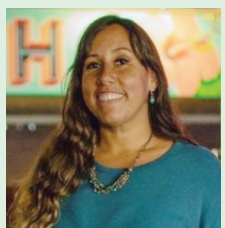
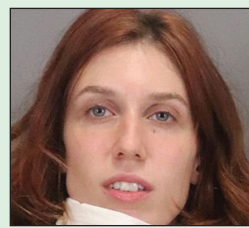


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## County of Santa Clara offers free flu shots

*Health officials are asking the public to get vaccinated for influenza right now*

Early and timely flu shots are estimated to prevent a disease that hospitalizes 200,000 Americans every year.

Each winter, people sick with flu crowd hospitals and urgent care clinics, resources that may be strained due to COVID-19, so to reduce the strain, free flu shots are now available at Santa Clara County Fairgrounds, San José through mid-December.

Flu shots are available every Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 2542 Monterey Road, San José, CA 95111 (car entrance for general parking; Gate D). Age requirements: 12 years and older; children age 12-17 must be accompanied by a guardian; age 3 years and older. Children age 3-17 must be accompanied by a guardian. No appointments are necessary, and masks are required.

"You need a flu shot every year, and this is not the year to skip it," said Dr. Sara Cody, County of Santa Clara.

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## As indoor dining is permitted, are restaurants ready?

By Eugene Luu

*Times contributing writer*

Evergreen Valley patrons are excited about some restaurants returning to indoor dining at limited capacity on Tuesday, October 13, but some restaurant owners are still on the fence about the relaxed restrictions.

Although Santa Clara County's current tier may be a sign of improvement, it still poses a substantial risk due to removal of face masks while patrons are eating. Governor Newsom is now suggesting that patrons put their masks on in-between meal bites.

The county's recent press release cited the CDC's recent Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report which indicated that positive-tested adults are twice as



According to the latest press release by the Santa Clara County on September 14, although the county's shift to the Red Risk Tier may be a sign of improvement, it still poses a substantial risk due to removal of face masks during eating.

likely to have dined out in the last 14 days before becoming sick than those who tested negative.

### Restaurants cautious

Several restaurants have yet to

consider their indoor dining plan.

Denny's on Capitol Expressway and McLaughlin are still serving takeout and limited outdoor seating.

Martha Rodriguez, one of Den-

ny's managers, had plans on implementing new indoor-dining policies, but the restaurant is waiting for the health department

*See DINING, page 3*

## 'Dance with me' - A little Evergreen history

By John Goldstein

*Pastor, Grace Church of Evergreen*

In the 1860's George and Dena Kettmann immigrant, rancher, landowner, built and lived in a two story home with his large family at what is now Aborn and Kettmann Roads Evergreen.

They say the house had a large room for dancing and it had lots of use! There is still a lot of dancing going on!

Grace Church now sits on this key corner of Aborn Road, a gateway into Evergreen. Now traffic files by day and night. And on the Grace property there is always ongoing activity. People, children, and adults are learning, growing, maturing, and exploring life possibilities. The dancing tradition continues. Except that now people are learning the best dance for their life ahead!

Every day, something is happening. The Preschool takes children from their parents and introduces them to their first outside world community of ongoing friends. Yes, child. You will meet people throughout your life that you will like and dislike. Yes! You will need to learn how to love, forgive, share and be kind to all. It



George and Dena Kettmann, who had 11 children, had a reputation for dances in their home. Grace teaches the dance of life! I wonder if they would see Grace as a worthy development of their Evergreen legacy?

doesn't just happen. It will be up to you!

In early evening you will find the neighborhood walking, exercising, talking, sharing and using the campus for healthy activity.

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provides a welcoming space. The youth provide the energy and passion. They make long-lasting friendships here, learn to tune the ear, grasp the power of joyful music; piano, violin, flute, cello, wind and brass. And yes youth! Share it please with the Grace and the Evergreen community!

Grace could not be prouder of the world acclaimed classical musicians who have grown out of the Grace experience and gone onto top schools across America spreading goodwill and social achievement.

Generations of High School youth have passed through the Scouting program too. Some 106 Eagle Scouts. Energized youth who learn to become leaders in their own right.

And then there are the many non profit groups who fundraise for their favorite charities. Yes. Grace makes its property available to as many worthwhile groups as possible. Fundraising for the Red Cross, Hospitals in China, communities in the Philippines, local projects for children, food drives, toy drives,

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Clara Health Officer and director of the County Public Health Department. "The flu shot is a safe, effective way to reduce your chance of ending up in the hospital with severe flu. It is important for parents to know that it is safe to take kids into the doctor for vaccinations."

In the Bay Area, as is the case across the state and the country, the percentage of children up to date on immunizations has fallen as parents delay routine visits to their pediatricians, which is a serious concern. The County of Santa Clara regularly communicates with parents about keeping kids up to date, which is required for school attendance. An annual flu shot visit is a great time for kids to catch up on vaccination.

The flu vaccine offers protection for many months, but not forever. Also, the strains of influenza circulating in the community change over time, so it is important to get the new vaccine every year.

For those with insurance, under the Affordable Care Act, a flu shot is available without cost as a preventive service from your regular doctor or most pharmacies. For those without health insurance, or anyone who finds it more convenient, free community clinics and the County offer many opportunities to get a free flu shot.

For more information about flu, visit the County of Santa Clara Public Health Department flu web page, [sccphd.org/flu](http://sccphd.org/flu).

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to approve.

A manager at Sizzler on Aborn and Capitol Expressway, who identified herself as Barbara, says they have no plans to begin indoor dining soon and are only allowing outdoor seating and takeout.

Recently opened vegetarian restaurant Golden Bamboo, located on Aborn & White, is serving takeout and outdoor dining with no plans to start indoor seating.

"We have tables outside for seating but no indoors yet," said Golden Bamboo employee Binh.

Eric Lopez, the manager at Evergreen Inn & Pub shared more insights on the county's Covid-19 dining regulations, the restaurant's plans, and how it may have affected dine-in business.

Lopez stated that Evergreen Inn's and the Pub's outdoor dining has a maximum capacity that cannot compare to the number of patrons the restaurant served before the pandemic.

"Our maximum capacity is 145 indoors, including the bar which is 70, making it over 200 persons. We now have only seven outdoor tables with a maximum capacity of four per party," Lopez shared.

Moreover, the Evergreen Inn manager says that he will ask members of his staff how comfortable they feel before proceeding with indoor dining operations.



"We are waiting until mid-October, possibly on the Columbus Day holiday, to allow indoor dining," Lopez said.

Another restaurant at the Evergreen Village Square expressed their outlook on the county's approval of the limited capacity indoor dining.

Sophie's Mediterranean Grill's operations manager Josh Pash says currently they are allowing to-go orders with limited outdoor seating, approximately 18 percent of the maximum capacity as compared to their indoor seating.

"There was a big difference. Inside we can have about 100 people seated. Outside we have only 18 chairs tops so big dramatic change," Pash says.

While Pash is aware of the 25 percent

indoor seating capacity by the county, his concern regarding the comfortability from staff and customers has resulted to his decision on holding off any plans for indoor dining experiences.

Pash explained that customers who order takeout may not feel comfortable entering the facility when they see restaurant patrons dining-in.

"We have to be extra cautious since a lot of our businesses is pivoted to takeout and when these people see others eating in, they won't want to be here and we don't want to lose customers," Pash said. "Furthermore, the decision to maintain outdoor dining and takeout-only operations are reflected from the feedback received by staff members and customers."

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Lauren Carrillo

Evergreen Valley resident Carrillo named to Biola University Dean's List

Lauren Carrillo of Evergreen Valley has been named to Biola University Dean's List. Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a GPA of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in 12 or more credits and whose cumulative GPA is at least 3.2. "Inclusion in Biola University's Dean's List is reserved for students who demonstrate exceptional performance in their academic studies. This honor signifies hard work, engagement, and investment in scholarship," said Tamara Anderson, Associate Provost of Academic Effectiveness and Administration. Biola University, nationally ranked Christian university in the heart of Southern California, is recognized as one of America's best colleges, earning a spot in the top tier of the "best national universities" category of U.S. News and World Report's Best Colleges 2021 rankings.

