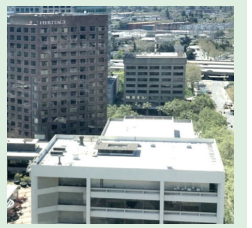


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"We want to commit and promise to be an organization that stands up for equal rights," **Madison Nguyen**, The SVO's executive vice president, said at a news conference today. *Photo by Carly Wipf*

## Silicon Valley Organization CEO resigns as nonprofits line up to cut ties

By Carly Wipf  
Article courtesy of  
San José Spotlight

The CEO of The Silicon Valley Organization, Matt Mahood, resigned as eight prominent South Bay nonprofit groups announced they are cutting ties with the influential business group.

"I am very sorry for the completely unacceptable image that was put up on our website earlier this week," Mahood said in announcing his resignation. "That image and messaging does not represent who I am as a man, a father, a husband or community

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## 'Great Meals Delivered' debuts in Evergreen Valley

*Offering fresh delicious meals to your doorstep*

By William Bellou  
Publisher

A new free meal delivery company is making its debut in Evergreen Valley this week.

"Great Meals Delivered," is operated by some familiar faces from Megabyte Pizza, including Aldo Montufar, Julia Hittler, Gabriel Aguirre, and Pedro Macedo. The new venture runs from a popular sister restaurant, "The Banana Garden."

"Great Meals Delivered" was founded with one goal in mind: providing high quality affordable meals, creating an enjoyable experience for residents throughout the Bay Area from a professionally run kitchen adhering to the most up-to-date health standards," said Montufar. "We look forward to delivering the most popular 30 MegaByte items with our low prices starting at just



**Aldo Montufar** (right) and **Gabriel Aguirre**, founders of "Great Meals Delivered," have begun offering 30 meals from the Megabyte Pizza menu delivered free of charge for residents in Evergreen Valley.

\$12.49. We love our wonderful loyal customers."

The company got its start in

March with the new food delivery concept when the founders saw the need for a food delivery option

while families shelter in place. "As the pandemic hit our world, we wanted to provide a safe, quality service for the elderly and families during these trying times," Montufar explained.

"I love what I do; cooking for my clients, especially for a community where I began my chef career," said Chef Gabriel Aguirre. "Evergreen Valley, especially the Villages, holds a special place in my heart and we are committed to providing quality food in every single delivery meal."

"Whether it's a dinner night, a birthday celebration, a company lunch, a gift of food to a client or employee, "Great Meals Delivered" provides dishes that are fresh, hearty, healthy, and simply unforgettable," said Montufar. "We take pride to say that we are driven to provide the highest quality!"

The new exciting service delivers every meal fully cooked in 100 percent recyclable and compost-  
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## ELECTION 2020

## Dave Cortese and Otto Lee win election

*Measures G and H approved by voters - School bond measures pass*

Long time Evergreen Valley resident Dave Cortese will be representing California's Senate District 15.

Cortese was victorious over rival Ann Ravel, winning 53.8% of the vote. Ravel garnered 46.2% of the vote.

Ravel and Cortese were vying to replace termed-out state Sen. Jim Beall for the district seat that represents nearly 1 million residents



**Otto Lee** gives a "thumbs up" at his campaign headquarters on election night, Nov. 3.

in Cupertino, Los Gatos, Campbell and neighborhoods in San Jose from Willow Glen to Almaden to East San Jose.

In a Facebook video on Election Day, Nov. 3, Cortese thanked his staff and supporters for all their work.

"This was definitely the biggest, toughest campaign that I've been involved with, but it was also the campaign with the best team I've ever been involved with," Cortese said. "I've been getting some early congratulations because of the early, very solid lead that we have, and I just want to say to all of you, to the voters, thank you so much for being willing to be part of a team like this."

Ravel has extensive experience working in government including serving as the Santa Clara County counsel and being a part of California's Fair Political Practices Commission and the Federal Elections Commission.

Cortese served as an elected official in San Jose for nearly three decades, starting as a trustee on the city's East Side Union High  
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Times **Community News**

Great Meals

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able packaging and orders can be set up on the “Great Meals Delivered” website, as well as setting up an account for free delivery.

“We would like to emphasize that we are offering free delivery on all meal plans,” Montufar said. “Meals are packaged and delivered cold right to your doorsteps with no-contact delivery on the requested day of delivery between 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Here are some of the advantages of the new “Great Meals Delivered.”**

- Free Delivery
- Next-Day lunch or dinner
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From left: Blackened Chicken Pear Salad; Blackened Salmon; Chicken Primavera; and Rendang Chicken.

local farms

- Great gift idea for clients, friends, neighbors and frontline workers
- Catering for any occasion

**How do I order Great Meals Delivered?**

The easiest way to place your order is

from the Menu Tab on the website [www.greatmealsdelivered.com](http://www.greatmealsdelivered.com). Add the dishes you’d like to have into your cart, select the delivery date you prefer and follow the steps for payment. You may receive a 10% discount on your first order by using

the code: ETIMES10. So tell your friends about this special 10% offer for *Evergreen Times* readers.

For more information and ordering your first meal, visit: [www.greatmealsdelivered.com](http://www.greatmealsdelivered.com) or call (925) 587-1513.



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School board in 1992 and soon after moving his way to positions on San Jose City Council and the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

**Otto Lee**

Otto Lee has won a seat on the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

Lee will represent Evergreen Valley as a county supervisor, beating opponent Assemblymember Kansen Chu. Lee

garnered more than 60% of the vote. He faced Assemblymember Kansen Chu in the District 3 race.

“Our team has worked so very hard to get us to where we are now and it is very humbling,” Lee said. “I was told the path to victory would be overwhelming, but here we are! I’m so grateful to all the residents that supported me.”

Throughout his campaign, Lee prioritized homelessness and affordable housing. As Sunnyvale’s mayor, Lee was a champion for the environment, advocating for a single-use plastic bag ban and creating stronger environmental guidelines for developers to follow.

**Measures G and H**

San Jose voters have overwhelmingly passed Measures G and H.

Measure G, which expands the oversight of San Jose’s civilian watchdog, was approved by 78.1% of voters in a landslide victory.

The Measure expands the authority of the Independent Police Auditor, broadening the office’s ability to review police misconduct cases and allowing the City Council to change the auditor’s duties without requiring a public vote.

“I’m grateful to our San Jose voters and San Jose police officers who overwhelmingly supported Measure G,” Mayor Sam Liccardo said. “History will view Measure G as a critical step forward in our efforts to expand the authority of our Independent Police Auditor and boost police accountability and transparency.”

Measure H, Meanwhile, which will increase gross revenue tax for the city’s card rooms passed with a voter approval of 73.6%.

Measure H increases the gross revenue tax for card rooms to 16.5 percent effective Jan. 1. It will also levy a new tax on companies that provide banking services at the card rooms. City officials estimate that the measure will generate \$15 million annually for the city’s general fund.

“It’s going to help us keep services strong in the city of San Jose,” said Councilmember Johnny Khamis. “In these times of COVID, we’ve had to cut back a lot and this tax will help us overcome some of those cutbacks.”

**Measure P**

Measure P, that was placed on the Nov. 3 ballot by the Evergreen Elementary School District Board of Trustees as a general obligation bond, passed by a slim margin of 55.6%. Measure P authorizes \$80 million to improve technology access, including the purchase of computers, and safety in Evergreen elementary schools.

