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Neowise makes a rare appearance

vergreen resident Richard James captured images which will not be seen again for more than 6,000 years on Saturday, July 18. James captured the image of the Neowise Comet at 10 p.m. above the Villages Golf and Country Club at the top of Valley View using a Sony A7rII with a 70-300 mm on a tripod with a five second exposure at ASO 800.

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COVID-19 IMPACT

Majority of Santa Clara County Supervisors call for sales tax increase due to COVID-19 impact

Santa Clara County Supervisor Cindy Chavez wants a public vote for an additional sales tax By William Bellou

Publisher

OVID-19 is impacting the financial health of counties ⊿around the country as health and social services needs are increasing.

For Santa Clara County, that impact could be more than \$400 million less revenue in the new 2020-21 fiscal year from fees, sales and property taxes.

To avoid drastic cuts in services, on Tuesday, July 21 a majority of the Board of Supervisors endorsed a November ballot measure proposed by supervisor Cindy Chavez, seeking voter approval of a five-eighths of 1 percent sales tax in addition to the current county sales tax rate of nine percent.

"COVID-19 and the necessary actions taken by the county in response to it have created a temporary, drastic financial crisis that threatens not only our ability to fund the public health response to the pandemic in the months ahead but also our ability to adequately fund the basic safety net, and emergency and public safety services that residents rely upon during normal times," wrote board President Cindy Chavez, who proposed the public vote on the additional sales tax.

Joining Chavez' proposal are Supervisors Dave Cortese and Susan Ellenberg. They asked county staff to come back to the board Aug. 6 with a proposed text of the sales tax measure. Voting against taking this first step towards a sales tax boost were Supervisors Joe Simitian and Mike Wasserman If the majority of the board con-

tinues to support the plan in See TAX INCREASE, page 2



Supervisor Cindy Chavez proposed a public vote for an additional sales tax.



The new Costco will be the main anchor included in a new big mixed-use complex that's under construction in Evergreen off Capitol expressway between Aborn Road and Quimby Road

Costco opening in Evergreen off Capitol Expressway in October

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Development area near Eastridge By William Bellou

Publisher new Costco Business Center is scheduled to open in Evergreen in October 2020.

The new Costco will be the main anchor included in a new big mixed-use complex that's under construction in Evergreen on Capitol Expressway and Quimby Road. The store's entrance will be accessed by exiting off of Capital Expressway.

A Costco Business Center is similar to a regular Costco (known as a Costco Warehouse Club), but with a few subtle differences. The business centers are designed primarily for small businesses and for business deliveries.

The Hunter Properties and Arcadia Development under-construction project, called Evergreen Circle, will include a public market, shops, restaurants, residences, athletic fields, a paseo, and public parks.

"Retail offerings include a market, drugstore, and fitness club in addition to general merchandisers and casual dining," according to a post on the web site of SGPA Architecture, which designed the project.

The 80-acre community includes 250 residences, 405,000 square feet of retail, a retail paseo, a health center totaling 40,000 square feet, a 14acre softball athletic complex, and pocket parks, SGPA (Architecture, Planning and Design firm) stated

on its site. A large food hall in the center circle is expected to feature ethnic food purveyors and outdoor dining."

In addition to the retail sites, construction also was underway this week on the residential portions of the project which includes \$900,000 homes which will be connected by central commons.

Some nearby homeowners are concerned about the increased traffic in the area.

New face of Silicon Valley Leadership Group announced

By Stella Lorence Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Barclays Capital executive Ahmad Thomas is the new CEO of the powerful Silicon Valley Leadership Group, becoming the fourth person to lead the 43year-old organization and its first African-American CEO.

"As the economic capital of California, Silicon Valley is looked to as a leader in economic growth, innovation, public policy and now, more than ever social issues," Thomas said in a statement. "Our community has always had serious issues to tackle, but with unprecedented economic challenges brought on by a once-in-a-lifetime global pandemic and reckoning with systemic racism, we need to lead with industry-wide initiatives that drive both the national dialogue and bring about real, measurable change."

Thomas will take the reins on Aug. 10. He succeeds Carl Guardino, who announced in January that he was leaving SVLG after 23 years. Guardino revealed last month that he's accepted a position as the executive

vice president of global government affairs and policy at Bloom Energy.

"Running track in school, we learned how to successfully pass the baton on to the next runner," Guardino said in a statement. "After nearly 24 years, I am excited to pass the baton of leadership to someone I have known and respect-

ed for 16 years, whose collaboration, courage and creativity will well-serve our 340 member companies, our employees and the communities in which we live and conduct business."

Prior to joining SVLG, Thomas worked as an investment banker for Barclays, where he gained experience leading the firm's California and Silicon Valley regional municipal banking teams as well as other social impact projects.

Thomas also worked as a senior aide to U.S. Sen. Dianne Feinstein, where he was responsible for tax, financial services, critical infrastructure, federal budget and labor issues. During his time with Feinstein, he helped develop five bills that were signed into law, and began working with SVLG on tax and economic issues.

