The Old Spaghetti Factory Dariotis Group	118
	Fitness International, L.P. dba Spectra Foods	170
	HMSHost, Mineta SJ International	346
3/25	Fogo de Chao Churrascaria (San Jose) LLC	123
3/26	Penske Automotive Group, Inc.	162
3/27	Ovations Fanfare, L.P. dba Spectra Foods	177
	The Cheesecake Factory Inc.	187
	BJ's Restaurants, Inc.	196
3/30	P.F. Chang's China Bistro	100
	Western Dental Services, Inc.	117
	Capitol Toyota	148
3/31	Del Grande Dealer Group	676
4/3	Cupertino Electric Inc.	119
	Goodwill of Silicon Valley	779
4/6	Doubletree Employer LLC, dba Doubletree	260
4/8	Marriott Hotel Services, Inc., Sjmec, Inc., DBA	229
	Therma	447
4/13	D.H. Smith Company	170
4/17	Becton, Dickinson and Company	157
4/21	VillaSport Athletic Club and Spa	245
	Nutanix Inc. (employees furloughed)	1434

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Support our foster youth in a postcoronavirus world

By Dave Cortese

Special to the Times

e are living in an unprecedented time that has forced a paradigm shift upon us. There is an understanding among many across the globe that we are all dealing with the same obstacle.

For most of us, life has been stalled by the COVID-19 virus. Daily luxuries, which may have been taken for granted, have been replaced by physical distancing guidelines and a will to secure only the most basic necessities to protect us from a fast-moving and indiscriminate virus.

The ability to go back to work, send our children to school, or even the freedom to wander downtown to enjoy a cup of coffee with friends, all feel elusive. This may feel isolating, but the majority of Americans rest easier knowing that a return to normalcy may not be too far away; but not if you are a foster care youth.

For young adults, ages 21 to 24, who are transitioning out of foster care, the most basic luxuries and necessities will feel even more out of reach in a post-pandemic world.

This is why Santa Clara County needs a basic income program for transition-aged foster care youth. It is a first step toward giving these young people the tools they need to build a fulfilling and self-sustaining

An idea I introduced earlier this year, which was approved by the Board of Supervisors as a pilot program, will provide foster care youth with a stipend of \$1,000 a month that youth could apply toward housing, utilities, groceries and other needs. Individuals will be paired with service providers and strategic public and private partners experienced with mentoring to assist them into self-sufficiency. The board voted to greenlight this pilot program last Tuesday.

Foster care youth are already a fragile demographic. Their early years are often marked by violence, trauma and poverty. Years after transitioning, they show residual signs of emotional and behavioral disturbance. Once emerged from foster care, they must quickly begin the difficult process of establishing themselves, typically without the safety net of family and close friends. Will they find affordable housing or be reduced to sofa stints for months and years? Can they continue their education or are they doomed to decades of minimum wage employment?

The basic income pilot program I proposed will help these young people to not have to settle for less than what they deserve. Particularly in a post COVID-19 world, economic mobility will be slow for many, and even more pronounced for these youth. This program will give foster youth the tools they need to be successful to help them achieve parity in education, employment and income.

Basic income programs show great promise. Studies have indicated that such payments can reduce poverty, improve health and increase educational opportunities. The city of Stockton has undertaken a similar program with encouraging results.

The pilot program will continuously monitor how well the stipend has supported foster care youth in terms of educational achievement, financial fluency and job training.

We are not all feeling the effects of this pandemic equally. As we deal with the dayto-day of this virus, we must not forget to look ahead. Young people are our future. Giving them the tools they need to succeed and thrive is our responsibility. There can be no clearer opportunity to meet this duty than the chance to support our foster youth through this difficult transition.

Dave Cortese has served on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors for more than a decade with four years as board president. Prior to this, Cortese served eight years on the San Jose City Council, including two years as vice mayor.

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As the COVID-19 crisis continues to wreak havoc on our local community and economy, our community colleges will play a vital role in the economic and social recovery of our region. Over the years, San Jose City College and Evergreen Valley College have trained thousands of nurses, EMTs, medical office professionals, and others who are on the front lines of the COVID-19 response in our community. The role we play in the community will be even more important as we recover from

In recent years we have had our accreditation fully reaffirmed by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, we have had clean financial audits, and our credit ratings of AA (Standard and Poor's) and Aa (Moody's) fall under the "prime" category and are also among the highest in the state.

Due to SJECCD's tradition of strong educational and financial performance and the important role that community colleges will play in regional and statewide recovery, SJECCD Chancellor Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland has been named to both the regional Silicon Valley Economic Recovery and Resilience Council and the California Community Colleges Reopening Work-

San Jose - Evergreen Community College District has hundreds of faculty and staff members dedicated to serving our students and our entire community. While there is always room for improvement, we strive each day to provide life-changing educational opportunities and live up to our core values of Opportunity, Equity, and Social Justice while fulfilling our mission of meeting the "diverse educational and workforce needs of our community."