**ESD Governing Board**

Leila Welsh and Patti Andrade won the election to the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees. Welsh garnered 15,922 votes and Andrade received 9,596 votes.

**ESUHSB Governing Board**

Patti Cortese and Patricia Martinez-Roach have been elected to the East Side Union High School District Governing Board.

Watch out for the signs of a locksmith scam

Most people only call a locksmith when they are desperate for help. That means it’s easy to overlook red flags and fall prey to a scammer. By getting to know the signs of a locksmith scam ahead of time, you can avoid cons if an emergency does arise.

**How the Scam Works:**

You’ve locked yourself out of your home or car! You take out your phone and do a quick search for locksmiths in your area. This is where the scam begins. Many locksmith scams use the name and logo of a reputable locksmith to advertise their business. When you call these imitators, they may answer with a generic “Hello, locksmith services,” rather than a specific business name.

In one common version of this scam, the

person on the phone offers you an extremely cheap quote – as low as \$15. However, once the locksmith arrives on-site, they find a number of “reasons” to raise the price. Scammers prey on consumers’ feelings of desperation, and victims often end up paying hundreds more than what they were initially quoted.

In other cases, scammers may also claim that opening your door is impossible. They insist you need to drill the old lock and replace it with a new, expensive lock. This, too, is most likely a deception; a skilled locksmith can open just about any lock. In addition, scammers like to sell “extra-secure” locks that, in reality, are cheap and anything but secure. What’s even more disturbing is that a scam locksmith now knows where you live or work and how to gain reentry later on.

**Tips to protect yourself from locksmith scams**

- **Critique their advertising.** Look closely at the business’s advertisements. Is the specific name of the business clearly identified? Does the ad look similar to other ads but have a different name? Does it appear that the dealer actually operates under sev-



eral names?

- **Ask plenty of questions.** Most consumer complaints concern fees that were not disclosed when they called the locksmith. Ask about the cost of a service call, mileage, and parts before you agree to have the work performed. Get an estimate before any work begins, including emergency service. If the on-site estimate doesn’t match the price quoted on the telephone, have the job done by someone else.

- **Check identification.** Most legitimate locksmiths will arrive in a clearly marked vehicle and provide identification. Remember that you will be allowing a stranger into your home.
- **Be wary of “necessary” drilling.** Understand that it isn’t routine for a locksmith to insist on drilling the lock to open it. Most locksmiths have the skills to open almost any lock.
- **Demand an invoice.** You can’t dispute a charge without proof of how much you paid and what you paid for. Insist on an itemized invoice that includes parts, labor, mileage and service charges. The invoice should also include the business name and address. Use your credit card to pay for locksmith services for added security.

Find BBB Accredited locksmiths here before you have an emergency. Keep their number in your wallet or phone, in case you find yourself in need of services later on. Find out more about BBB Accreditation Standards. If you’ve been the victim of a locksmith scam, be sure to report it at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker). Your report can help expose scammers and protect other consumers.



Times **Community News****Grand View League's 'Design & Discovery' event goes virtual in support of local cancer research**

*November 12 Fundraiser to feature Stanford Cancer Researchers, silent auction, and entertainment*

**G**rand View League, a fundraising branch of the American Cancer Society, announced today that it is hosting on November 12 a live virtual event to raise funds for cancer research.

The event will be emceed by Laura Garcia, an award winning morning anchor of NBC Bay Area's "Today in The Bay" show, and includes local cancer researchers, including George Fisher, MD, PhD, Professor of Medicine, Stanford Cancer Institute, the Grand View-funded researchers Mathew Frank, MD, PhD, Assistant Professor of Medicine at Stanford University, and John Widen, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow at Stanford University.

***Grand View League has raised over \$16 million in support of the American Cancer Society in its cancer research and patient services efforts.***

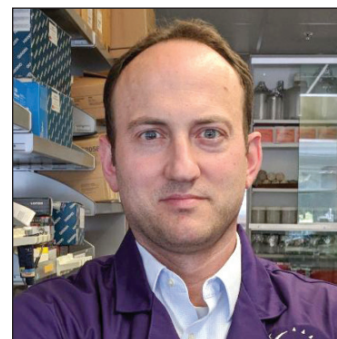
The Grand View League Research Funding Initiative (GVL RFI), launched in 2016, is unique in that 100% of donations to the Initiative go to funding local cancer research. Grand View League has raised over \$16 million in support of the American Cancer Society in its cancer research and patient services efforts.

"Despite COVID's impact on us all, cancer research is at a pivotal inflection point. The convergence of science, technology and big data processing right now promises to make the next 5-10 years of cancer research more productive than the last 50. This is the time to invest in cancer research!" - states Dr. George Fisher.

The American Cancer Society is honored to have given funding to 49 investigators who went on to win the Nobel Prize, considered the highest accolade any scientist can receive. This is a tribute to the Society's Research Program and the strength of its peer-review process.

The "Design & Discovery" virtual event which will run on Thursday, November 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., promises to be lively, informative, and fun-filled. Guests are invited to log in and join the pre-event at 3:30 p.m. In addition to the research discussion, the event will include an interactive "Look Book," fashion forecast, online shopping boutiques, and a silent auction. Boutique vendors include Susie O's Handbags, The Treasured Accessory, Moonlite Couture, Cocoa Crayon, and Social Butterflies LA.

For more information on this virtual event and ways to participate, visit <https://acscacam.ejoinme.org/grand-viewleague>.



From left to right: **Laura Garcia; Dr. George Fisher; Dr. Mathew Frank; Dr. John Widen.** *Photos courtesy of Grand View League*



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## Killing feral pigs with bow and arrows nixed

*Animals have learned to become 'trap-wise' and are evading capture*

**T**rained professionals using bows and arrows killing pesky wild pigs wreaking havoc on San Jose neighborhoods has been nixed by the San Jose City Council.

Unfortunately, for businesses like the Coyote Creek Golf Course and the Silver Creek Valley Country Club that have spent thousands of dollars this year trying to clean up the damage unleashed by the animals, an alternative plan must now be implemented. The problem is that pigs have become "trap-wise," meaning that they have learned that traps pose a danger and to avoid them.

"It's not Wilbur here from 'Charlotte's Web,'" Council member Johnny Khamis said during a recent meeting, "We're talking 500-pound creatures that can do damage to pets, houses, lawns, they're dangerous animals." But citing safety concerns over errant arrows and state law restrictions, the city council quashed a proposal that would have let licensed trappers use archery equipment to kill feral pigs that have been destroying lawns and tearing up golf courses across the city.

The council asked city staffers to work with county officials to potentially establish a program for more effectively managing the wild pig population in Santa Clara County.

"I understand that the safety of our residents is the first thing that we think about," Councilmember Sylvia Arenas said at Tuesday's council meeting. "Unfortunately, it still creates a problem that we haven't really addressed, so I look forward to seeing what kind of collaboration we have with the county and what kind of problem-solving we can do."

California law states that it is illegal to hunt animals within 150 yards of a home without the consent of that property owner.