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San Jose's minority-owned businesses face unique challenges with lingering shutdown

By Madelyn Reese

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

It has been six months since Liz Ruiz saw families skating around the floor of Aloha Roller Rink. The East San Jose-based business owner has watched other businesses reopen across the city without any idea about when she might be able to do the same, pay her employees or welcome back customers. Ruiz had occupied her space at the Eastridge Center in San Jose for about two years and takes pride in being one of the only roller rinks in the area. "It's a type of activity that spans all generations," Ruiz said. "Lots of parents grew up skating as kids and they're excited to bring their kids because it's nostalgic for them." East San Jose businesses, particularly those owned by women and minorities, are experiencing increased challenges under the continued shutdowns caused by COVID-19. Eastridge Center, a mainstay of the city's east side, has been particularly hard hit. "We're a community center. The east side of San Jose is a tight community," said Brian Fremgren, a leasing manager for Eastridge. He



Liz Ruiz, owner and operator of Aloha Roller Rink at Eastridge Center in East San Jose, says she is still waiting to welcome back customers. Photo courtesy of Liz Ruiz

said the center, unlike a typical mall, offers unique services, such as the roller rink and a cat cafe. "We're an integral part of the community." Only about three-quarters of the roughly 105 businesses in the center are open with limited capacity. Ruiz's roller rink has been relegated to the yellow phase of reopening in California, which means Santa Clara County as a whole needs to be deemed to have a low risk level for contracting COVID-19 in order to reopen. To make it to this category, the county must have less than one new daily case per 100,000 residents, and a 2% positive test rate. Cur-

rently, the county is still in the red tier with the virus still posing a substantial threat, according to the state. Who is most at risk To be sure, East San Jose businesses aren't alone in suffering. According to a new economic impact study from Yelp, San Jose had the fifth most permanent closures per 1,000 businesses in the U.S. since March 1, behind San Diego and Las Vegas. Yelp recently added a feature to allow users to search for Latinx-owned businesses. The report found metropolitan areas with higher rents have felt the impacts of the virus See SHUTDOWN, page 20

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OP ED

Governor makes major announcements addressing climate change

By Ash Kalra  
Assemblymember, AD 27

Last week, Governor Newsom made two major announcements to address climate change:

1) Mandating 100% of vehicles sold in California be zero-emission vehicles (ZEVs) by 2035

2) The goal to work with the legislature to ban fracking in our state by 2024

I applaud the Governor on both goals and I am committed to supporting these and other measures that allow California to protect our natural resources for future generations and take a global leadership role to help move other states and nations in a similarly bold direction. I was a proud Joint Author of AB 40 (Ting) See KALRA, next page

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in 2018 – a bill that would have also mandated 100% zero-emission vehicles, but it died in the Legislature. Due to Legislative inaction, I stand with Governor Newsom in moving forward administratively. I have long been committed to a future that moves us away from our reliance on fossil fuels. That’s why I commend Governor Newsom for announcing his intention to work with the Legislature to ban fracking in our state in the years ahead.

In recent weeks, we have faced down so many examples of why we must move more aggressively than ever to combat global climate change. Historic heat waves along with an astounding number of devastating lightening-induced wildfires have created a trend that seems to worsen every year. The irony is, prior to experiencing the suffocating air quality from the wildfires, we had some of the best air quality in decades due to the pandemic. With most Californians sheltering at home, there were so many fewer cars on the road spewing pollution every day. We know there is a better way if we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels and, as most scientists recommend, keep them in

the ground. Perhaps more people working from home over the long term can help us achieve our goals as well.

Additionally, in the communities where most of the fracking is done, there are devastating impacts to the water quality that can be irreversible. Whether our families personally face the consequences, the reality is that none of us can truly escape the climate impact of the status quo. We must follow through on the two initiatives announced yesterday – and go even further by moving ahead with a California Green New Deal. I was proud to Joint Author an effort to do just that this year, but it was stalled due to the COVID-19 crisis. We cannot delay any longer.

Now, we must be thoughtful about our transition to a greener future and ensure that it is also a just one. That means making electric vehicles and their required infrastructure available to all Californians, regardless of income level. And, as we transition in alternative sources of energy, we must ensure we are creating quality, union jobs as we invest taxpayer dollars into clean energy infrastructure and technology.

Once again, I applaud Governor Newsom and stand committed to do even more to face down one of the most daunting existential crises of our time.

The future of broadband in the Villages

By Michael Clurman

In my recent Pulse letter, I discussed my resignation as President of the Villages Technology Explorers.

The current VTE Board’s aversion to controversy ruled out a critically important discussion of the future of Broadband in The Villages resulting in my ultimate decision to resign.

Another potentially controversial technology topic of enormous current interest concerns the abortifacient drugs mifepristone (aka RU-486) and misoprostol. These drugs induce safe early abortions. They are widely available mail order from domestic and overseas sources.

The widespread availability of these medications casts doubt on whether it is even possible to enforce a ban on first-trimester abortions in the 21st century. Proponents and opponents of abortion should be equally interested in the enforceability of bans on early abortion. So to discuss the issue is not to take a position on the propriety of legal abortion.

The position taken by the VTE Board that controversy has no place in discussions of technology could not be more mistaken. Since technology involves the practical application of science it always raises questions about the propriety of such applications. One has only to mention topics such as nuclear power, artificial intelligence, or cloning mammals to see how easily the practical application of science leads to controversy.

**Discussions with CAC**

In my discussions with the Villages Communication Advisory Committee (CAC - the body that vets i.e. censors letters to *The Villager*), the stated reason for rejecting my letter was that “politics” was not allowed in Pulse letters. But then it was suggested that instead of a letter proposing a technology club discussion of abortifacient drugs I instead make a similar point by using a less hot button topic like nuclear power or even cloning. When I pointed out that those subjects also had been subjects of political debate and controversy I was told that they were less sensitive.

So really the label “political” has no precise meaning but is simply a handy epithet to rule out discussions of topics that make CAC censors uneasy (or that they judge would make other Villagers uneasy).

**Purpose of letter**

The purpose of my letter was to explain that precisely because technology is the practical

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## Suspect arrested for allegedly vandalizing Mayor Sam Liccardo's home

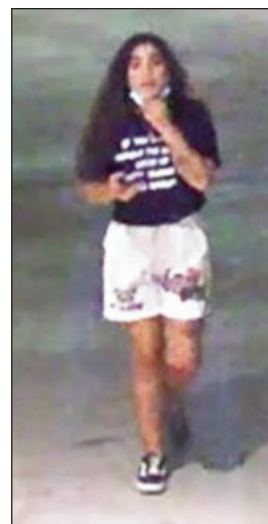
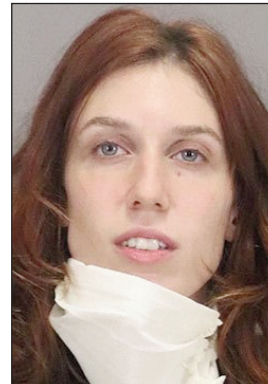
*First arrest stemming from vandalism of Mayor's home*

**H**ailey Scimone, 23, is the first person to be arrested on charges stemming from the vandalism of San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo's home during a night of Jacob Blake protests on August 28.

San Jose police said Scimone was taken into custody in Santa Clara on Oct. 3 in the city of Santa Clara and booked into the Santa Clara County jail on felony vandalism charges. Her bail was set at \$500,000.

Several protestors participated in acts of vandalism targeting Liccardo's residence and damaging it. After an extensive follow up investigation by detectives, Scimone was identified and arrested for her role in the vandalism.

Police investigators released a photo Oct. 5 of a second woman whose image was



captured on surveillance video. She is described as being a female, in her early 20's, medium build, long brown hair, wearing a black shirt, white shorts and vans style shoes.

The police department is asking the public's help in identifying her. Anyone with information is asked to contact the San Jose Police Department's Assaults Unit at (408) 464-8379.

Persons wishing to remain anonymous may either call the Crime Stoppers Tip Line, (408) 947-STOP (7867), or click the "Submit a Tip" link below. Persons providing information leading to the arrest and conviction of the suspect may be eligible for a cash reward from the Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers.

Top photo: **Hailey Scimone.**  
At left: An additional unidentified suspect is wanted for her alleged role in vandalism at Liccardo's home.

## County of Santa Clara health officer issues revised risk reduction order

*Order allows resumption of additional businesses, activities when county moves into next tier*

**C**ounty of Santa Clara Public Health Officer has issued a Revised Risk Reduction Order, which will go into effect when the County moves into the State's Tier 3 (the Orange Tier) Oct. 13.

Under the Revised Risk Reduction Order, all businesses in the County will be allowed to operate so long as the State order allows them to operate, including indoor dining and indoor gatherings.

The fact that an activity is allowed does not mean it is safe. COVID-19 continues to pose a serious risk to our residents. This is why we urge all residents to be cautious, stay home when possible, minimize interaction with anyone outside their household, maintain social distance, wear a face covering, and move activities outdoors when possible.

"It is imperative that we all continue to practice the precautions that have made our COVID-19 numbers move in the right direction," said Dr. Sara Cody, Health Officer and Director of Public Health for the County of Santa Clara. "The fact that you are able to do something doesn't mean that you should. The public's commitment, both businesses and our residents, to

wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing and testing is what will help us move forward to the next tier in the state's COVID-19 blueprint."