"Ahmad showed a keen understanding of complex subjects, insight that has only grown over the years," Feinstein said in a statement. "Ahmad's practical understand-



Ahmad Thomas, named as CEO of Silicon Valley Leadership Group. Ahmad Thomas, an investment banker and former legislative aide in the U.S. Senate, has been picked as the new chief executive officer of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group. *Photo courtesy of SVLG*

ing of how businesses interact with the community will be invaluable as he carries on the work of Carl Guardino, who made transportation, housing and career development cornerstone issues for the SVLG."

Thomas's priorities for his new role at SVLG include partnering with community college programs that channel two-year degree candidates into technology jobs and using investments from member companies to bolster affordable housing, renewable energy and social impact infrastructure projects. He also advocates for more racial equity in Silicon Valley by helping member companies hire more minority candidates and funding more Black- and Latinx-owned startups.

Thomas is a California native who resides in Menlo Park with his wife, Reena Thomas, and their two sons.

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Tax increase

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August, it will be on the Nov. 3 ballot. The tax would expire in 2025.

The "five-eighths of one cent" sales tax would generate an estimated \$250 million a year in new revenue "to ensure adequate funds to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, maintain essential services, and support critical priorities, for a period of 60 months," wrote Cindy Chavez.

The county plans to convene budget hearings in August to address a projected deficit that "may be well over \$400 million," Chavez said.

The Office of the Assessor expressed that the 2020-21 fiscal year will be significantly impacted by lower property tax revenues.

The supervisors also approved, on a unanimous vote, a COVID-19 communications plan to strengthen communications about COVID-19 for residents in underserved neighborhoods, partnering with community-based organizations.

The county will contract with 25 to 30 organizations that will be able to use their networks in hard-to-reach communities. The contracts will be from three to six months, and will range from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

"It just makes sense to take advantage of networks that are already working among the County's diverse populations," Cortese said. "These residents live in areas that have been hardest hit by coronavirus."

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Kristi Frankina to lead as new principal of Tom Matsumoto **Elementary School**

risti Frankina (inset) is being recommended for the position of Principal of Tom Matsumoto Elementary School, subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees in the next special/regular board meeting by Emy Flores, Superintendent of the Evergreen School District.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Leila Welch, Board President, stated: "Evergreen School District is excited for Mrs. Frankina to be the new Principal of Tom Matsumoto Elementary School. As an administrator, Mrs. Frankina worked tirelessly on building relationships with students, staff, and community. The Board of Trustees is confident that Mrs. Frankina will continue to support a safe and supportive learning environment at Matsumoto."

Dr. Emy Flores, Superintendent, stated,



"I look forward to Frankina's leadership at Matsumoto. I have no doubt that Mrs. Frankina will continue to support a student-centered school culture that prepares all students for the future."

Frankina began to serve the Evergreen community as a student teacher at Evergreen Elementary in 2000. She joined the

staff at Cedar Grove Elementary School teaching 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students. She worked with teachers at Evergreen and James F. Smith Elementary Schools as an Instructional Coach. Her passion for integrating instructional technology led her to work with teachers across the district as the Technology

Teacher on Special Assignment. As coach and Assistant Principal at LeyVa Middle School, Mrs. Frankina worked to build relationships with students, staff, and community contributing to a safe and supportive learning environment.

"The honor of leading the students, staff, and community at Matsumoto is a serious endeavor that I am excited to embrace," Frankina said. "I am excited to work in partnership with our staff and parents to see our students succeed.'

Covid-19 communications plan now targets hard-hit San Jose areas

Board Approves Supervisor Cortese's proposal to strengthen outreach to

residents more likely to become infected o strengthen communications about COVID-19 with residents in underserved neighborhoods, the County of Santa Clara will partner with communitybased organizations that are already trusted messengers in these areas.

At the Tuesday, July 21, meeting, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved Supervisor Dave Cortese's proposal (Item 9 on the agenda) to ensure that the populations that are most likely to become infected with COVID-19 are receiving information in a variety of languages delivered by representatives of organizations they know.

'While we're trying to bridge the digital divide in disadvantaged areas, we know that social media and online communications leaves out thousands who urgently need the information but who don't have a connection to the Internet or access to computers," said Supervisor Cortese. "They also tend to have jobs that cannot be done remotely and that put them out into the community where they are exposed to the virus.'

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The Emergency Operations Center is seeking partnerships with CBOs from a broad range of disciplines including, but not limited to, the arts, culture, theatre and performance, health and nutrition, economic empowerment, youth, faith-based and service organizations.

They include African American Community Services Agency; Alum Rock Counseling Center; ConXion; Far East Dragon Lion Dance Association; Friends of Hue Foundation; Gardner Health Services; Healing Grove; Hispanic Chamber of Commerce; International Children Assistance Network: Immigrant Resettlement and Cultural Center; Latino Business Council of Silicon Valley; Minority Business Consortium; Mountain View Day Worker Center of Mountain View; The Sí Se Puede! Collective that includes SOMOS Mayfair, Amigos De Guadalupe, Grail Family Services, the School of Arts and Culture and Veggielution; Story Road Business Association; Unity Care; Ujima; and the Vietnamese American Roundtable.

The County will continue to engage with other community organizations in moving forward with this outreach and communications plan.

Supervisor Cortese's proposal was approved along with other outreach plans that include establishing a Community Health and Business Engagements Team, a unified County Branding Campaign and a Multicultural Arts Campaign.