# Valley Currents

**cur-rent** (adj.) *Present, topical, timely, newsworthy.* (n.) *Movement in a definite direction, a flow.*

## ESUHSD easing back with on-campus learning

By Lorraine Gabbert

*Article courtesy of San José Spotlight*

**E**ast Side Union High School District (ESUHSD) students have returned to in-person learning.

There are now onsite learning during tutorials, advisory periods and after school on Saturdays as East Side students now continue in their block schedules with distance learning.

ESUHSD will continue distance learning for the remainder of the school year or until there is a widely accessible vaccine, said superintendent Chris Funk.

"We went to distance learning ... because the safety of our staff, students and families was number one, particularly because we had four ZIP codes in Santa Clara County with the highest cases of COVID-19," he said.

### All campuses taking part in back to school "pod" learning

At each of the district's 16 campuses, a maximum of 310 students may be on campus at a time, divided into learning pods. Each campus is planning to have up to 10 pods per day. Classes of up to 16 (15 students and one teacher) may meet inside and of up to 32 (31 students and one teacher) outside. The district has 22,000 enrolled students.

"Some kids are excelling in distance learning," Funk said. "They have more confidence and ask questions, but we know distance learning is not for everyone. We're trying to identify those kids struggling the most and give them the opportunity to have in-person support."

Because the Santa Clara Public Health Department is now allowing schools in-person learning, ESUHSD will focus on students struggling the most with distance learning. It has targeted foster youth, students with special needs and English-learners for in-person instruction, in particular those struggling with grades, attendance and behavior.

Students are invited to participate through emails, phone calls and parent-community specialists home visits. Classes will be offered across the board. Although students and teachers can only participate in a class at a time, they may rotate pods every three to five weeks with seven days between groups.

Parent Stephanie Ladisky rejected the offer to send her special-needs child to an East Side learning pod. Although she appreciates the district providing options, she said 31 stu-



Oak Grove High School is one of the ESUHSD campuses that will have some students return next week.  
*Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.*

dents outdoors is too many for one teacher. She also is concerned what will happen come winter and bad weather.

"As a parent, beyond class size, I'm concerned with what measures are being taken to ensure the safety of these students," Ladisky said. "Another concern would be the health concerns of the people in my family."

Funk said finding a safe and quiet place to do work and study is a challenge for some students.

"We have some families with multiple generations living together," he said. "Not everyone has their own bedroom or strong connectivity. Video lectures ...take a lot of bandwidth. If you have multiple members of your family trying to go to school online, that's a huge challenge."

He said students' emotional well-being and mental health is also challenged during distance learning.

"We're trying to give opportunities for students to see their friends and provide mental health support on our campuses," Funk said. "That's another challenge we're trying to overcome by allowing groups to come onto campus."

If staffing allows and a school site hasn't met its maximum number of students, it may permit other students to participate in onsite learning. Students may also join pods for athletic conditioning for school sports teams, clubs and student leadership.

"We believe this is the most feasible way to approach in-person, onsite intervention and support," the school district said in a statement.

### COVID-19 safety measures

The school district is following a phased approach to returning students to campus. Funk said limiting the number of students allows for health monitoring and contract tracing if necessary.

Parents must agree to perform temperature checks and symptom screenings before students arrive on campus.

Ladisky objects to the district expecting parents to take their children's temperature before coming to campus.

"They may or may not do it and your child is at risk and I don't think that's responsible," she said. "The teacher or admin should take the temperature of the kids when they walk into the classroom. They should not be relying on the word of the parents. They may be busy, working or forget. It's just too big of a risk."

### Facemasks and shields

Anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 may not return to campus without a negative test or having completed 14 days of quarantine. Staff and students are required to wear face masks or shields. Classroom furniture has been moved 6 feet apart to ensure social distancing and markers have been placed on the ground.

Other health measures include daily sanitizing, classroom misting with disinfectant and replacing filters on HVAC units. COVID-19 signs will be posted and student traffic flow will be controlled. The district said it has purchased face masks, face shields, gloves, touchless thermometers, Plexiglas barriers for classrooms and disinfecting supplies.

Next, the district will bring back students identified as moderate/severe for in-person learning. Starting Jan. 15, up to 500 students could be on any campus at a time for up to five days a week. Funk said some students may be on campus to access WiFi they don't have at home.

This phase depends on the number of COVID-19 cases in Santa Clara County, which would have to be one in 100,000 or 20 new cases a day.

"We will get through this together," Funk said.

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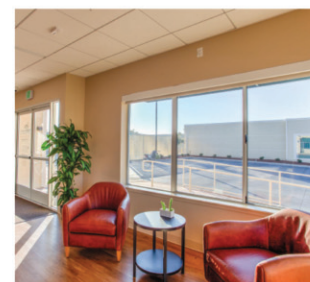
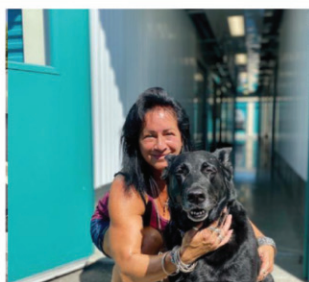
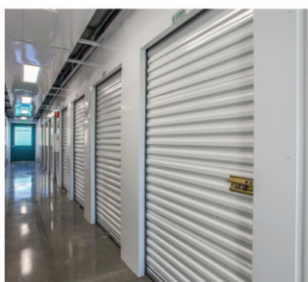


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# Wells Fargo Donates \$400,000 to Bay Area Legal Aid to help renters avoid evictions

Bank has donated more than \$18.4 million this year-to-date for COVID-19 relief efforts in the Bay Area

More than 150,000 Bay Area tenant households are at the highest risk of eviction and possibly face homelessness due to income loss and the economic downturn caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to research from the Aspen Institute and the COVID-19 Eviction Defense Project, up to 40 million U.S. renters may face eviction by the end of the year. In response to this emerging crisis, the Wells Fargo Foundation is donating \$400,000 to Bay Area Legal Aid to support their

work to provide free legal assistance and representation to Bay Area families disproportionately affected by COVID-19 and at risk of eviction.

"We expect to see many low-income renters facing eviction for nonpayment of rent in the next several months. And the patchwork of protections is complicated, so it is essential for tenants to get legal advice and help. The bottom line right now is if your landlord serves you a notice to pay rent or you get other legal paperwork – call us at Bay Area Legal Aid," said Housing Supervising Attorney at Bay Area Legal Aid Lisa Greif.

In the San Francisco Bay Area, the Wells Fargo Foundation has donated more than \$18.4 million this year-to-date as part of its \$175 million response to COVID-19. The local philanthropic contributions focused on addressing pressing community issues such as affordable housing, small business growth, financial health, human and social services, environment, education and workforce development. The grant to Bay Area Legal Aid to help keep people housed is part of the Wells Fargo Foundation's \$1 billion philanthropic commitment to address solutions for the housing affordability crisis by 2025.

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## OpEd

# Freedom must never be compromised

By Bryan Golden  
Special to the Times

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves.” This wise observation was made by Abraham Lincoln.

Freedom is a foundation of life. When freedom is compromised, suffering and misery follow. This indisputable fact has been demonstrated endlessly throughout history. Freedom compromised is freedom lost.

In politics, compromise is touted as a requirement for progress. However, there is no legitimate justification to ever compromise freedom. Compromising freedom empowers the enemies of freedom. Compromising freedom erodes the wellbeing of a country's population.