The Revised Risk Reduction Order allows for greater consistency and uniformity with the State's Orange Tier framework. Unless otherwise indicated in the order, all County businesses and activities are allowed to resume to the extent allowed under the Orange tier. The following business and activities are now allowed to resume:

- Outdoor gatherings of up to 200 people and indoor gatherings of up to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
- Indoor dining up to 25% capacity or 100 people, whichever is fewer.
- To ensure alignment with the State's Orange Tier, the Health Officer will issue further modifications to various other directives before the County moves into the Orange Tier.

"Now is the time for our community to work together to make this new order work safely so our residents can remain healthy," said Cindy Chavez, president of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors. "Our community has sacrificed a lot and been patient and now we look forward to the successful return of activities allowed under the new order. These activities will only be able to stay open if we each take responsibility for wearing a mask and social distancing to stop the spread of coronavirus."

Santa Clara County is currently in the State of California's Red Tier (Tier 2). If current trends continue, the State could assign the County to the less restrictive Orange Tier as early as October 13th.



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application of science it inevitably raises questions in the political sphere about the moral consequences of those applications and the restrictions that should be placed on them. Any technology club worth its salt HAS to discuss particular technologies together with the moral and political issues that arise when they are

implemented. Political controversy is an inevitable part of the package.

It would have eviscerated the entire point of the letter to agree to illustrate my point with a subject that was NOT a subject of current controversy.

I like the Villages Community in many ways and I count the people I've had these discussions with my friends. But I am sorry that an unreasonable fear of bringing up topics on

which people hold different views prevents the Villages from being the intellectually lively place I would like it to be.

BTW isn't the name "Communications Advisory Committee" a perfect example of the kind of euphemism with which censorship bodies the world over cloak their mission?

Full disclosure: my wife is a member of the CAC and on good days she still speaks to me.

Supervisor Cortese supports risk reduction order changes

Santa Clara County Supervisor Dave Cortese has announced his support for the new Risk Reduction Order Changes for restaurants.

"For the sake of struggling restaurant owners who have been following public health guidelines for outdoor dining, I strongly support the 'Risk Reduction Order's' new modification to allow limited indoor dining when the County moves from the Red Tier Category to Orange on

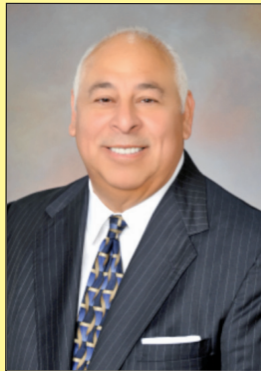
the State's safety measurement system," Cortese said.

The modification on indoor gatherings will allow indoor church services and other indoor events at up to 25 percent capacity or up to 100 people.

"Of course, with this new opportunity comes a new responsibility to ensure that safety measures are in place and enforced," said Cortese. "I thank everyone in the community helping to slow the spread of coronavirus and ask you to continue this vigilance to keep our community safe."

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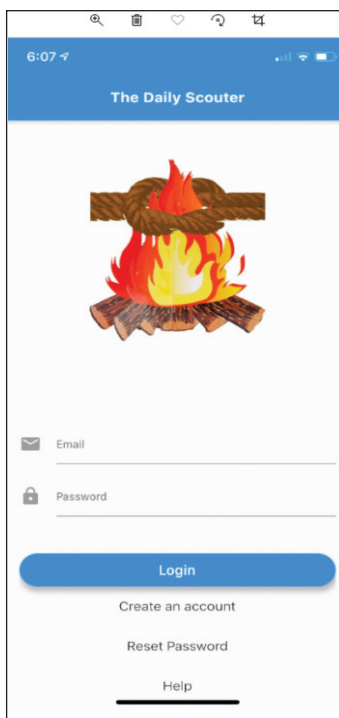


# 'Daily Scouter' app created for Scouts by Scout

Dhruv Agarwal, a Life Scout from Silicon Valley Monterey Bay Council's Troop 296, has developed an app called the Daily Scouter.

The new app can be used by Scouts and their parents for scheduling and registering for events such as campouts, service projects, troop meetings, and making announcements to the troop. Additionally, it tracks merit badges, ranks, meeting attendance, service hours, and camping nights.

Dhruv decided to create this app as the troop had traditionally used paper sheets to sign up for events, making it challenging to track event signups in real-time. Furthermore, the scouts had no easy way to track their service hours or camping nights. Working with his Scoutmaster Mr. Richard Sanow, Dhruv brainstormed



Life Scout Dhruv Agarwal

the key features that would help the scouts and parents in the troop, and then implemented those requirements into the app.

Troop 296 has been using this app over the past few months, and helped further fine-tune the app's interface and implementation. The troop has been very pleased with the benefits of having an app for tracking their events, signups and progress. With the successful use of the app by Troop 296, the app is now available for wider use by all Troops.

The app is developed using enhanced security provided by Google's Flutter and Firebase platforms along with Amazon Web Services (AWS) for sending emails. It is available for both iOS and Android platforms.

To download the app, search for "Daily Scouter" on Apple's App Store or Google's Play Store.

The app can be seen in action at [dailyscouter.com](http://dailyscouter.com). To get your troop added to the app, send an email to [dailyscouter@gmail.com](mailto:dailyscouter@gmail.com) with your council name, troop # and scoutmaster's email.

## 18th Annual Breath of Life Walk: Saturday, October 17

Coronavirus and wild fires will not stop the 18th annual Breath of Life Walk on Saturday, October 17, but Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast has announced a few changes to be safe.

The event is a chance for local community members to get together, while socially distanced, to show their support for the agency's lung disease, tobacco control, and environmental stewardship programs. Each year, the walk attracts people directly affected by lung disease as well as family, friends and others who wish to build healthier communities.

Breathe California CEO Margo Sidener encourages this year's walkers to participate virtually from their homes or the location of their choice, while a limited number visit on-site. Participants can get involved in helping the organization continue its effective community work. "The programs and services we provide year-round rely on the funds we raise

from our events. This year's lung health threats are among the most serious in history, so we hope that you'll come out or log in and join us for a great morning to show your support for Breathe California's work."

This year, a limited number of walkers can choose to participate in an "On-site Walk" starting off from Breathe California's office in San Jose's Rose Garden district, and all others can join a "Virtual Walk" by sending videos to be shared by Zoom conference on the day of the event. Everyone will be eligible for the prizes and raffle, virtual or live, and all registrants will receive an official Walk mask.

Breathe California of the Bay Area, Golden Gate, and Central Coast is dedicated to fighting lung disease, advocating for clean air and promoting public health in our local communities. Since 1911, we have addressed the most serious health threats of our time—including now coronavirus, wildfires, and vaping—through grassroots programs that empower individual, institutional and community change for better breathing and healthier living.

To learn more about the Breath of Life Walk visit [www.breathofflifewalk.org](http://www.breathofflifewalk.org). To learn more about Breathe California, please visit [www.lungsrus.org](http://www.lungsrus.org).

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## Councilmembers applaud safe reopening of indoor dining, religious assembly

City of San José Councilmember Johnny Khamis, Councilmember Raul Perez, Councilmember Dev Davis, and Councilmember Pam Foley have united to offer their strong support of the County Public Health Director's decision to more closely align its latest Risk Reduction Order with the State reopening guidelines.

Provided the County enters the Orange Tier by October 13th, this new Risk Reduction Order will allow for the State's Red Tier openings of indoor dining and indoor gatherings at 25 percent capacity or 100 people, whichever results in the fewer number of people, with appropriate public health precautions – such as appropriate fresh air ventilation, social distancing, face coverings, and

other safety protocols. In other respects, the County order will mostly align with the State's Orange Tier.

Councilmember Khamis stated that “We strongly support the reopening of indoor dining and indoor gathering, with safety protocols in place. It's important that we get our businesses safely reopened because government cannot subsidize businesses forever – and our businesses don't want to stand in line for handouts, they want to get back to work, employ people, and serve the community.” He went on to note that “Our religious organizations are partners in helping to get us through these challenging times – and it's important to have them reopen so that they can minister to the mental, spiritual, and

physical health of our residents.”

Addressing the timing of yesterday's announcement, Councilmember Perez noted, “The County's new Risk Reduction Order could not come at a better time with the winter and rainy months around the corner. This will be a much welcome relief for businesses fighting to stay open while keeping our public safe and healthy. I urge everyone to comply with the safety guidelines and precautions so that we can continue to sustain the livelihoods of our local business community.”

The Coronavirus pandemic has cut a devastating swath through our business community – especially in the areas of hospitality and leisure. A recent CNBC headline noted that

“Yelp data shows 60 percent of business closures due to the coronavirus pandemic are now permanent.”<sup>1</sup>

Councilmember Davis said that, “I fully support these planned re-openings and our small business community should know that the City is here to help them and partner with them as they move to safely provide indoor service.” In support of the City's efforts to assist small business, the Office of Economic Development provides a direct email for businesses to reach a member of their team at: covid19sjbusiness@sanjoseca.gov.