There is a one-time cost of \$1.5 million over six months to add at least 67 Community Health Workers to provide outreach to businesses and individuals in communities that have been disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 crisis.

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Dr. Marena Doxie

Dr. Marena Doxie appointed new Chaboya Middle School Principal

r. Emy Flores, Superintendent of the Evergreen School District appointed Dr. Marena Doxie as the new Principal of Chaboya Middle School subject to ratification by the Board of Trustees in the next special/regular board meeting.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Leila Welch, Board President, stated "Evergreen School District is looking forward to Dr. Doxie's leadership. Dr. Doxie believes in supporting the academic and social-emotional needs of all students. The Board of Trustees is confident that with Dr. Doxie's knowledge and experience, she will successfully lead Chaboya Middle School."

"We are excited to have Dr. Doxie to be the new Principal of Chaboya Middle School," Flores said." As coach and assistant principal, Dr. Doxie worked tirelessly to promote advocacy and equity for both students and teachers. I am confident that Dr. Doxie will lead Chaboya students to continue to grow and thrive."

Dr. Marena Doxie is a long-time See DOXIE, page 6



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Local teen writes book on the ups and downs of teen life, setting a relevant course of rediscovery

Kimaya Saijpal's book is relevant in this time of COVID-19

Kinaya Saijpal, a high school sophomore, has written about the ups and downs of teen life in her book *Angst, Anxiety, and Acceptance: a Relatable Guide to a Teenager's Life.*

Kimaya's new book is light-hearted, relevant, temperamental, unapologetic, sensitive and hopeful, all at the same time.

New Year Publishing, who published the book last month, was impressed with Kimaya's talent for writing and also recognized that while teen

years are exciting, they can sometimes be excruciating, filled with doubt and despair. One of the reasons the publisher shortlisted Kimaya's book was for the content and its relevance in this time of COVID-19.

Kimaya said her passion for writing started early in life; blessed with a vivid imagination. "I started writ-

ing as a way to show the people in my life that they are not alone and that everyone is just waiting for someone to tell them that 'where you are in your life is completely ok," Kimaya said.

Angst, Anxiety, and Acceptance sets the readers on a course of discovering themselves and find-

ing their voice. Through raw and relatable poems and fictional stories, she has captured the emotions of an adolescent trying to form their own identity, while dealing with the world's expectations of them.

In her book, Kimaya relates, "I never realized that more than half the problem was my constant self-deprecation, and if I could learn to love this part of me, then no one's opinion could stand in my way. The more I didn't care, the more I noticed that others were too focused on themselves to spend much time on what I did or how I looked. As long as I was smiling and waving at my

teachers and friends, they would reciprocate. The reason is simple: humans are masters at picking up on emotional atmospheres and mirroring those feelings."

Kimaya explained that, "We all think that every dirty look is directed to us, that every glare is because of us. But we don't see the mirror behind us, and we don't re-

alize that both of us are looking and judging ourselves. Once we understand this, the answer is simple. Love yourself for who you are, and who you want to be."

Kimaya is a lead vocalist and plays the guitar. "Music is life and life is music" is her mantra. Ki-



"Love yourself for who you are, and who you want to be." — Kimaya Saijpal

maya is also passionate about teen mental health issues and at the school she attends she has started a student club on stress reduction and meditation which has become quite popular. She also manages her own website www.KimayaKalm. com, which concentrates on meditation for teenagers, by teenagers, to help educate them on the powerful benefits of meditation.

"If my writing can help motivate someone to tell their own unique stories, in the ways that they excel in, then that's all I can ask for," Kimaya said. "Write a song, write a book, create a piece of art; but make your story heard. It's these stories that leave the greatest impact on others and it's this notion that'll push society further into the future."

Editor's note: To purchase Kimaya's book, visit: Amazon.com and enter the search word Kimaya.

ESD Board of Trustees approve full online distance learning model

t a special board meeting on July 15, 2020, the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved a full online distance learning model to commence the 2020-21 school year, which begins on August 19. Following the Board's decision, on July 17,

2020, the California Department of Public Health mandated school closures for schools Located in counties on the COVID-19 Watch List, which includes Santa Clara County. Schools and school districts may reopen for in-person instruction only if they are located in a county that has not been on a county monitoring list within the prior 14 days. Schools are to remain physically closed and may only provide distance learning until they have been off the monitoring list for at least 14 days.

The County of Santa Clara Office of Public Health followed with an order on July 17, 2020, for the "closure of all in-person operations at schools in counties on the State's monitoring list except for elementary schools that obtain a waiver from the local health officer." The order included all public, private, and charter schools. This order states that "schools may not open for any in-person instruction, athletic or extracurricular activities or other related functions, including hybrid learning models at this time."

Once Santa Clara County has been off of the State's monitoring list for 14 days, schools should resume in-person instruction and activities consistent with health and safety requirements. Public Health offers waivers as a pathway for in-person instruction at elementary schools. At this time, because the number of COVID-19 cases and deaths are still on the rise, the Evergreen School District will not be applying for this waiver.