To fully understand the devastating impact compromise has on freedom, consider the following examples. How would you react if someone wanted to force you out of your home so they could live there instead? Would you accept a compromise where they take over only half of your home? Would you be willing to give them just one or two rooms as a compromise if they allowed you to live in the remaining space?

As another example, suppose you had saved \$10,000 over several years. One day you receive a phone call from someone demanding you give them your entire savings. Would you offer them \$5,000 as a compromise in return for being able to keep the remaining \$5,000?

For another example, you have four wonderful children. You are approached by someone who claims it's not fair that you have four children while there are so many childless couples. You are then asked how many of your children are you willing to give up as a compromise? Would you be willing to give up just one? After all, you'll still have three remaining children which should be more than enough for your needs.

Of course you wouldn't allow someone to take over part of your home, steal your savings, or abduct any of your children. So why would you let any person, group, or

government compromise your freedom by taking any portion of it away?

Human history has been characterized by tyrannical oppression. The founding of America, based on each individual's unalienable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, was the first time a country was established exclusively on freedom.

Freedom is your right. It's not a commodity granted to you by someone else. Yet, freedom can be compromised by the malicious actions of others. The typical approach to confiscating your freedom is to start small by taking seemingly inconsequential freedoms under the guise of fairness, safety, or security. Then, piece by piece your freedoms are eroded until they cease to exist.

The standard assertion made by the power hungry is that they know what is best for your wellbeing. These people claim to be the only ones in the unique position of also knowing what is in the best interest of society. You are told you lack the necessary intelligence, foresight, experience, or understanding to provide any meaningful input about your freedom. If you object to your freedoms being compromised, you are maligned and accused of being unreasonable.

When one freedom after another is compromised, before long all of your freedoms will have vanished. Once your freedom is lost, it's virtually impossible to recover. Life without freedom is proven to be filled with strife and despair. This fact is evidenced by the endless stream of people willing to risk their lives fleeing tyrannical regimes around the world.

Freedom is not free and must be constantly cherished and protected. Freedom persists only when good people stand firmly against those who seek to vanquish freedom through deceitful compromise. Your freedom must never be compromised or it will be lost.

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# 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 will feature Russian performer Zlata Chochieva November 13-16. Vyacheslav Gryaznov will perform in December and American pianist Andrew Li is slated to appear January 2021.

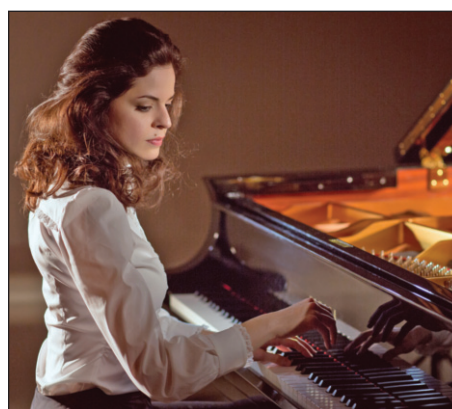
"We were so disappointed to have to cancel concerts this spring because of the COVID-19 pandemic," said Kathy Yu Wilson,

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 on 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



**Zlata Chochieva** to perform Nov. 13-16, 2020.  
*Photo by Evgeny-Evtyukhov*

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 to Allow 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."

## Artists:

- Zlata Chochieva - November 13-16, 2020
- Vyacheslav Gryaznov - December 18-21, 2020
- Andrew Li - January 22-25, 2021

## Zlata Chochieva - Nov. 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

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# Partnering to clean up Santa Clara County's waterways

By **Tony Estemera**

*District 6 Valley Water Board  
Vice Chair Person*

We had an impressive showing at this year's California Coastal Cleanup. Congratulations to the 862 outstanding volunteers who picked up a total of 22,215 pounds of trash and cleaned over 336 miles during socially distanced neighborhood cleanup events, held

## Steinway

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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)

each Saturday in September!

These dedicated community members hit the streets, parks, and creeks equipped with their gloves, face coverings, and trash bags to help clean our creeks and streams. Among the most common things volunteers picked up were everyday plastic items, glass bottles, and clothing.

Volunteers also collected a fair share of disposable gloves and face coverings – which is a sign of the times given the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's California Coastal Cleanup was modified in order to comply with the local public health order. What was traditionally one large cleanup effort in September became self-guided Saturday events occurring throughout the month.

Valley Water's creek cleanup events are funded by the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, which was

overwhelmingly approved by voters in 2012. Measure S, which has been approved by voters, contributes \$5.1 million towards cleanup activities such as National

River Cleanup Day, California Coastal Cleanup Day, the Great American Litter Pick Up, and the Adopt-A-Creek Program.

Part of keeping our waterways healthy and clean is also addressing the unhoused population. We have heard from you about the increase in encampments, trash and debris near your neighborhoods and local

creeks. The COVID-19 pandemic has further complicated these issues. Valley Water will continue to work with local agencies to remove trash around encampments and will resume encampment cleanups once CDC guidelines allow. In addition, Measure S increases the funding for encampment and trash cleanups from



## Valley Water Report

By **Tony Estemera**  
Vice Chair, District 6



\$4.1 million in 2012 to \$38.7 million.

Although the volunteer cleanup events have ended, the work must not stop here. Keeping our creeks and streams clean does not have to be a defined event. You can help year-round by joining our Adopt-A-Creek Program. As a program participant, you can adopt sections of a creek, monitor trash and commit to at least two cleanups a year throughout the county.

The Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program also provides grants that support Santa Clara County environmental stewardship projects. Funding is

available for creek cleanups, watershed education and outreach, and environmental stewardship activities. In fact, the window to apply for \$900,000 in grants for these efforts is currently open and closes on December 1. Visit [valleywater.org/grants](http://valleywater.org/grants) to learn more.

We understand how important protecting our environment, flood protection, public health and public safety are for our community. Valley Water will continue to work to ensure we provide Silicon Valley with safe, clean water for a healthy life, environment, and economy.



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# Public outcry for abused dog that needs surgery

By Diane Blum

*Times contributing writer*

An abused and injured dog rescued by the San Benito Bullies (a non-profit dog rescue organization) needs the community's help.

Three year old "Mama Gemma" is a beautiful and sweet girl who was rescued with her six puppies earlier this year. She was a diligent mom to her babies even while arriving malnourished, very sick, and with many injuries due to abuse and neglect.

Gemma has now thankfully been adopted by a loving family, but is in need of expensive surgery to fix her injuries which include torn bilateral ACLs (both painful and making it difficult for her to walk). The San Benito Bullies have found a vet who is willing to do the required surgery for half the anticipated cost (\$9,000 instead of \$18,000); but the family who has adopted Gemma needs some help to make the surgery happen.

Surgery has been scheduled for mid-November (or will be moved back until the needed funds can be raised); the fundraising effort has already raised \$2,600! But that leaves over \$6,000 still needed. Given the pain and difficulty the injury creates for Gemma, not doing the surgery is not an option.

The San Benito Bullies/Gemma fundraising account via Venmo is @Lora-Hernandez-82 "Gemma" (last four digits of recipient's phone number: 4803). The San Benito Bullies/Gemma fundraising account via PayPal (Send to friend) is Sanbenitobullies@yahoo.com. For more infor-



mation relating to the fundraiser please contact the San Benito Bullies organization at Sanbenitobullies@yahoo.com.