These Councilmember have been consistent in encouraging the County to bring its opening plans into harmony with the State guidelines. Councilmember Foley reiterated this call for harmonization between State and County rules by noting that, “our businesses and our places of worship want as much consistency as we can possibly provide. The stronger the alignment between State and County rules, the less confusion there is for our businesses and religious institutions. If our officials can safely and easily make regulatory changes that encourage economic activity then leaders should not hesitate to act.”

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## Tech Jargon of the Week Smart Homes

Have 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:

### Smart Homes

Have you ever been sitting in your office and wondering if you turned off the stove at home? Worried if you set the security alarm? Are the surveillance cameras working? With the advent of smart homes, you can stop worrying of these issues.

Twenty years ago, a porch light timer would have been considered a smart home technology. Today, as the technology advances, the demand for thermostats to automatically switch to your “desired” temperature, or lights turning on and off based on the presence of the room, has increased. Smart homes mean that appliances like the clocks, lights, door bells, cameras, and hot water heaters – all these devices have the capability to communicate, send your information over the internet and also take your commands. Smart homes are exactly what they sound like: automating the ability to control items around the house.

Most homes today already have a certain amount of “smartness” because many appliances already contain built-in sensors or electronic controllers. The washing machines have programs that make them follow a distinct series of washes, rinses and spins depending on how you set their various knobs when you first switch it on. There are robotic vacuum cleaners which crawl the floor and sweep the dust on their own.

All these appliances are a step towards smart homes, but the concept takes things a step further. In the advanced smart homes, there is a centralized controller that can monitor the state of the home and switch on or off

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Times **Community News**

## Steinway Society launches Fall 2020 Home Concert Hall series

*Innovative series brings outstanding artists to classical music lovers*

Four outstanding international classical piano artists will be performing for Steinway Society – The Bay Area this Fall through an innovative Home Concert Hall virtual series.

Steinway Society's 26th season launches in October with Italian pianist Federico Colli, followed by Russian performers Zlata Chochieva in November and Vyacheslav Gryaznov in December, as well as American pianist Andrew Li in January 2021.

"We were so disappointed to have to cancel concerts this spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kathy Yu Wilson, Steinway Society president. "When we realized we would still not be able to host live performances in the Fall, we decided if we couldn't bring patrons to a concert hall, we'd bring the concert hall to them instead."

### Unique Video Performances Watched at Your Leisure

The series will consist of recordings produced specifically for Steinway Society – The Bay Area that will not be available elsewhere on the Internet.

Each month's concert will be released at a

given date and subscribers will be able to view the recording as many times as they would like during the four-day performance window. Each artist has been invited to give a short talk before the performance about their choice of pieces, their musical lives, and how the pandemic has impacted them. A recorded pre-concert lecture by Bay Area classical music expert Dr. Gary Lemco will be available for download as well.

### Prices Set Low for Greater Participation

While tickets to in-person concerts of Steinway Society artists typically cost between \$40 to \$60. Home Concert Hall virtual tickets are priced at \$20 per household per concert. Or, the entire four-concert series is available at the special promotional price of \$60.

"With our virtual Home Concert Hall series, every seat is a front-row seat, and there's only one charge per household," said Kathy Yu Wilson. "We hope this will encourage classical music lovers in the Bay Area and around the world to join us for these exceptional performances, while we provide much needed support to outstanding artists whose livelihoods have been severely impacted by the pandemic."

### About the Artists

#### Federico Colli - Oct. 30-Nov. 2, 2020

Federico Colli, whose concerts have been broadcast live throughout Europe, was scheduled to make his West Coast Debut as the featured artist in the final concert of Steinway Society —The Bay Area's 25th Anniversary Season last May. Born in Italy, Colli has studied at the Milan Conservatory, the Imola International Piano Academy, and the Salzburg Mozarteum. In 2014, he was selected by International Piano magazine as one of the "30 pi-

anists under 30 who are likely to dominate the world stage in years to come."



**Zlata Chochieva** (Photo: Evgeny Evtyukhov)

#### Zlata Chochieva - November 13-16, 2020

Zlata made her first stage appearance at age five, and gave her debut with an orchestra two years later performing Mozart's Concerto No. 17 at Grand Hall of Moscow State Conservatory. When she was 12, the Moscow-born prodigy gave a full recital at the Rachmaninov Hall of the Moscow Conservatory, broadcast on Russian television, which prompted an enthusiastic newspaper critic to write, "One was impressed with no means childish contents of the concert programme. And yet—the meaningfulness of style, combined with the technical boundlessness."

#### Vyacheslav Gryaznov - Dec. 18-21, 2020

Vyacheslav (called Slava by his friends) thrilled the audience in his West Coast debut with the Steinway Society in 2016, receiving three encores. He has performed to great acclaim throughout the U.S., Russia and Europe, including Carnegie Hall and the Berlin Philharmonie. Gryaznov studied at the Moscow State Conservatory for his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees and he earned the Yale

School of Music's Artist Diploma in 2018. He is on the teaching faculty of the Moscow Conservatory's piano department. In 2014, Gryaznov signed with Schott Music, where his work is the publisher's top ten best-selling piano editions.

#### Andrew Li - January 22-25, 2021

Andrew Li has shown his gift for and love of music since early childhood. He won first prize in the Bay State Piano Competition for five consecutive years from the ages of 7-12 year, and first prize for two consecutive years at the Steinway Competition in Boston. In October 2014, Andrew joined his older brother, George, in a performance at the recital series of Hamilton College.

Since giving his first solo recital at the First Presbyterian Church in Utica, NY when he was ten, Andrew has won prizes in multiple piano competitions, including first prize at the Boston Symphony Orchestra youth concerto competition, second prize at the Hilton Head International Piano Competition, and third prize at the Minnesota Piano-e-Competition. In April 2018, he won first prize at the Harvard Music Association Achievement Awards.

#### Tickets Available Now

Tickets for the performances may be purchased in advance by going to [www.steinwaysociety.com/tickets](http://www.steinwaysociety.com/tickets) or by contacting the Steinway Society box office at 408-300-5635. Tickets: \$20 per concert, or \$60 for the package of four concerts. For more information, visit: [www.steinwaysociety.com](http://www.steinwaysociety.com)

*Editor's note: This season's Steinway Bay Area concerts are sponsored by the Music Teachers' of America (MTAC) Santa Clara County Branch in memory of long-time member Frieda Ann Murphy.*

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## Times Feature



### Harvest moon

The moon as it came up over the hills in Evergreen Valley was photographed with a digital filter to reduce the effects of smoke and haze. October 1 was officially the Harvest Moon, the full Moon which occurs nearest to the date of the autumnal equinox. The second full moon in October (Blue Moon) will occur on Halloween. A Halloween full Moon hadn't appeared in all time zones in the United States since 1944 according to the Farmer's Almanac website. *Photo Credit: Lou Alexander*

### San Jose Mayor Liccardo announces new city attorney

*Current interim attorney will serve as  
second female lead counsel for San Jose*

San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo announced the permanent appointment of **Nora Frimann** (inset) as San Jose's second female City Attorney.

Frimann was appointed to the position by the Mayor and City Council after serving in the role of interim City Attorney following the retirement of Rick Doyle. Doyle was San Jose's longest-serving city attorney, working under three different mayors.

"Over the 19 years of Nora's dedicated service to the City and leadership in the office, she's never wavered from doing what is best for the people of San Jose," said San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo. "She will continue to lead San Jose's legal team with

tremendous competence, passion, and professionalism and I look forward to working with her in her new role."

Frimann joined the San Jose City Attorney's Office in 2001 under the leadership of former City Attorney, Doyle who passed away just weeks after his retirement. She previously served in the role of Assistant City Attorney, responsible for litigation and related matters, before being appointed interim City Attorney. Frimann is a 2015 recipient of the Santa Clara County Bar Association's Professional Attorney of the Year award and still participates in teaching and judging mock trials and trial practice classes at Santa Clara University and Stanford Law Schools.

"I am honored to have been selected to serve San Jose as City Attorney," said Frimann. "The City Attorney's office will do our best to continue providing excellent legal services to meet the high standards set by Rick Doyle. I look forward to continuing to work with the Mayor and City Council to serve the residents of San Jose."



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Times **Community News**

# Apply for a Valley Water grant now through December 1

By John L. Varela

Director, District 1, Santa Clara Valley  
Water District Board of Directors

Do you know of a project that can help cleanup creeks, provide education about creek stewardship, or provide access to trails and open space in Santa Clara County? Valley Water is now accepting applications for our 2021 grants from September 28 through December 1, 2020.

This grant funding is part of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, which was approved by 74 percent of voters in 2012 to allow Valley Water to reinvest into the community for meaningful projects.