The plan approved by the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees also directs staff to develop a hybrid learning model, which is tentatively scheduled to be implemented in January 2021, when students return from Winter Break, depending on whether Santa Clara County is off the monitoring list at that time. "We will re-evaluate our ability to safeguard schools and keep students and staff healthy and safe at the end of the third week in December so that, if we can change to the Hybrid Learning Model, we will do so in January, when students return from Winter break," said Dr. Flores, who also emphasized that parents will still be provided choices for learning model options for their children at that time.

Details regarding distance learning--including the Preschool-sixth grade schedules, platform, and student and staff expectations and requirements resources for parents, and mental, social, emotional wellness supports that will be provided for students and staff later this month. The plan will also follow the distance learning requirements outlined in SB98.

The district will hold a meeting to discuss updates and obtain additional stakeholder input on August 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

More information and register at: bit.ly/ESD-CommunityInfoMtg



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Ann Ravel

Mayor Sam Liccardo endorses Ann Ravel for State Senate

S Ann Ravel's campaign to become the next State Senator of District 15.

"As mayor of San Jose, I know that our city needs a proven leader in Sacramento who will work every day to make government more accountable, transparent and effective for every member of our diverse community. That's why I am so proud to give my endorsement to Ann Ravel for State Senate," said Liccardo. "Ann Ravel's groundbreaking

career is a demonstration of her tenacity, independence and commitment to serving the people. In these tough times we need strong and independent representatives like Ann Ravel."

"I'm honored to have the support of Mayor Liccardo, a leader who has shown that the in-

Doxie

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member of the Evergreen teaching community. Serving as a teacher, mentor, instructional coach, and administrator in both elementary and middle school levels, starting at Quimby Oak Middle School in 2007, Dr. Doxie taught both seventh and eighth grades History/Social Studies where she encouraged students to make connections between history and current events as positive change agents in our society.

As coach and assistant principal, Dr. Doxie continued to promote advocacy, risk-taking, and equity for both students and teachers. With a passion for ongoing professional development and support for teachers, Dr. Doxie also coordinated multiple learning opportuni-

novation and economic growth represented by Silicon Valley's future is brightest when everyone can share in the prosperity," said Ravel.

In recent months, Ravel has announced endorsements from Congresswoman Katie Porter, ten incumbent members of the California legislature, members of the San Jose City Council, the Silicon Valley Organization, Latinas Lead California and EMILY's List.

The Mercury News has also endorsed Ravel calling her a "standout" candidate.

Ravel was appointed by President Barack Obama to serve in his administration - first serving at the Department of Justice, then working as head of the Federal Election Commission. Ravel was also appointed by Governor Jerry Brown as Chair of Califor-

nia's Fair Political Practices Commission.

California's State Senate District 15 includes San Jose, Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Monte Sereno and Saratoga. This is an open seat - current State Senator Jim Beall is termed out in 2020.

ties for staff throughout the district. Excited to start a principalship at Chaboya Middle School, Dr. Doxie is dedicated to supporting a school culture that is student-centered, enhances parental and community partnerships, and supports all staff. Outside of work, Dr. Doxie enjoys spending time with her family, gardening, and working on complex puzzles; she earned her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership from Mills College in Oakland in 2020.

Dr. Doxie stated, "It is an honor and a pleasure to join the Colts! In leading Chaboya in its next thriving chapter, I am excited to be part of its rich history and traditions. I look forward to building on its legacy of providing rigorous learning opportunities balanced with academic and social-emotional wellness in partnership with our families. I look forward to working with you in the upcoming school year."

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Evergreen High School Physics Club free virtual speaker event

he EVHS Physics Club is organizing a free virtual speaker event on August 1st and 8th.

The club's goal is to reach out to students all over the nation and showcase the various applications of physics.

The speakers include college students, professors, and industry professionals with backgrounds in physics who are eager to share their expertise and knowledge with those who attend.

Scheduled speakers

Jupiter Jones: Jupiter Jones is from a small town in northern Canada and is currently studying theoretical astrophysics at York University. She is also a scientist-astronaut candidate through project PoSSUM. Jupiter Jones pursued astrophysics because of her love for space and how "there's a history in the stars that are telling us about ourselves."

Mr. Scott Lubbs: Mr. Lubbs graduated from Knox College and is currently a physics teacher at Evergreen Valley High School. He worked in the laser industry and after discovering his passion for teaching, attained his teaching credentials at SJSU. As a teacher, he has taught AP Physics 1, 2, and C.

Sharon Warmerdam: Sharon is a native Californian who recently graduated from UC Davis with a B.S. in Physics. She majored in physics because it challenged and fascinated her the most. Sharon plans to work towards a master's in education and become a high school physics teacher in the Sacramento area.

Dr. Fred Barez: Dr. Barez is currently a professor in the Mechanical Engineering department at San Jose State University. He is also the Director of the Hybrid & Electric Vehicle Technology Laboratory and the Department Chair of Aviation and Technology. He got his Bachelors at Michigan Technological University, then went on to earn his Masters and Ph.D at University of California, Berkeley. Currently, Professor Barez specializes in topics related to computer storage, and teaches courses in dynamics, vibrations, control systems, electronics packaging, and semiconductor manufacturing process and equipment.