Thanks to all for helping make a beautiful and loved dog healthy and pain-free again.

The San Benito Bullies mission is to promote compassion and kindness toward Pit Bulls by educating the public about Pit Bulls as wonderful pets. San Benito Bullies strives to promote responsible ownership of bully breeds that includes spaying and neutering, socialization and obedience training. They want to demonstrate to the community that bully breeds can be loyal and loving forever companions and family members (just like Gemma).

A fundraiser has been set-up for Gemma's surgery on the San Benito Bullies Facebook page. [www.facebook.com/donate/394297971725848/3429867047069235](https://www.facebook.com/donate/394297971725848/3429867047069235)

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## Taxpayers to save \$11 million through SJECCD bond refinancing

Local taxpayers will save more than \$11 million through the sale of \$190 million in general obligation refunding bonds in a carefully planned fiscal action taken this week by San José - Evergreen Community College District (SJECCD).

"We are deeply committed to responsible stewardship of the tax dollars with which we are entrusted," said Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland, SJECCD Chancellor. "We continually monitor the financial markets in order to identify opportunities; this proactive approach results in substantial savings for taxpayers."

According to Jorge Escobar, SJECCD vice chancellor of administrative services, "the District has secured strong credit ratings of 'Aa1' from Moody's and 'AA+' from Standard & Poor's; both ratings are one level from the highest possible credit ratings of AAA."

"As part of this refinancing process, Moody's reaffirmed our credit rating citing

a robust and diverse tax base poised for additional healthy growth despite near-term slowing as a result of the coronavirus pandemic," Escobar added.

"Our strong credit rating and overall fiscal health starts with leadership from the board of trustees that permeates throughout all levels of the District," Chancellor Breland said. "I'm excited to pass along these savings to the taxpayers who have historically supported our District with ballot measures."

The District's robust bond program has resulted in the recent opening of its Milpitas satellite campus as well as the construction of a new Physical Education Building at San Jose City College and overall upgrading of Evergreen Valley College and San Jose City College's campuses. These community facilities enable SJECCD to deliver innovative educational solutions, such as San Jose Promise, TechNest, and the Tesla START Program while serving tens of thousands of students every year.



# San Jose Dance Theatre launches digital platform

In response to the COVID crisis and a digitally changing world, San Jose Dance Theatre has launched SJDT Digital, a new digital streaming platform as part of its 'Friends of the Ballet' program beginning on November 1.

Access to all of the exclusive SJDT Digital content, including 10 episodes of "Ballet Tips," 10 episodes of "Fitness through Dance," plus sneak peeks into the lives of dancers and the making of our productions, and much more, are included for subscribers at \$11.99 per month. It also includes the previously announced new three-part digital

2020/21 dance season of the professional company. SJDT Digital episodes will roll out over the year introducing company dancers and faculty sharing insider tips and knowledge meant to entertain and instruct the viewer.

Supporting the dancers and the whole San Jose dance community, this new program will allow viewers to see our dancers performing again back onstage filmed at the Hammer Theatre, in class, at rehearsals, and importantly the program will include streaming of all three San Jose Dance Theatre mainstage productions - The Nutcracker, In-

novations and Sleeping Beauty new for 2020-21.

With a spin on the traditional online dance programming now seen across the globe, SJDT Digital is fusing classical dance with other genres for a digital menu catering to a growing and diverse digital audience. In addition to Ballet, Modern, and Contemporary dance, an additional goal is pioneering new work and supporting local art. The three part mainstage program will be followed up by digital dance shorts featuring new and emerging choreographers from San Jose.

SJDT Friends of the Ballet, which launches



November 1 and includes all SJDT Digital programs including the three mainstage productions is available via subscription at [www.sjdt.org/friends-of-the-ballet/](http://www.sjdt.org/friends-of-the-ballet/) for \$11.99/month.

## Cortese's proposal to review Title IX regarding sexual assaults and harassment wins unanimous approval

A review of how the County's K-12 schools and colleges are complying with Title IX policies and procedures in responding to complaints of sexual assaults and harassment is moving forward after a unanimous vote by the Board of Supervisors, making Santa Clara County the first in the nation to conduct such a review.

The vote in favor of Supervisor Dave Cortese's proposal came after testimony from dozens of sexual assault survivors and their advocates who urged the Board to approve the review prompted by changes in the Title IX that survivors believe weaken survivors' protections and discourage them from filing complaints.

The administration will review public information with a follow-up request of schools and post-secondary institutions for any missing information. After a thorough review of campus websites where this information must be posted, a survey request would be sent to the school district, college, or university for which additional information is needed.

## Evergreen Valley students named to Palmer College Dean's List

The following students were named to the summer 2020 quarter Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's West campus in San Jose, Calif.

Jad Abou Daher, Edward De Leon, and Samantha Pena of Evergreen Valley have been named to the summer 2020 quarter Dean's List at Palmer College of Chiropractic's West campus in San Jose.

Palmer College of Chiropractic, the first and largest college in the chiropractic profession, has campuses in Davenport, Iowa; San Jose, Calif.; and Port Orange, Fla.



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## Times Feature

### Op Ed

## Mismanagement of Reid-Hillview Airport causes blight and costs millions

By John Carr

Chairman of the Santa Clara County  
Airports Commission

By Anissa Mohler

Regional Airline Pilot and Flight Instructor  
at Reid-Hillview

In December 2018, the Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to accept a proposal put forward by Supervisor Cindy Chavez to not accept FAA grants to support Reid-Hillview's operations and study moving all aviation activities and services, including emergency services, currently available in Evergreen to San Martin.

The county's decision to not take FAA grants and, at the same time, not commit to continue operating the airport has a direct impact on the county budget, funds available for other critical services and creates blight in the Evergreen community. This situation harms every Santa Clara County resident.

### Refusing FAA Grants Costs Santa Clara County Taxpayers Millions

Operating an airport per FAA safety standards is an expensive proposition, however, it does not have to impact county taxpayers. The United States government recognizes the importance of airports in the national transportation infrastructure and the cost of operating airports safely. Federal legislation in 1946, 1970, 1982 and 2012 demonstrate the government's commitment to our critical airport infrastructure. Today the Airport Improvement Program (AIP) is funded by aviation related fees, fuel taxes and airport user fees. The airport sponsor agrees to operate the airport per FAA safety regulations for a maximum of 20 years in exchange for each grant issued.

Until 2018 Santa Clara County successfully used State and Federal AIP grants to offset the costs of operating its airports. Between the state and federal grants, the County would typically pay 5% of the total cost of capital, rehabilitation and safety related projects on the airports. The airports were fully self-sufficient using the combination of grants and the Airports Enterprise Fund (AEF). The AEF is funded through airport user fees, fuel fees and leases of airport property to aviation and non-aviation businesses.

However, in May 2018, both San Martin and Reid Hillview airports were repaved and remarked. The cost for this was three million dollars which was borrowed by the airport from the county general fund. If the County Supervisors chose to apply for grants for this project the total cost would have even a mere \$150,000, easily funded by the AEF. Instead county taxpayers are on the hook for an extra \$2.85 million related to this project. In addition, any capital improvement or upgrade neces-

*"Continued uncertainty regarding the airport's ongoing operations are driving non-aviation and aviation businesses out of the airport today."*

sary for the airport to comply with FAA safety standards through 2031 that could be funded by AIP grants will be at the expense of county taxpayers!