Ryan Brown is the Marketing and Public Information Officer, San Jose - Evergreen Community College District

Perennials for an easy-care vegetable garden

nyone can keep a vegetable garden. Perennials are a quick way to create a nice easy-care vegetable garden. Lots of fun to do, and you'll be harvesting and enjoying it for years to come.

Without the stress

The big advantage of perennials is that they come back year after year. Just plant them once, and you'll be enjoying them for years. In other words: vegetable gardening without the stress! Good examples of these vegetable garden plants include: strawberry (Fragaria), artichoke (Cynara scolymus) and rhubarb (Rheum rhabarbarum). Many herbs such as chives (Allium schoenoprasum), calamint (Calamintha nepeta), rosemary (Rosmari- nus) and thyme (Thymus) are also perennials.

Cutting garden

If you love flowers, the vegetable garden is a perfect place to grow them. Perennial herbs are real must-haves since most of them produce beautiful edible flowers. What about the flowers you can pick from musk mallow (Malva moschata), sage (Salvia microphylla) and hyssop (Agastache)? These flowers also attract bees, butterflies and other insects, so they benefit biodiversity.

A square meter garden

Vegetable gardening can be done anywhere - even in a small garden or on a balcony or roof garden. Working with a square meter garden is a useful method; because it's so well organized, it's easy to care for. Vegetable gardening can also be done in wooden boxes or a collection of pots and plant containers.

Just be sure that excess rainwater can drain off through small holes in the bottom.

Times **Feature**

Easy seasonings from your veggie patch

Every perennial plant you grow in your veggie patch has its own use in the kitchen. Soup takes on a delightful flavor with the addition of lovage (Levisticum), and many recipes call for fennel (Foeniculum) in fish dishes. Culinary sage (Salvia officinalis) is a welcome ingredient in salads. Are you a fan of mint tea? Then plant some mint (Mentha) so you can always have fresh mint at your fingertips.

Tips

• For a stunning effect, plant some eye-catching edibles such as artichokes among the ornamental plants in your border.

Discover more perennials at www. perennialpower.eu





Cynara scolymus (left) and malva moschata.

Ways to Make Hearty Meals at Home with Pantry Staples

tocking up on pantry essentials is a productive practice, especially as people across the country spend more time at home. However, having all those ingredients on-hand doesn't do as much good if you aren't sure how to use them or feel as if you're constantly whipping up the same dishes.

For example, canned protein is a popular pantry item as

it cuts down on prep time and holds a long shelf life while adding important nutrients to family meals. Canned seafood, in particular, is a versatile choice that can be used in a variety of easy recipes or simply eaten on its own.

An option like Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna in Water, which is 99% fat free and a good source of protein and heart-healthy omega-3s, makes for an easy and versatile addition to dishes like pasta. A 5-ounce can contains 24 grams of high-quality protein, making it a nourishing source of energy while helping to easily satisfy hunger.

Try adding some modern flair to the table with this Mediterranean Tuna Pasta, perfect for a family of four and ready in just 20 minutes. Virtually any canned seafood can be used from salmon to tuna in place of more traditional proteins used in this pasta and many other dishes.

If your family prefers to stick to tradition, Mom's Favorite

Tuna Noodle Casserole provides a warm, hearty meal with a hint of nostalgia while gathering loved ones around the

Ingredients in these recipes can be easily substituted for similar options you may already have on hand, such as another dried pasta in place of penne or carrots in lieu of peas.

Find more filling family recipes at chickenofthesea.com





Mom's Favorite Tuna Noodle Casserole

Total time: 40 minutes Servings: 6-7

- 2 cans (10 3/4 ounces each) cream of mushroom soup
- cup milk cups frozen peas
- cans (12 ounces each) Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna in Water, drained
- cups medium egg noodles, cooked tablespoons dry breadcrumbs

2 tablespoons butter, melted Heat oven to 400 F.

In bowl, stir soup and milk until smooth.

In 3-quart casserole dish, combine peas, tuna and

noodles with soup mixture.

Bake 30 minutes, or until warm and bubbling;

remove from oven and stir.

In bowl, mix breadcrumbs with melted butter; sprinkle over tuna mixture.

Bake 5 minutes, or until golden brown. Substitution: Use any frozen vegetable in place

Mediterranean Tuna Pasta

Total time: 20 minutes Servings: 4

- package (16 ounces) penne pasta can (15 ounces) chickpeas, drained can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes with basil,
- garlic and oregano medium zucchini, sliced 1/4-inch thick

- tablespoons sliced ripe olives can (5 ounces) Chicken of the Sea Chunk Light Tuna in Water, drained

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

Cook pasta according to package directions.

In large skillet, bring chickpeas, tomatoes, zucchini, olives and tuna to boil; stir constantly.

Reduce heat and simmer, uncovered, 5 minutes

Spoon mixture over cooked pasta. Top with Parmesan cheese. Substitution: Use any canned seafood such as salmon in place of canned tuna.



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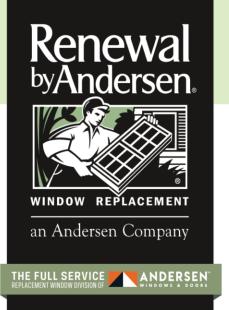
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