Nina Hooper: Nina grew up in Australia and pursued her undergraduate education from Harvard University in the field of Astrophysics. She then did her masters in Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical Engineering from Stanford University. After school, she worked at several "deep tech" startups including a company that builds small satellites and another that built a NASA-inspired system to clean rain water *See PHYSICS, next page*

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Physics, continued

and sewage water. Later, she started an app company aimed at working to create tools that can help students through the important transition from high school to college and beyond.

Raja Guha Thakurta: Raja is a professor at UCO/Lick Observatory at the technical lab University of California-Santa Cruz. He has received his MS and PhD in Astronomy and Astrophysics from Princeton University. His research is focused on the formation and evolution of galaxies.

Jack Tulyag: Jack grew up in Fresno and attended the University of California-Los Angeles to pursue an undergraduate degree in Chemistry and Physics. While at UCLA, he wrote several educational science articles for the Daily Bruin, the school's newspaper, and worked in a Materials Chemistry lab focused on the synthesis of multiferroic nanocrystals. Jack will be heading to Columbia University to pursue his Ph.D. in Experimental Physical Chemistry in the fall!

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Newsom: Schools must be off monitoring list 14 days before restarting in-person instruction

alifornia State Governor Gavan Newsome announced new guidance on Friday July 17 for school reopening that will generally require counties to be off the State's monitoring list for at least 14 days before schools will open for in-person instruction.

Santa Clara County is currently on the State's monitoring list; however the State's guidance states that local health officers may grant a waiver for elementary schools to open for in-person instruction. These waivers may be granted "when requested by a local superintendent (or equivalent for charter or private schools), in consultation with labor, parent and community organizations. Local health officers must review local community epidemiological data, consider other public health interventions, and consult with CDPH when considering a waiver request."

The County Office of Education and County Public Health Department will continue to work with schools, school leaders, and parents to prepare for safe reopening of in-person learning, and will pursue prioritization of in-person elementary school instruction as provided in the State's guidance.

Santa Clara County Superintendent Dr. Mary Ann Dewan made the following statement:

"Our highest priority is the safety and wellbeing of students and school staff in our community. There are elements of distance learning that are extremely challenging, and we will work through these challenges together. We are committed to supporting districts and schools to provide students with multifaceted educational experiences that help them progress academically and keep them engaged while keeping them safe. Teachers and school employees are passionate about students, and I am inspired by their agility and hard work in educating students during this pandemic."

County of Santa Clara Health Officer Dr. Sara Cody made the following statement:

"We must all come together and do whatever it takes to slow the spread of COVID-19 and enable students, teachers, and school staff to safely return to in-person learning. We know that teachers, staff and students both need to be safe and feel safe to return to in-person instruction. The County Public Health Department will work in close partnership with schools to ensure they can implement the

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Young author publishes book on the stock market

Empowering and helping young audiences with first-hand knowledge of their own possible investments

arna Sahu, 12, has published a nonfiction 32-page book on the Stock Market, with the assistance of her 16-year-old sister, Aarushi, putting their time to good use during the pandemic.

Intro To Business: The Stock Market is filled with bubbly pictures, arranged for intrigued middle school and rising students. This book covers stock trading, trading tips, lingoes, brokerage guidance, disparities amid firms, loans, annual variances, and notable gains – as described on Amazon.com

Aarna said she wrote her Stock Market book because she has always been intrigued by business and economics and wanted to encourage inspiring curious middle schoolers and introductory students, while quarantined, to help them discover the business and economic field.

"Last summer, in my final year of elementary, I went to a finance-economics-stock market-related class," Aama said. "I noticed how all of the boys were focused and converged in the class. Then, I saw girls-chit-chatting and talking with each other. I made it my mission to empower and help young audiences comprehend business and economics

with an easy to understand book I wrote the help of my sister."

Aarna found writing her interesting book a great way to channelize her energy by helping young audiences with firsthand knowledge with her own investments. "My first invest-



ment in the Stock Market was made in January 2019," Aama said. "With the right skills, I managed to triple my investment in value from the knowledge I gained overhearing my dad discussing the Stock Market with his friends. I thought that it was a neat way to invest and earn money with periodical gains and losses."

Economics in schools

Aarna believes there is an educational inequity at most schools due to the lack of teaching finances. She hopes her book will inspire an interest in economics and business courses for young audiences.

"Since local schools do not teach economics, I wanted to create a kick-starter for interested youth, said Aarushi. "I believe this inequity should raise awareness among global youth and academies about the need for financial education.

Although the limitation might seem disappointing at first, my goal is to educate people further on in their development."

Intro To Business: The Stock Market is available on Amazon.com

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A new library for children in Evergreen Valley is now open! The "Little Free Li-

brary" at Evergreen Grace Church opened on Sunday, July 26.

The new little library is available 24/7 for children encouraging children to read a book and/or leave a book. The library box was designed by artist Abby.

"The goal is to encourage reading and the curiosity to delve into the unknown areas of learning," said Pastor John of Grace Church. "The project was a collaboration of the Rotary Club of Evergreen Valley and 'See The Rainbow,' an Evergreen based nonprofit and Grace Church. Isn't it amazing what we can do when we work together? Everyone benefits."

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San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo drops his 'strong mayor' plan

By Carly Wipf and Mauricio La Plante Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

fter a month of pressure and community outcry, Mayor Sam Liccardo on Monday, July 27, 2020 quietly dropped his push for a 'strong mayor' initiative that would extend his term by two years and increase his powers.