### Lack of Commitment to Ongoing Airport Operations Creates Blight

Evergreen residents are familiar with Reid-Hillview's current state. Chest high weeds often border the roads on the property. Trash and torn banners adorn the Little League Fields. Shabby, colorless, often empty, office buildings and maintenance hangars sit on the property. Santa Clara County's policies and management created this situation.

For over a decade the County has managed Reid-Hillview with a surprising level of neglect for a critical resource. In 2018, Kitchell consultants reported average condition of county managed facilities "Critical", yet maintenance continues to be deferred.

Continued uncertainty regarding the airport's ongoing operations are driving non-aviation and aviation businesses out of the airport today. Remaining businesses have leases that will expire in December 2021. Leaseholders haven't received an RFP to apply for leases past 2021. The uncertainty related to new leases and the county's apparent intent to close RHV in 2031, in spite of protestations to the contrary, result in leaseholders delaying maintenance and improvements of their buildings.

The combination of neglect and continued uncertainty are accelerating the blight on airport property and unnecessarily impacting the quality of life for surrounding residents. Without a long-term commitment for operating the property as an airport we can only expect the situation to continue to deteriorate.

### It Doesn't Have to Be Like This

Airports like Reid-Hillview do not have to be a costly blight on the community. Hayward and Livermore have examples of well managed airports. Proper management and community engagement can make Reid-Hillview a resource valued by the community, for emergency services and as a center of innovation, education and business for all.

The county could take grants to offset capital project costs and create leases for non-aviation and aviation related businesses to ensure the airport remains self-sufficient. The county could incentivize hiring local residents at those businesses and conversion of training aircraft to the unleaded fuel available today, and encourage engagement with local schools to advance STEM education and skills. The county does not.

Residents must demand Santa Clara County manage the airport properly for everyone's benefit!



# Economists cautiously optimistic about recovery while Santa Clara County employment improves

By Rex Crum

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

As the Bay Area takes more steps to reopen amid the pandemic, a new report is taking a cautiously optimistic approach to the ability of the region's economy to recover from its biggest shock since the Great Recession more than a decade ago.

But, according to officials with the Bay Area Council (BAC), a possible new surge in COVID-19 cases in the fall and winter remains a psychological barrier that may impede the ability of the economy to turn-around for months to come.

The Bay Area Council, an influential business advocacy group, gave its assessment of the local economic situation and outlook Oct. 22 as part of its biennial economic profile.

Speaking on a Zoom webinar to discuss the report, Patrick Kellerman, research director of the BAC's Economic Institute, said the economy around the area remains subject to a tradeoff between the necessities of getting people back to work and ensuring as much as possible the health of the public.

"Around here we have taken a more cautious approach," Kellerman said. "We're still being pretty cautious, and the result is we remain pretty far away from a full recovery."

Kellerman said evidence of that can be

found in figures such as the unemployment numbers for the nine Bay Area counties, which have lost a combined 366,900 jobs since January, and now have an unemployment rate of 8.1%.

However, the employment situation is showing some signs of improvement. At the end of September, Bay Area counties reported having slightly more than 3.7 million people employed, up from 3.68 million at the end of August.

"I'm structurally optimistic (about the Bay Area's economy)," Kellerman said. "I do think that for our future as an innovative region, a little more breathing room is needed."

In Santa Clara County, the unemployment rate of 7% remains one of the lowest in the Bay Area, and is only bettered by the 6.5% rate of Marin County. Solano County's unemployment rate of 9.7% is the highest among Bay Area counties, according to the BAC.

On the national level, California's unemployment rate of 11% has the state trailing only Nevada, and its 12.6 % unemployment rate and Hawaii's 15% unemployment rate,

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In Santa Clara County, the unemployment rate of 7% remains one of the lowest in the Bay Area. File photo.

according to the latest figures from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Despite the encouraging employment data, local business leaders say a recovery has a long way to go in the South Bay. The San Jose Downtown Association, in a report earlier this month, painted a bleak economic picture, noting half of the storefront businesses in downtown are shuttered.

Sarah Bohn, senior fellow at the Public Policy Institute of California, said it's no secret the hardest hit job sectors remain those in the leisure, hospitality and services industries. Construction, manufacturing, health care and some areas of retail haven't been bruised as much, and providers of professional services, such as lawyers and accountants, have suffered the least job losses during the pandemic.

"The shock in California has hit some workers more than others," Bohn said. "(It) reflects the persistent differences in economic work and opportunities."

Jeff Korzenik, chief investment officer at Fifth Third Bank, which sponsored the BAC report, said it's important to keep in mind how markets work, and the typical steps that occur that lead to economic recovery.

"In theory, we should be able to turn the economy around more quickly," Korzenik said. "Markets are forward looking, and reflect what we will see going forward. Stock prices recover before earnings, earnings recover before GDP (gross domestic product), and GDP recovers before employment."

However, Korzenik said that even if the economy improves, it will probably take the release of a coronavirus vaccine to return a sense of normalcy to the employment situation.

"Ultimately, we're still held hostage to medical information," Korzenik said.

## Tickets on sale now for drive-through Christmas in the Park

Change of venue to History Park due to COVID-19

By William Bellou  
Publisher

Tickets for San Jose's beloved holiday tradition, Christmas in the Park, are now available for its new venue due to COVID-19.

It might seem a bit early to start thinking about Christmas, but Jason Minsky, the executive director of Christmas in the Park, has been hard at work coming up with a social distancing venue.

Instead of a stroll through downtown's Plaza de Cesar Chavez, Christmas in the Park will instead be a drive-through event at History Park on Senter Road. And — like the annual Fantasy of Lights show at Vasona Park — you have to reserve a day and time to visit in advance.

A change in venue for Christmas in the Park, the first time in its 41-year history, was required because a loss of sponsorship revenue due to the pandemic, not to mention the lost vendor and ride income normally taken in during a normal year.

"People are going to expect to see Christmas in the Park from a car, and I think they're going to be blown away," he said. "They're going to be overwhelmed by how much more there is to see," Minsky said.

As a bonus, the regular Christmas in the Park displays, the historic and replica buildings at History Park also will be decorated,



along with the illuminated replica of the San Jose Light Tower.

"There will be light tunnels, giant snowflakes and hundreds of decorated trees, with the whole visit choreographed to music. Santa Claus will be around, too," said Minsky.

### Drive-thru pricing

The pricing for Christmas in the Park drive-thru is \$20 per vehicle for standard-sized cars and trucks up to 8 ft. high (no buses or limos) — from 5 to 10 p.m., and \$10 during "twilight hour" between 4 and 5 p.m. Reservations are in 15-minute windows, with hundreds of cars able to visit in a single day.

There's no option to visit during the day due to the emphasis on illuminated displays.

Understanding not all families can afford the admission, Minsky said tickets also are being distributed through nonprofit partners including Somos Mayfair and Catholic Charities. You can donate to sponsor another car when purchasing a ticket.

For more information and to reserve a spot visit: [www.christmasinthepark.com](http://www.christmasinthepark.com).

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**NATIONAL PARKS**

# Yosemite's new superintendent focusing on upgrades to the park

*Cicely Muldoon is only the second woman to run the iconic park*

For only the second time in its 156-year history, Yosemite National Park will once again be run by a woman.