This year, Valley Water has more than \$900,000 available in voter-approved Safe, Clean Water grant funding for projects and activities that meet the minimum qualifications and eligibility criteria for:

- Volunteer Cleanups and Education Grants – up to \$200,000 total funding available. This grant funding is available for cleanup, education, outreach and watershed stewardship activities.
- Access to Trails and Open Space – up to \$571,000 total funding available. This grant funding is for projects that provide open space access and access to creekside trails or trails that provide a significant link to the creekside trail network.
- Mini-Grants for Wildlife Habitat Restoration – up to \$200,000 total funding available. This mini-grant funding is available to provide up to \$5,000 in seed funding per project to encourage broader and long-term community engagement in wildlife habitat restoration or watershed stewardship activities in Santa Clara County. Applications are accepted year-round on a rolling basis or until all funding is awarded.
- Mini-Grants for Water Conservation – up to \$100,000 total funding available. This mini-grant funding is available to provide up to \$5,000 in seed funding per project for water conservation and education projects in Santa Clara County. Applications are accepted through December 31, 2020 or until all funding is awarded.

Projects must demonstrate matching funds of at least 25% of the total project cost (monetary or in-kind). Agencies eligible to apply include: public agencies and non-profits with 501(c)(3) status; organizations that have fiscal sponsorship from an existing non-profit with 501(c)(3) status; and schools, community colleges and public and private colleges/universities. Mini-grant funding is also open to individuals and organized community groups with an established structure, such as neighborhood associations. Not all projects that meet minimum points can be funded and a project may be authorized for full or partial requested funding.



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John L. Varela,  
Director, District 1  
SCVWD



Valley Water will offer bonus points to those that demonstrate financial stability, serve disadvantaged communities, and/or

are first-time applicants.

For more information about the grant award process, eligibility criteria, mini-

num qualifications and how to apply visit [valleywater.org/grants](https://valleywater.org/grants), contact [grants@valleywater.org](mailto:grants@valleywater.org) or attend an informational grants workshop:

October 14, 2020, 1:00-2:30 p.m.

Register in advance for this Zoom webinar: [https://valleywater.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_E5djuTL7QT2B4FzJ\\_o-edA](https://valleywater.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_E5djuTL7QT2B4FzJ_o-edA)

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# Report: 'Safest Cities in California for 2020'

California is known for its beautiful cities, sunny days and being home to leading technology companies in Silicon Valley.

Home to more than 39 million people across 482 municipalities, making it the largest state in the country, which of California's cities are the safest?

Safety.com has released its new report: 'Safest Cities in California for 2020' Safety.com narrowed down the safest cities in each state based on two primary categories.

First, public safety factors were evaluated including violent, property and hate crimes in each area to help determine the safest areas to live. Financial and socioeconomic factors were evaluated including household income, average rent and health insurance. In addition, each state was evaluated for natural disaster safety and public health safety.

Here are the public safety factors counted for each city based on a population of 10,000 (for example, a "2" means two incidents for every 10,000 people).

- Property crime – Number of property crimes reported in the city (FBI Crime Report)

- Violent crime – Number of violent crimes reported in the city (FBI Crime Report)

- Aggravated assaults – Number of aggra-

vated assaults reported in the city (FBI Crime Report)

- Hate crime – Number of hate crimes reported in the city (FBI Hate Crime Report)

- Officer-related incidents – Number of officer-involved shootings reported in the city (Gun Violence Archive)

- Mass shootings – Incidents in which four or more people are shot/killed in the city (Gun Violence Archive)

Here are the financial safety factors we counted for each city:

- Annual rent – Annualized median rent

- Unemployment rate – The average rate of unemployed residents in each city

- Cost of living – The average annual rent and household income per city

- Poverty rate – Percentage of families that reported experiencing poverty in the last 12 months

- Uninsured employed – Percentage of employed residents that reported not having health insurance

- Uninsured unemployed – Percentage of unemployed residents that reported not having health insurance

## 25 Safest Cities in California

### No. 1 Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks has an overall low violence, assault, hate crime and officer incident rate – making it a great place for families. It is home to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and California Lutheran University. It's only 40 miles from Los Angeles and has a few popular sights of its own including the Conejo Valley Botanical Garden and Gardens of the World.

It's only 40 miles from Los Angeles and has a few popular sights of its own including the Conejo Valley Botanical Garden and Gardens of the World.

### No. 2 Sunnyvale

Sunnyvale also has a low mass shooting, officer incident and hate crime rate. It's home to two digital powerhouses, Yahoo! Inc. and LinkedIn. The city prides itself on its community policing efforts to keep its municipality safe. Their Explorer Post 417 program lets people get officer training and participate in safety initiatives including DUI checkpoints.

### No. 3 Corona

Corona's property crime rate is slightly high, but the city has a low crime rate overall. It's a growing California city that sits 95 miles north of San Diego. If you plan to visit, stop by the Pumpkin Rock to see one of the city's most famous landmarks of a pumpkin-painted rock. Chino Hill State Park and the Santiago Peak are also nearby for outdoor adventures.

### No. 4 Murrieta

Murrieta's poverty level is average compared to other California cities, but their overall crime rate is low. It's known for great wine and food with atmospheres that can be quiet and cozy or entertaining with live music. The city is home to a few of California's most popular wineries including Callaway Vineyard & Winery, Miramonte Winery and Lorimar Vineyards and Winery.

cluding Callaway Vineyard & Winery, Miramonte Winery and Lorimar Vineyards and Winery.

### No. 5 Huntington Beach

Huntington Beach has a low crime rate and lower than average annual rent, but the property crime rate is slightly higher than average. It's the perfect vacation spot with a popular amusement park, Adventure City, and The Reptile Zoo. The Huntington Beach International Surfing Museum is also a great place for surfers to see the surfing culture from a worldwide view.

### No. 6 Simi Valley

Simi Valley has a slightly higher hate crime rate than previously noted cities. But overall, the poverty rate is lower than others. It's home to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library showcasing the archives, life and presidency of the 40th President of the United States. There's also the Skateboarding Hall of Fame and Museum. You can also visit Universal Studios and Hollywood Boulevard nearby.

### No. 7 Santa Clarita

Santa Clarita's property crime rate is lower than other California cities, but their violent crime and mass shooting rates are slightly higher. It is known for Vasquez Rocks Natural Area Park, Stevenson Ranch and Six Flags Magic Mountain theme park nearby. The amusement park is known for BATMAN: The Ride and SUPERMAN: Escape from Krypton.

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## Tech

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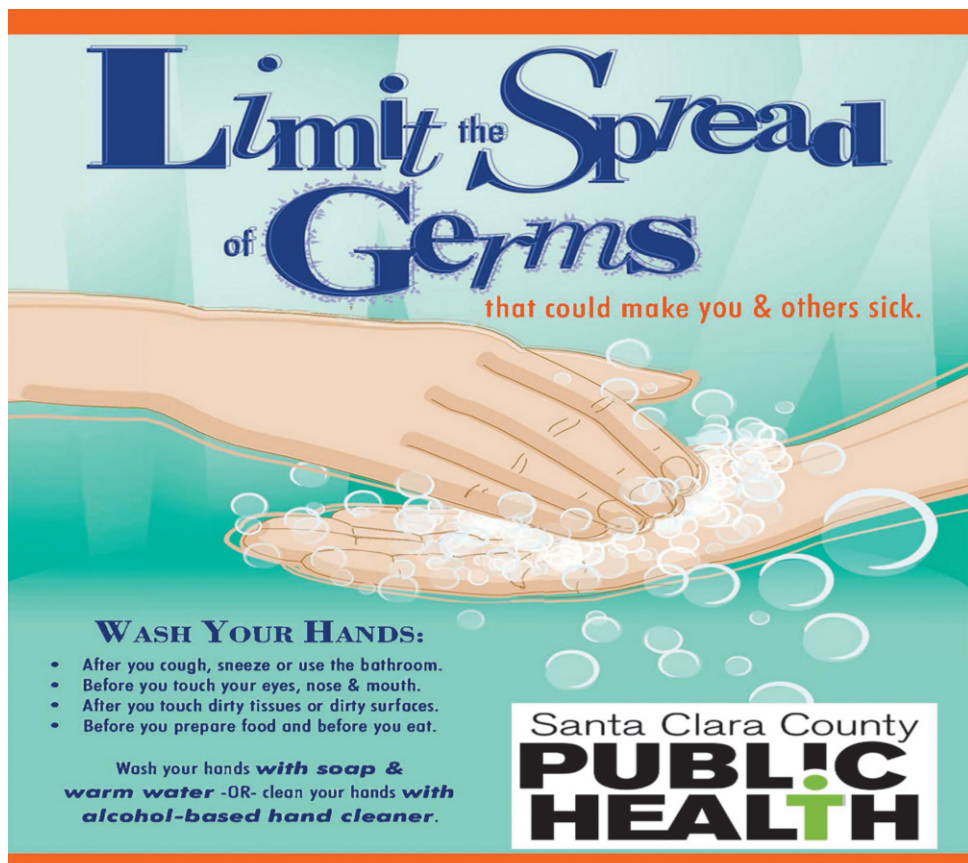
any appliances. For example, it monitors the light levels coming through the windows and automatically raises or lowers the window blinds. It can detect movement across the floor and respond appropriately.