In a memo released Monday — a day before the San Jose City Council was set to vote on the controversial plan — Liccardo proposed creating a charter review commission to consider changes and instead pursue a November ballot measure that would only move mayoral elections to presidential years. The plan would no longer extend his term to 2024 or increase his powers.

"In recent weeks, several organizations have urged that we slow the process of charter reforms designed to lead to a more effective, accountable, and representative government," Liccardo wrote in the memo. "Given what has become a highly contentious political environment surrounding these efforts — they're right. We need to slow this down, to enable more outreach and community engagement."

The original plan, which drew the ire of five of Liccardo's council colleagues and dozens of community leaders, would've awarded him two more years in office and allowed him more powers, including hiring and firing the city manager and department heads. It was narrowly approved in a 6-5 vote by the City Council after nine hours of debate starting on June 30.

The City Council planned to hash out the measure's language on Tuesday in another high-stakes showdown.

Now, Liccardo suggests returning to the City Council in spring 2022 — his last year in office — to pursue a Nov. 2022 ballot measure that would "align mayoral authority" with the residents' expectations for a major city. He did not outline what additional powers the mayor should have, and instead, appears to leave that decision in the hands of the public in 2022.

The Nov. 2022 measure would also propose some campaign finance reform, including requiring councilmembers to recuse themselves from voting on certain items if they have accepted campaign contributions from those who might benefit. The measure would also prohibit campaign contributions and gifts from lobbyists and city contractors to City Council candidates.

Liccardo also suggested the Nov. 2022 measure bar city contractors or lobbyists from serving on city commissions.

"At the end of the day, our city belongs to its residents," Liccardo wrote. "I believe now as much as ever that our residents deserve to have the power to hold their government accountable. Let's move forward together in 2022 with long-overdue reforms."

Liccardo said the controversial strong mayor measure was meant to be a compromise after an initiative from labor leaders — called the Fair Elections Initiative failed to gather enough signatures. That measure, however, had no language about increasing Liccardo's powers or extending

his term. At the time, Liccardo opposed that measure.

The plan fell apart after city unions and five prominent councilmembers — Magdalena Carrasco, Sergio Jimenez, Sylvia Arenas, Raul Peralez and Maya Esparza — opposed the mayor's push to increase his authority and extend his term. They claimed the measure was an unvetted power grab by Liccardo and criticized him for failing to do any community outreach on the plan.

"Since I first issued a memorandum in response to this hastily done deal, I have said we should be slowing down

and utilizing the Charter Revision Commission," Peralez said. "This should have been the mayor's direction after hours of opposition back on July 1, but thanks to continued pressure from many community members and organizations, I'm certainly pleased with the opportunity we'll have in front of us tomorrow."

Peralez called the original measure politics at its worst in an op-ed for this news organization.

"I am happy to hear that Mayor Liccardo is reconsidering the strong mayor initiative," Carrasco told San José Spotlight. "It was a very bad idea from day one because it was a backroom deal and more importantly because of the negative consequences on our most vulnerable communities."

Carrasco said the five Latino councilmembers pushed hard to make sure their voices were heard.

"Pulling this from the ballot to have more community input is a good first step," she said. "We look forward to working with the mayor to make a better San Jose that's just and equitable and ensures that the political status quo respects the rich historic diversity of our city."

Terry Christensen, a political science professor at San Jose State University, is in favor of a strong mayor system "in theory," but said the council shouldn't make a decision based on what's best for other cities and should think carefully about San Jose's specific needs.

"Most big cities do have a strong mayor, because they need that kind of leadership to deal with the complex problems that they have," Christensen said. "That's what Liccardo was talking about when he first began advocating for this. He feels like he's in a position where a lot is expected of him. But he doesn't actually have the authority to be the kind of leader that people want."

Christensen noted that Liccardo's power under the current system makes him a mere "exalted member of the council."

"Maybe we need more than that," he said. But for now, Christensen supports Liccardo's decision to give strong mayor talks room to breathe. "I think they were rushing, pushing it through too fast and that it really is something that the community should have time to contemplate in some depth," he said.



we should be slowing down San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo is pictured in this file photo.

City union leaders who opposed the strong mayor initiative said they support the changes unveiled by Liccardo on Monday.

IFPTE Local 21 Representative Matt Mason said he hoped weeks of work and opposition to the mayor's initiative played a hand in changing Liccardo's mind.

Mason said that if the City Council tries to expand the mayor's powers, they should consult with the community first.

"That's what we've asked for in the very beginning, was a study, like any other major charter change, and that we will then see what the community and the other stakeholders think about additional powers," Mason said. "I think it's too early to say what our position would be because we don't know what the community is going to say, all we know is the community did not want this at this time."

Although some unions, such as the San Jose Police Officers' Association and the Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing and Sprinkler Fitters trade unions, supported the initiative — creating a rift in the labor camp — Mason said this was a step toward gaining consensus among labor in San Jose.

"We're a family in labor and sometimes families have fights," Mason said. "Sometimes they become more public than we like but there's always a way to find a way back to the dinner table and to break bread together and I'm confident that will happen in this case."