Cicely Muldoon, who previously worked as the superintendent at Point Reyes National Seashore and Pinnacles National Park, will become the permanent superintendent of the iconic Sierra Nevada granite wall landscape, effective Nov. 8.

At Yosemite, Muldoon supervises more than 750 employees and an annual budget of \$29 million. Since 1916, Yosemite has had 21 superintendents. Before that, it was overseen by the military. Abraham Lincoln first set aside Yosemite Valley and the Mariposa Grove in 1864 for protection. Last year, the park received 4.5 million visitors.

Muldoon has overseen the park's COVID-19 response, its day-use reservation system, wildfire issues and other major challenges. No major outbreaks of COVID-19 have been reported among park visitors or employees.

Muldoon said that she plans to prioritize upgrading manmade features at the park using money from the Great American Outdoors Act, a new federal law that will pro-

vide \$9.5 billion over the next five years to repair roads, restrooms, trails and campgrounds at America's 419 national parks -



Yosemite's new superintendent **Cicely Muldoon** is committed to focus on park upgrades.

from Yosemite to the Everglades - and at other public lands where facilities have fallen into disrepair after years of funding shortfalls.

"That is going to give Yosemite a huge boost," Muldoon said. "It feels like there is a lot of duct tape and bailing wire around here. We're going to focus on improving campgrounds, roads, and water treatment plants. All of that protects the resources and provides a better visitor experience."

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# Addressing gender bias in youth

By **Apoorva Panidapu**  
*Special to the Times*

**H**i everyone! Quick recap: this bi-weekly column is a place to learn about various STEM topics that I find exciting, and that I hope will excite you too. Future columns may include social issues in STEM, its intersections with other subjects, and various other topics that are prominent in these fields. Note: this is a transcript of my talk at the Youth STEM Summit 2020, cut down and slightly edited for clarity.

When I was in third grade at my very first math competition, a random boy asked me, "What're you doing here? Girls aren't good at math; you're not going to win." After I heard this, I was stunned and confused, but I kept quiet because I didn't know how to respond. But the more I thought about it, the more indignant I got. Who's this guy to tell me what I can and can't do? I promised to myself that I'd prove him wrong. But, what's to stop all the other third grade boys who think the same thing? And who's going to help and encourage the young girls and gender minorities who are consistently told they're not good enough?

I want to talk about this problem concerning STEM gender bias in youth, which is that we don't talk about it. It's true that there are many panels and talks where wonderful women speak about their experiences and reassure youth that they are not alone, panels that have always inspired me personally. But, these conversations are often not directed at the people who perpetuate gender bias, and we're not actively addressing it early on when kids are at their most impressionable. We need to create an environment where open conversation between adults and youth about prejudice is normalized and welcomed.

To do this, we first need to understand why this problem exists.

## What creates gender bias so early?

I know from personal experience that as early as elementary school, the idea that mathematics is a man's field, is already prominent, along with other STEM fields. But, why is this the case?

### 1. Indoctrinated stereotypes

Gender stereotypes are forced onto young children, whether they realize it or not. Parents and even teachers often subconsciously underestimate the STEM abilities of kids who are not boys, which only reinforce the idea that they are less capable. Research shows that this is the cause for around half the gender gap in math achievement.

### 2. Fewer role models

One of the biggest factors of gender bias in youth is that there is a lack of gender diverse role models they know about. How long have you known the name Albert Einstein? Isaac Newton? These are staple STEM figures. But what about Ada Lovelace, who is considered to be the first computer programmer? When did you hear the name Marie Curie? Or Katherine Johnson? The lack of role models is not because they don't exist, but that they aren't talked and taught about because of how ingrained gender bias is in our education system.

### 3. STEM anxiety

Similar to how stereotypes are passed down, STEM anxiety is also passed on. In early education, a majority of teachers are women, and research shows that they often have anxiety about math that is passed on to their students, especially girls. Additionally, young girls tend to hold themselves to a higher standard than boys. Not only is this standard self-imposed, teachers also are shown to grade girls harder for the same work.

So how do we address this?

## How education needs to change

We need to start by making major shifts in early education. First, there should be mandatory classes concerning the history of women and minorities in STEM in elemen-

tary school and onwards, and how they face historical erasure. Teach them about Ada Lovelace and Katherine Johnson and Chien-Shiung Wu and Janaki Ammal, who are all significant and incredible STEM figures whose contributions go unrecognized in our education system. One of the amazing things about history is that you don't need prerequisites to hear about the lives of people. I remember in elementary school we had assemblies or one-day guest speakers to talk about saving water and reducing bullying. Have the same events for gender bias and discrimination.

Encourage girls and gender minorities to tackle STEM classes by reducing the number of cold assessments and superficial success trackers in early grades. Instead, focus on the fun hands-on collaboration that is in STEM at all levels, from science experiments to tricky puzzles.

We also have to equip teachers with professional training to address systemic and unconscious gender bias, in both

themselves and in their surroundings. We should provide resources to help teachers with any math anxiety, and to avoid passing it on to their students. Teachers and parents need to actively have open, understanding conversations with their kids on their prejudices, starting early on. If an educator or parent hears an unconscious bias, correcting it should be normalized, from colors associated with gender to a blatant belief that boys are better at something.

## What we can do

All students, regardless of gender, should stand up to call out a classmate's discrimination. Explain why what they're saying and perpetuating is biased and harmful, and how in the future they can remedy their actions. I know it's not at all easy, and takes an incredible amount of courage. Sometimes we're scared of being seen as too sensitive or of losing our friends. But

we have to think to ourselves, do we really want friends

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## Gems in STEM

By **Apoorva Panidapu**

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# SVO

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leader. The people who know me and work with me on a regular basis know that.”

During a news conference today, The SVO leadership announced an investigation into how the ad was posted. The investigation will be done in one week and the results will be posted on the organization’s website. The organization also will start a series of diversity trainings next week.

“We want to commit and promise to be an organization that stands up for equal rights,” said Madison Nguyen, The SVO’s executive vice president.

The SVO will establish a diversity review board that will look at its campaign messaging moving forward. The names of the new board, which will contain at least three members, will be announced in a few weeks, the organization said.

“What we’ve seen that has happened is absolutely appalling,” said Kevin Surace, a member of The SVO executive committee. He called the ad “morally, ethically and politically wrong.”

The fallout was the result of a racist political attack ad targeting District 6 candidate Jake Tonkel that was posted on The SVO’s website. The ad quickly disassembled the organization, which boasted a membership of 1,200 businesses across Santa Clara County.

The post — which read “Do you really want to sign on to this?” — featured a picture of Black rioters.

The post was meant to illustrate what would happen if Tonkel, a police reform advocate, were elected and slashed the police budget — something Tonkel said he isn’t looking to do. Mahood acknowledged the image was offensive and “should not have been posted” by a web administrator.