Some of the common smart home products are the Amazon Echo and Echo Dot, Nest Cam

Outdoors for surveillance of the home, Nest Learning thermostat for controlling temperature, and the iRobot Roomba to clean the home, etc.

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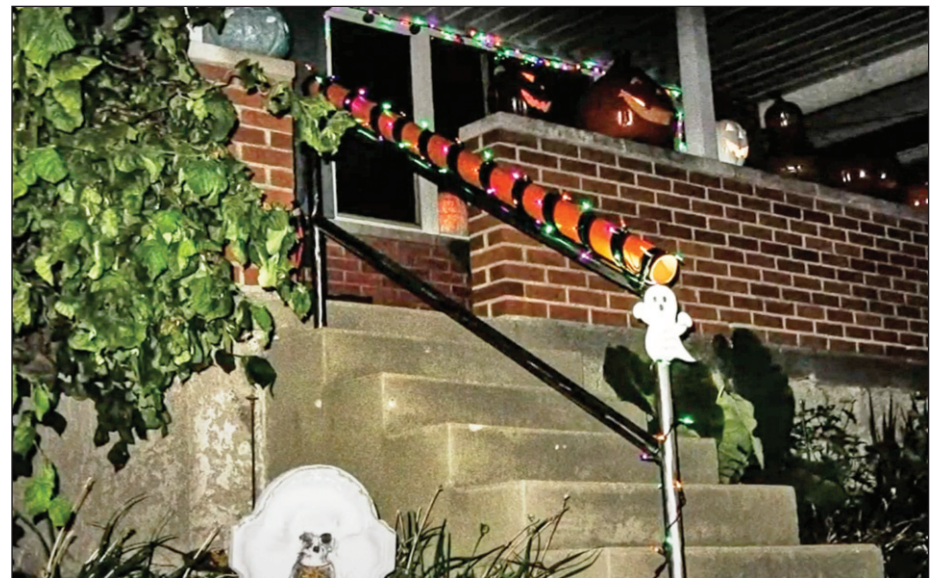
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**Santa Clara County PUBLIC HEALTH**



An Ohio family created this six foot Halloween candy tube chute to serve trick-or-treaters amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

## Trick-or-Treat 2020: How to safely hand out candy amid coronavirus

Halloween is scary enough — these tips can help you avoid COVID-19

By Carolyn Menyes

Special to the Times

One of the best parts about Halloween for children and adults is trick-or-treating.

For kids, it means a giant bag full of the best Halloween candy in a matter of hours. For adults, it means seeing all of those cute (and creepy) costumes.

But, for 2020, trick-or-treating may look a little different due to the coronavirus pandemic.

How can adults safely hand out candy so that this special holiday is still enjoyable for everyone?

**The most popular Halloween candy when you were a kid**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has classified traditional trick-or-treating, where candy is handed to children who go door-to-door, as a higher risk activity. Trunk-or-treats, where treats are handed out from cars in parking lots, is also a higher risk activity.

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Times **Local News**

# Carl Guardino endorses Dave Cortese

By staff reports

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Carl Guardino once raised six figures to defeat Dave Cortese's bid for mayor. Now he wants to see him go to Sacramento.

Guardino, the powerful former CEO of the Silicon Valley Leadership Group, has endorsed Cortese's bid for the Senate District 15 seat. Cortese, a Santa Clara County supervisor, is competing with former FEC commissioner Ann Ravel for the chance to succeed Sen. Jim Beall.

"I support Dave Cortese for our State Senator because of his experienced and effective leadership on 'THEE Issues' facing Silicon Valley," Guardino said in a statement emailed by Cortese's campaign. "'T' for Transportation, 'H' for Housing & Homelessness, 'E' for Energy and the Environment; and 'E' for Education."

In the heated 2014 mayoral race, Guardino raised more than \$500,000 to support Mayor Sam Liccardo, a close friend of his who was deadlocked against Cortese for the city's top political job. With Guardino's tech-fueled cash, Liccardo won the mayor's race by a slim 2 percentage points.

Now, it appears Guardino is switching gears by supporting a traditionally labor friendly candidate like Cortese.

While it might seem like strange bedfellows to some, the longtime politician said it's not that unusual — the two men go way



Santa Clara County Supervisor **Dave Cortese** spoke to reporters at the County Government Building recently. Photo by Katie Lauer

back, Cortese says.

"Carl and I have worked together for more than 20 years, if you count his time with HP and with Assemblymember (Rusty) Areias," Cortese told San José Spotlight. "We share the same priorities in this race. It was a very straightforward set of conversations about issues like housing, homelessness, climate and education that got us here."

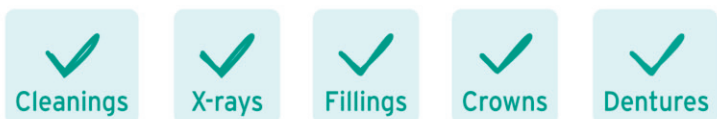
In the 2020 election cycle, Guardino has also endorsed business-backed San Jose Councilmembers Lan Diep and Dev Davis — both fighting for re-election. He's stayed out of the race to fill an open seat in Assembly District 25 and supports former Sunnyvale Mayor Otto Lee in the contest to replace Cortese on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Guardino, who left the influential leadership group in June, is now the executive vice president of global government affairs of Bloom Energy.

Meanwhile, Ravel, Cortese's opponent, has many hard-hitting endorsements of her own, including former President Barack Obama and some of Cortese's colleagues.

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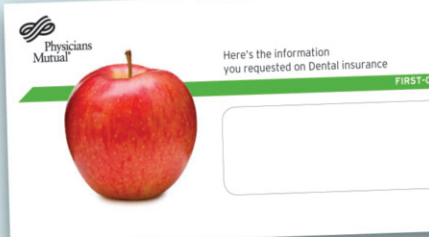
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Lind served in senior leadership roles for top real estate firms within the greater Seattle area and throughout Washington State. Most recently she held the position of senior vice president of Windermere

Real Estate. In that role she oversaw franchise operations and growth strategies for the Western Washington region for 70 franchise owners with a total of 120 offices and 3,400 sales agents. Under her oversight the region yielded 40,000 total transactions and \$23 billion in sales volume.

Lind also served as vice president of business strategy for the real estate company, John L. Scott, headquartered in Bellevue, Washington with 110 offices and 3000 agents throughout the Pacific Northwest. In this position she directly led a region of office leaders while responsible for strategic growth, program implementation, marketing and luxury initiatives companywide.

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## Times Feature

# To be or knot to be

By Apoorva Panidapu  
Special to the Times

Hi everyone! As I mentioned in the last paper, this column is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too! This column will always be written to be fairly accessible (with a few advanced details), so you don't have to worry about not having background knowledge. Now, onto today's topic...knots! First, a disclaimer: the diagrams included are not mine, they are photos taken from the Internet.

## What are knots?

When you think of knots, you might think of your double-knotted shoelaces or your hopelessly

tangled earbuds. I personally think of garlic knots. However, these sorts of knots are different from mathematical knots. What kind of snob wouldn't consider garlic knots valid knots? Well, the difference is that "knots" like shoelaces have loose ends, meaning we can always untie them. Nothing is locked in. For example, let's take your "knotted" shoelaces. It's two strings tied together in a way that we can technically take apart (though it may seem impossible) and untie another way. For mathematical knots, the ends are joined together to create a continuous strand. Here's a picture of a mathematical knot:



Let's look at a more concrete example. Take a hair tie, or a stray rubber band that's lying around. In

their untangled form, these are circles. It might surprise you that these are indeed considered knots! This is known as the unknot, or the trivial knot. It is simply a circle with no crossings. (This is a word that will come up later). Before we get into more complex knots, let's discuss the recent beginning of knot theory.

## Start of Knot Theory

Knots first became a subject of interest in the 1860s. At this time, scientists were trying to understand matter, and a man named William "Lord Kelvin" Thomson developed a theory claiming that atoms were made up of knots. He proposed that every element was a different kind of knot. While trying to sort this out, inevitable

questions arose, like: What sorts of properties do knots have?

What makes two knots different? How can we prove they are fundamentally distinct? Let's try to answer some of these questions!