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Tech Jargon of the week

Cloud Computing

By Shubhi Asthana Special to the Times

ave you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this "techie" word – and even after you've broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there's no need to sweat it. Let us teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

Cloud Computing

Suppose you want to start a new company. Your company would require a lot of computer hardware and software to setup the IT infrastructure and network for it. Cloud Computing is simply a way of taking all this IT infrastructure and operations and handing it over to someone else to build or manage, so that your internal team can focus on ways to build the business, rather than becoming experts at managing storage or protecting data. If the computing service can be provided to you over the Internet by another company, then exactly where the hardware and software is located and how it all works doesn't matter to

you at all. This is the underlying concept of Cloud Computing!

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"You don't generate your own electricity. Why generate your own computing?" – Jeff Bezos, CEO, Amazon

Think of cloud computing as renting a fully serviced flat instead of buying a home of your own. The cloud's main appeal is to reduce the time to market of applications that need to scale dynamically. Increasingly, however, developers are drawn to the cloud by the abundance of advanced new services that can be incorporated into applications, from machine learning to internet of things (IoT) connectivity. Clearly, the advantages and the convenience have helped Cloud Computing grow in the world of technology.

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Masks to freedom Wearing masks will bring back freedom

By Otto Lee

Special to the Times ew things bother Americans more than infringing on their Freedom. Freedom is the God given right to Americans. Go spend a day at the beach, go shopping, go to the movie theater, go to work, or go visit one's family. But all these have changed with the latest COVID-19 pandemic.

First, people are told that they have to stay at home or "Shelter In Place." Then they are told that they have to wear masks. Shelter-in-Place means you are not allowed to leave the house and do those things that you are supposed to be free to do. This restriction absolutely infringes upon your freedom of movement and freedom of assembly.

Masking is even more personal – you have to wear this cloth or filter material that covers half your face. It's definitely uncomfortable. This makes it much harder to breathe, especially in hot weather, when walking or exercising. Some argue that you would breath in the bad carbon dioxide that you exhale, which is unhealthy. If you wear glasses, it fogs up the lens in seconds. In addition, masks are getting expensive, as the prices have risen and most stores have a hard time stocking enough of them. And on top of that, how could a democratic government tell Americans what to wear? What kind of country has this become?

President Trump has called COVID many names - it's from China, it's just a flu, it's a hoax from liberals or Democrats to help Biden. For months, he has steadfastly refused to wear a mask. So why did he finally put on a mask himself when visiting the Walter Reed Hospital?

The truth of the matter is that the COVID virus is very different and extremely contagious: it can be transmitted by people carrying the virus without any symptoms. It is airborne, meaning that it can transmit invisibly in midair. We've all heard of washing our hands for thirty seconds, or maintaining 6-feet social distancing. But it turns out the most important thing anyone can do to stop the transmission of this dangerous and often deadly virus is when everyone wears a mask.

In places like Hong Kong, where the population density is very high with 7.5 Million people living in skyscrapers similar to Manhattan, most people use public transportation daily, and social distancing basically is difficult. Many people probably do wash their hands, but certainly not every one. And yet, since February, there are only 6 confirmed deaths linked to COVID in Hong Kong. That literally is less than one in a million. Compared to the latest hot spots far less dense or populous in America - Hot Springs, Arkansas's rate is over 21,500 deaths per million; while many small Texas towns such as Scurry, Crockett, Anderson, and Val Verde have an equivalent rate of



over 15,000 deaths per million. How is that possible?

The answer is not simply social distancing. The biggest difference is that 99% of Hong Kong residents wear masks. They wear masks outdoors, while riding buses and subway trains, and they wear masks indoors, at malls, and at work. Besides wearing masks, life is actually quite normal in Hong Kong throughout this time without the government ordering Shelter-in-Place.

Goldman Sachs recently released a study showing that mandatory mask-wearing by every American can save the United States GDP by 5% because if everyone wears a mask, fewer Shelter-in-Place restrictions would be necessary, allowing the American economy to be reopened. Another fascinating story emerged: at a Missouri hair salon where two stylists, unbeknownst to them, contracted the COVID virus, neither their co-workers nor their 139 clients were infected simply because everyone was wearing masks despite their close proximity.

Based on what we have learned in the last few months, not wearing masks is not about freedom – it's really inconsiderate, reckless, and deadly. Wearing masks is the fastest way we can reopen our economy to bring our freedoms back. While different politicians are still dithering whether or not to mandate mask wearing, it's time to put factually-based statistics and science above politics. Just wear masks and let us get back to our daily freedoms.

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Delany sisters: Timeless treasure found at a used bookstore

By Denelle Fedor Special to the Times

ike many of us, my family was eager to venture out after staying inside for the past few months.

I decided to make a day trip out of purchasing my stepsons summer reading books at our favorite used bookstore, Tom's Used Books in the central valley.

I love used bookstores. Where else can you physically stand and consume hundreds of books that populated centuries of American culture – from love stories to science fiction – from mysteries to biographies. The fact is, only a used bookstore offers this luxury.

Once we arrived, I thoroughly enjoyed looking through all the used books, DVD's, records, and other items for sale. I picked up a few Sunset books from the 1970's, a 1940's Michael Shayne mystery and a DVD collection of comedy greats from the 1950's.

As I was making my way to the register, a small book with a beautiful older woman on the cover caught my eye. The book, titled, *On my own at 107 – Reflections on Life Without Bessie*, by Sarah L. Delany with Amy Hill Hearth was written in 1997. I quickly scanned the back of the book to see what it was about. It said that Sarah "Sadie" Delany and her younger sister Bessie Delany - were centenarians - they both lived to be over 100 years old – with Bessie passing at age 104. This memoir was about the first year of Sadie's life without her sister. The description interested me, so I bought it.

Sadie and Bessie Delany were well-educated African-American women in an era when few blacks or women attended college. The sisters were devoted to each other and Bessie's death was a severe blow to her older sister.

Little did I know that after reading Ms. Sadie Delany's book that it would have such a lasting impression on me. It prompted me to look these two women up and by doing so, I quickly realized the positive impact and contributions they had on American history. Sadie Delany was the first black person to teach home economics for high school students in the New York public schools. She taught for more than 30 years before retiring in 1960 at age 70. Bessie Delany was the second black woman to earn her li-

cense to practice dentistry in the State of New York. They were two of ten children. Even though they encountered numerous obstacles and challenges, both sisters worked hard, saved their money, and put themselves through college to earn their degrees.

It was in 1990 that Ms. Hearth, who was a New York Times columnist at the time, heard about Sadie and Bessie Delany – the two centenarian sisters who lived together – Sadie age 104 and Bessie age 102 in a beautiful 2story brick home in Mount Vernon, New York. Not only were their ages extraordinary, these two sisters had an incredible life story to share with the world. Ms. Hearth contacted the sisters to ask if she could interview them for an article in the New York Times. Hesitant at first, they cautiously agreed and invited Ms. Hearth to come to their home.

Ms. Hearth's story about the two trailblazing sisters appeared in the New York Times



Bessie Delany (left) who passed away at 104, and **Sarah Louise Delany**, who passed away at 109.

in 1991. It was so well received that a publisher asked Ms. Hearth to write a book about Sadie and Bessie's lives. When Ms. Hearth presented the publishers request to the sisters they were not completely on board, thinking that the world was not really interested in what two "black" women over 100 had to share. However, Sadie and Bessie trusted Ms. Hearth and soon agreed to the idea. The book, titled, Having Our Say: the Delany Sisters' First 100 Years was published in 1993. It sold more than five million copies, remained on the best seller list for more than 100 weeks and was translated to six different languages. The sisters appeared on Good Morning America and Having Our Say: the Delany Sisters' First 100 Years became a Broadway Play before becoming a movie starring Diahann Carrol and Ruby Dee in 1999.

The sisters and Ms. Hearth wrote another best seller titled; *The Delany Sisters' Book of Everyday Wisdom* published in 1994. This

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In a more recent and high-profile exam-

book was in response to the thousands of letters the sisters received asking them for advice after *Having Our Say: the Delany Sisters' First 100 Years* was published. The book I bought was the only one Sadie penned before her death at age 109 in 1999.

I am thankful for used bookstore owners as they provide us a place of limitless treasures. There is much to be learned by taking the time to visit, explore and absorb used bookstores. I know I am grateful for Tom's as I would never have learned about these two fascinating and lovely women otherwise. As our economy slowly reopens, I hope you find time to visit a used bookstore and find your own treasures. I know I'm glad I did.



ple, the investigation into the cause of the 2013 accident that killed the actor Paul Walker revealed that the Porsche Carrera GT in which he was riding had 9-year-old tires. The California Highway Patrol noted that the tires' age might have compromised their drivability and handling characteristics, according to an article in the Los Angeles Times.

A tire's tread will wear out in three to four years diving 12,000 to 15,000 miles per year normal driving, long before the rubber compound does. But if you drive much less than that, or have a car that you only drive on weekends, remember aging tires could be an issue, especially when you purchase a used car that may have sat on a car lot for undetermined amount of time.

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four months of volunteers cutting fabric, pleating, ironing, and stitching, ProjectMaskify has produced and distributed more than 3,000 masks.

Mask donations included Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, the Milpitas Police and Fire Departments, Seasons Hospice & Palliative Care, Regional Medical Center, Good Samaritan Hospital, Kaiser Hospital-San Jose, O'Connor Hospital, and the American Red Cross.

Not only has the ProjectMaskify team been able to impact hundreds of healthcare workers and first responders in the community, but they have also inspired the founding of numerous new organizations that have a similar mission to help those in need during our fight to end COVID-19.

"Masks are a severe shortage, especially for healthcare professionals and first responders who are risking their lives for us every day," said Amy Stanley

ProjectMaskify Founder & Presi-



dent. "As the future of our society, we as the youth must rise up and initiate change in this time of great need."

Originally from the Bay Area, the ProjectMaskify team has expanded globally to four countries and 10 states, and is currently composed of 50 dedicated high school students from around the world.

"I joined ProjectMaskify because I was looking for a way to give back to my community while at home," said Reda Shaikh, ProjectMasify's Ambassador for Evergreen Valley. PPE is

> the main item greatly needed in our community and I wanted to help fulfill this need by making masks. Project-Maskify is an amazing way to get involved and help the community while staying safe at home. It is amazing to see how much progress

see how much progress we have made in 4 months!" For more information, visit the website: https://projectmaskify.

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