## What sorts of properties can knots have?

We'll think about knots in terms of simple knot diagrams. First, recall our nice simple knot from before: the unknot. Its

diagram is pretty straightforward:



Let's talk about a related type of knot. Take a simple hair tie. Suppose you're fiddling with it because you're bored in your Zoom meeting, and you're just twisting and turning it and end up with a tough knot. Can you return it to its original circle form? Well, yes! It might take some effort, but if you can theoretically just undo each of your actions, you can then return it to a circle. But while it's all tangled up, it may not appear to be the unknot — it's disguised! Knots that can deform (through some set of moves) into the unknot are called culprit knots. (Yes, mathematicians do have a sense of humor!) Here is an example of a (truly deceitful) culprit knot:



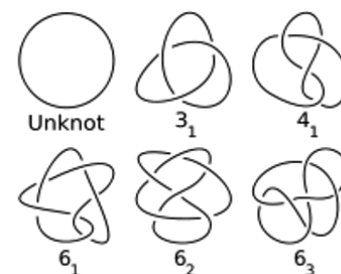
Now, let's take it up a (k)notch. The next standard knot is called the trefoil knot, and its knot notation is:  $3_1$ . What is this nonsense? Let's unpack it. First, here is a picture of the standard, simplest form of the trefoil knot:



Can you guess what the three stands for? Try to think about it from the perspective of a mathematician for a second, and see if you can find a nice reason... If you guessed that the 3 represents the number of intersections, or crossings, the knot has with itself, you would be right! Now, look carefully at the knot and guess what the 1 stands for... Okay sorry, that was a trick question. The subscripts are just an index to keep track of all the different

knots that have the same number of crossings. For the standard knot notation of a knot diagram: the number is something called the crossing number, which is the minimum possible number of crossings in the knot diagram (meaning there is no way to unknot it or deform it into something with fewer crossings), and the subscript is just a label counting how many we have of that type.

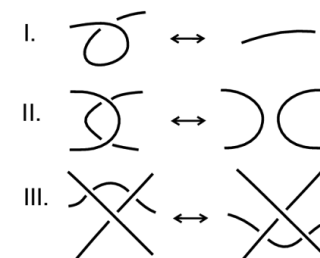
Here are the first several standard knots. In the diagram,  $3_1$  is our trefoil knot and  $4_1$  is known as the "figure 8" knot.



## What makes knots the same?

Now you might ask, how can we be sure that some of these knots are not secretly the same? Maybe we just didn't untangle them the right way. Could these all be devious culprits? Well, we say that two knots are the same if one can be deformed into the other without letting it pass through itself. This process of deforming a knot without it passing through itself is called ambient isotopy. So, the next time someone calls you out for tangling and detangling your hair-tie (if this ever happens), tell them you're practicing ambient isotopy!

Okay, so now we know how to tell if knots are the same-- you just have to see if you can deform one into another. So do we just have to keep trying to untangle until we get lucky? Is there some sort of method? Why, what a great question! There is indeed!



## Reidemeister Moves

In the 1930s, Kurt Reidemeister proved that all deformations could be reduced to three moves: a twist (I), a poke (II), and a slide (III). This is a fantastic result because it means that we have a finite number of moves we can make, which really simplifies things. So, we can now say that two knots that are equivalent can be related by a sequence of these three moves. In other words, if you can transform a knot into

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## Times Feature

### Safe cities

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#### No. 8 Irvine

Irvine has a low violent crime rate and fairly high household income for families. The city hosts the annual Irvine Global Village Festival celebrating different cultures through videos, food and art. It's known as one of the best multicultural festivals in Orange County. Irvine was also a filming location for blockbusters including *The Hangover*, *Part III* and *Ironman*.

#### No. 9 Chula Vista

Chula Vista has an overall higher poverty and violent crime rate across the board. Chula Vista, meaning 'beautiful view,' is one of the biggest cities in the state and is Southern California's seventh largest city. It's the perfect place for water lovers, especially those with kayaks and boats. The city has over 32 acres of water adventures including SeaWorld and Aquatica.

#### No. 10 Clovis

Unfortunately, Clovis has a higher property crime rate compared to most safe California cities. It's residents are less than 7 miles from downtown Fresno, a popular California city. Their downtown area is known for restaurants, history and culture that can be seen best through a guided walking tour. The city is also best known for the Clovis Botanical Gardens and Sierra National Forest for hiking or outdoor activities.

#### No. 11 Temecula

Temecula has a low violent crime rate, but higher than normal unemployment rate. It's a tourist city that's best known for their wineries and attractions including the Temecula Valley Wine Country, Callaway Vineyard and Winery and Pechanga Resort Casino. The city is also best known for the Temecula Valley Film Festival that showcases music and film from countries worldwide.

#### No. 12 Torrance

A large number of unemployed Torrance residents are uninsured, but the unemployment rate is average compared to other cities. Torrance consistently has a low crime rate and is regularly known as one of the safest cities statewide. The city has popular local breweries including George Lopez Brewing Company, Red Car Brewery & Restaurant and Cosmic Brewery.

#### No. 13 Glendale

Glendale has a high unemployment rate and expensive annual rent. It's one of the largest cities in Los Angeles county that's known for food and art. Visit the Museum of Neon Art then try food from different cuisines at local restaurants. The city is best known for their Armenian presence with authentic baked goods, kebabs and art around Glendale and Los Angeles.

#### No. 14 Santa Clara

Santa Clara has a low unemployment rate, but a higher violent crime rate overall. It's home to many tech companies including Intel and Hitachi. The city is also known for the popular Intel Museum, Computer History Museum and the 49ers Museum to showcase the San Francisco football team. If you visit, California's Great America amusement park is a popular attraction,

#### No. 15 Roseville

Roseville has a higher than average property crime and violent crime rate. It is near the Sacramento area, and is home to Hewlett-Packard and NEC Electronics. It's a great area for families and senior citizens to reside not too far from a metropolitan area. Roseville has highly ranked public schools, neighborhoods and retirement areas making it the perfect place to live for people of all ages.

#### No. 16 San Mateo

San Mateo has a great household income average and annual rent. It's south of San Francisco. Visit the San Mateo Japanese Garden in San Mateo Central Park to see one of the best gardens in California, especially during the spring to see the cherry blossoms. The San Francisco Botanical Garden is also nearby for a day of outdoor activities.

#### No. 17 Orange

Orange has a high poverty rate and property crime rate compared to other safe cities, but they are still low overall. It's close to the Crystal Cathedral – a popular Roman Catholic church that was built in 1981. The Crystal Cathedral has Medieval art and the Hazel Wright Memorial Organ, one of the largest instruments in the world. You can also visit the Orange County Zoo for a small, intimate zoo with a focus on Southwestern animals.

#### No. 18 Carlsbad

Carlsbad has a high household income and most residents have access to the internet. It's close to San Diego and a popular place for both residents and tourists alike. It's known for being one of the wealthier California areas. The city is close to the San Diego Safari Park, Legoland and a farmer's market for locally sourced produce every Wednesday.

#### No. 19 Fullerton

Fullerton has one of the lowest rent costs annually, but a high property crime rate. The city is the home of Kraft Foods, California State University and Fullerton College. The city is filled with public art, but is best known for the Muckenthaler Cultural Center. The center is a mansion that was donated by the Muckenthaler family as a place to host concerts, exhibits and cultural events.

#### No. 20 Elk Grove

Elk Grove lies in Sacramento County and has a low violent crime rate along with a number of parks for recreational activities and a sense of community. The most popular park is Elk Grove Regional Park. There's an aquatic center, softball fields, youth center and more. The park also hosts the Giant Pumpkin Festival every October for pumpkin growers to show off their produce.

#### No. 21 Downey

Downey is 13 miles away from Los Angeles. It's where the Apollo space program first launched and now features the Columbia Memorial Space Center (CMSC). CMSC is perfect for families to have an interactive science learning experience. The museum has a robotics lab and a rocket launch exhibit. Unfortunately, Downey's violent crime rate is higher than most cities on the list.

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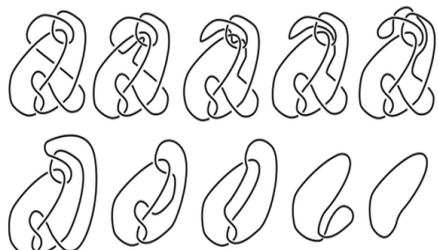
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another knot via these moves, they are equivalent (up to ambient isotopy). Remember our example culprit knot from before? This is the process using Reidemeister moves showing that it can be deformed into the unknot. See if you can figure out which of the three moves is being used at each step!



This is an amazing tool to prove that two knots are the same. But, can we use it to show that two knots are different? Say we are trying to deform a trefoil knot into an unknot with these moves. As we try and twist and turn it, you probably can convince yourself that it's not possible, but can you know for sure? Here's where it gets a little more complicated. This is where something called invariants comes into play. Invariants are characteristics of knots that remain unchanged, and are unaffected by Reidemeister moves. One example of an invariant is something called tricolorability. Tricolorability of a knot is

its ability to be colored with 3 different colors. In order for a knot to be tricolorable, at least two colors must be used and incident crossing strands are all either the same color or all different colors. This second rule is not the easiest to understand, so if you don't get it, don't worry about it!

You might ask: Why do we even care about tricolorability? Well, it creates two categories of knots: tricolorable knots and non-tricolorable knots. If our two knots fall into different categories, they cannot be equal. This gives us a really nice way to prove beyond doubt that two knots are different!

Take our example of trying to deform the trefoil into the unknot. We can color the trefoil with 3 different colors in a way that satisfies the two rules, as shown below. Think about why it might satisfy the second rule.

So, the trefoil is tricolorable! What about the unknot? It's just a single circle so it can't even be colored with two colors, breaking the first requirement for tricolorability. Thus, the 'unknot' is non-tricolorable. Since this characteristic is invariant (meaning it's an unchangeable characteristic of a knot) we've shown that the 'unknot' and trefoil cannot be equal. Hooray! You can stop twisting and turning that trefoil.

We're not going to get into other invari-



ants, because they can be pretty complex (and I'm running out of space). You're welcome to look some up! Now, you might have noticed that it can be pretty difficult to categorize these knots. It's still an open challenge to find nice descriptors that make knots unique.

**Where can I find mathematical knots?**

Knots can actually be found in nature, structure in dna, and in the sun's corona! People are also considering using knots to make money more secure. When quantum computers are more prevalent, quantum

money can be encoded with knots, and algorithms will check knots. Because of their complexity, this could be a pretty secure system.

And that's where we'll end it for today! Final question: can you knot? I don't know about you, but I can knot. Now I'm going to go eat some garlic knots. Until next time!

If you found this interesting, make sure to check out this column in the next Evergreen Times! If you have any questions or comments, please email me at [apoorvap-writes@gmail.com](mailto:apoorvap-writes@gmail.com).

**Safest cities***Continued from previous page***No. 22 Vista**

The City of Vista has a low unemployment rate. It's best known for their performing arts focus. The AVO Playhouse in Vista is home to events, parties and even Broadway musicals. The Moonlight Stage Production will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2021 with hit productions including Roger & Hammerstein's Cinderella, Kinky Boots and Ragtime the Musical.

**No. 23 Oceanside**

Oceanside has a high property crime rate, but an average violent crime rate compared to California's other safe cities. It's one of the largest cities in San Diego County. It sits on the coast of California and is best known for Harbor Beach nearby. If you're stopping by the beach or Oceanside Pier be sure to visit the California Surf Museum to explore

the state's surfing culture.

**No. 24 Pasadena**

Pasadena has lower than average annual rent. The city is home to football's famous Rose Bowl held every January at the Rose Bowl Stadium. The stadium, known as 'The Granddaddy of Them All,' has a Rose Bowl Flea Market every second Sunday of the month with over 2,000 popular and local vendors. The city also offers tours of the famous facility.

**No. 25 Fremont**

Fremont has one of the highest household incomes compared to other cities. The Ardenwood Historic Farm is one of the most popular local landmarks that attracts both residents and visitors alike. It's a park, farm and mansion that serves as a popular wedding venue, pumpkin patch and more. Ardenwood Historic Farm is also eco-friendly with solar lights, organic produce and Repurpose Rose to give hospitals and local facilities flowers.

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## Trick or Treat

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But one-way trick-or-treating, where individually-wrapped goodie bags are lined up for families to grab, is only a moderate risk activity.

According to Dr. Amya Husain, a physician in pediatric emergency medicine at Johns Hopkins who specializes in disaster preparedness, trick-or-treating is not a lost cause.

Dr. Husain's first recommendation is sorting your candy into small, zip-top baggies and putting them out so all those little goblins and ghouls can grab one, put it in their pillowcase or plastic pumpkin bucket and move on.

"Have candies — or whatever people choose to put out — out on the doorstep in small quantities that people can take," Husain said. "That Ziploc of treats to-go would

be good instead of having a full bowl, and having a kid put their hand in a full bowl after another kid puts their hand in that full bowl and continuing to spread the virus."

Dr. Husain also recommends putting out a bottle of hand sanitizer next to your baggies of treats, considering hand hygiene is incredibly important in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

And just because you aren't physically handing out Reese's Peanut Butter Cups and SweetTarts to kids doesn't mean you can't safely social distance and see all of those superheroes and creepy clowns.

"For people in the homes giving out treats, it's always wonderful to be able to see kids dressed up," she said. "If they can do that from behind a storm door with glass, that'll be safer. They'll be able to wave or see the kids but not expose themselves." You can also set up a table in your driveway with the bagged treats and sit six feet back.

## Shutdown

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more acutely. Additionally, businesses that rely on their physical locations and require crowds of customers at that location have struggled with staying afloat.

"The county needs to do more to provide businesses financial assistance to get by," said Eddie Truong, director of government and community relations for the Silicon Valley Organization. "We're seeing this in real-time, every single day. Small businesses are shutting down."

Truong said the county has not put enough proactive plans in place to help minority-owned and women-owned businesses, like Ruiz's roller rink.

"We're seeing the demise of minority-owned restaurants and other businesses," Truong said. "They were under-resourced even before COVID-19. Unless there is immediate action from the county, this is just the tip of the iceberg."

Dennis King, director of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Silicon Valley, said there is more at risk.

"The typical businesses owned and operated by ethnic minorities in this county, of course, are restaurants. And often they are more than a business," King said.

"They are a reflection of the communities that we serve. It adds a lot to vitality and they are a local neighborhood watering hole that people gather in." When people aren't able to get together in these places, King said, "The nature of our lifestyle and the county will change."

According to research from the Pew Research Center, in May about nearly 60% of Latinos said someone in their household had either lost a job or sustained a pay cut or both due to COVID-19. The majority of Latinos surveyed by Pew, about 78%, said another economic relief bill would be needed in addition to the \$2 trillion package passed in March.

### Language barriers

In the beginning, Ruiz said, she

thought she'd only be closed for a couple of months. She made some improvements for her rink space and even built a mini golf course for customers. It was a chance for her to catch up on projects she'd been meaning to work on, she said.

"This kind of flip-flopping (of reopening plans) is very difficult on a business owner," Ruiz said. "Especially with how much money we put in, to open up for just a matter of days or weeks, just to get shut down again." Ruiz created plans to open at half capacity, built an online reservation system and complied with sanitation requirements for reopening. But that time hasn't come.

### State color coded tiers confusing to business reopening

Ruiz said she was frustrated with the state government when it switched to color-coded tiers with different types of businesses in each. "Trying to get them to tell me where I was, where did I fit in, was difficult," Ruiz said. "Was I athletics, family entertainment, amusement? They didn't know." Ruiz called the state every day for clarification until she got an answer. While she said the county has done its part in disseminating information, the county is taking its cues from the state. "And if the state says roller skating is in the yellow category, there's nothing I can do," she added.

While she's been able to navigate so far, Ruiz has seen other business owners, particularly those who don't speak English fluently, struggle. "I talked to a nail salon owner and she was confused," Ruiz said. "She didn't speak much English and she didn't know what county she was in. She had tried to call the city (about whether she could open) and I had to tell her it was the county that decides."

Ruiz said she took the woman's phone and pulled up links for business loans she could apply for.

"She was so scared and didn't know how to find the resources," Ruiz said.

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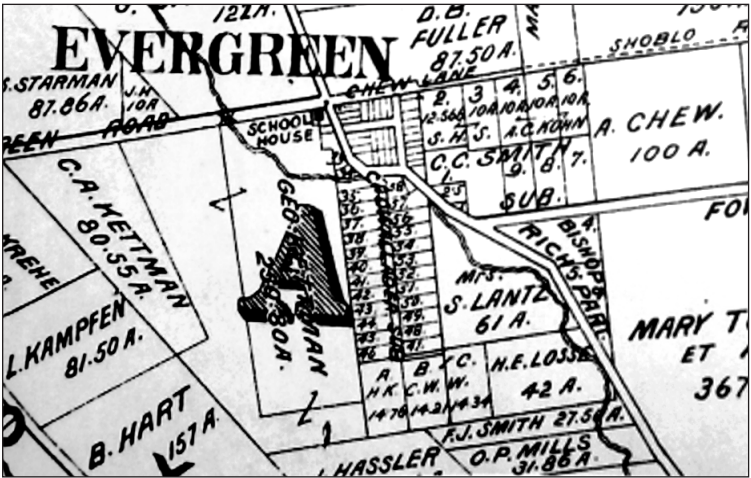
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An early map of Aborn and White Road area. Aborn was called Evergreen Road in the 1800's.

Grace

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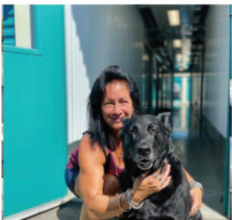
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