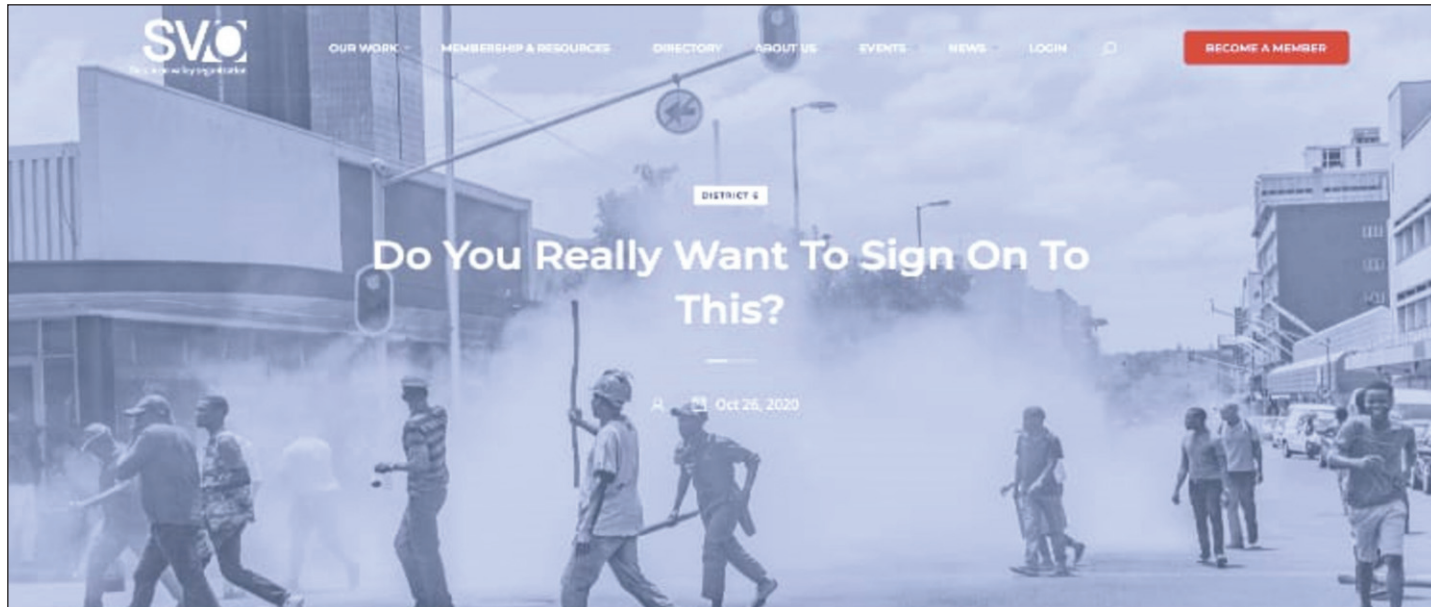
Resident Nassim Nouri, who has lived in the city for almost 30 years was the lone peaceful protestor at the SVO news conference. She stood quietly behind reporters holding a Black Lives Matter sign. “We need fundamental change in any organization calling itself a chamber representing businesses if those businesses represent bigotry, inequity, and lies,” Nouri said. “We don’t want those businesses in San Jose.”

Leaders of the Silicon Valley Community Foundation, Latinas Contra Cancer, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, the San Francisco Bay Area Planning and Urban Research Association (SPUR), People Acting in Community Together (PACT), The Health Trust, United Way Bay Area and Silicon Valley at Home met in front of the SVO offices to explain why they are leaving the organization.

The nonprofits are demanding the SVO PAC be disbanded and the leadership of The SVO, the California Association of Realtors and the California Apartment Association be fired. The real estate groups are closely connected to The SVO and have paid for some of the campaign mailers.

Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County was the first of many local organizations to publicly rescind its membership.

“As leaders of community based organizations — many of which are members of the Silicon Valley Organization — we are appalled at the blatant racist fear monger-



This image on the website of The Silicon Valley Organization prompted an outcry.

ing tactics of SVO and SVO political action committee, the California

Association of Realtors and the California Apartment Association,” said the nonprofit’s CEO Gregory Kepferle.

Catholic Charities said it is returning a reward it had received from The SVO while the Health Trust asked for a proportional refund of its membership dues.

The Health Trust also said it would no longer be a member of SVO.

“Today is a day of reckoning for the SVO,” Michele Lew, CEO of The Health Trust said. “The SVO has engaged in a disturbing years long pattern of racist behavior ... enough is enough. We demand systemic change.” She called for changes in the organizational culture of the SVO and said San Jose should have “zero tolerance for a pattern of racist behavior.”

Milan Balinton, executive director of African American Community Service Agency, was invited to serve on the SVO board and decided to seize the opportunity to make change from within.

“When we get together as board members once I’m finally on that board, we better be ready to make change immediately,” Balinton said.

Since the ad’s release — and subsequent removal — at least three SVO board members have stepped down. Mahood was initially placed on administrative leave and all SVO political action committee activities were suspended. A third-party investigator will conduct an investigation at all levels of the organization to discover more about why the image was posted.

Councilmember Dev Davis, Tonkel and prominent advocacy groups across the city have denounced The SVO for its “poor judgement.”

Davis, who has maintained a long-standing positive relationship with The SVO, tweeted that she felt “ashamed” of the support she received after seeing the ad.

Despite resigning, Mahood claimed he had no idea the racist photo would be posted. SVO leaders have blamed an outside web administrator, but refuse to disclose their name.

“Although the SVO internal investigation has not yet been conducted or concluded, I am confident that the results of the investigation will show a breakdown of internal process and control, and that I had no knowledge of the image’s posting on our website,” Mahood said. “And in fact, as soon

as I was made aware that the webpage existed, I had it taken down immediately. The investigation will find that it was a horrible mistake made by someone on the SVO team — the team for whom I am ultimately responsible for.”

The SVO proved itself a heavyweight this election season, spending more than half a million dollars promoting its anti-Tonkel, pro-Dev Davis agenda.

About \$200,000 was thrown in the ring specifically to defeat Tonkel but the recent post on The SVO website went too far, according to advocacy groups that gathered in protest at San Jose City Hall Oct. 28.

In addition to supporting Davis and campaigning against Tonkel, The SVO has advocated for San Jose Councilmember Lan Diep’s reelection and has distributed messages in opposition of District 4 candidate David Cohen.

Faith leaders of Silicon Valley, NAACP, South Bay Labor Council, Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County, Silicon Valley De-Bug and other organizations called on Davis and Diep to reject The SVO’s support, adding the PAC has a history of darkening the faces of Latino councilmembers Sergio Jimenez and Sylvia Arenas in ads.

Also this week, many large businesses and for-profit organizations cut ties with The SVO. In addition to Republic Services and the California Apartment Association, Santa Clara Valley Water District left The SVO after 44 years.

Rick Callender, Valley Water’s first African American CEO, said he’s “disgusted, hurt and deeply offended.”

“Using these images to suggest there should be something to fear or distrust or other stereotypical issues associated with African American men should not be allowed in political campaigns, in the community, or from those who purport to represent us as industry associations,” Callender said. “This is not about the election cycle; this is about trying to incite people to be fearful of me, an African American man, in my own community, which I live and work. This racist act is unacceptable.”

The Silicon Valley Council of Nonprofits also withdrew its Nonprofit Ally Award given to The SVO last week for Mahood’s help in securing PPE for nonprofit essential workers.

“SVO has apologized for the webpage image, but given the organization’s history of similar

deplorable behavior, frankly, an apology isn’t sufficient,” said the council’s CEO Kyrá Kazantzis. “As a SVO member organization, we stand with other nonprofit members in calling for true accountability as well as a demonstrated commitment to culture change at every level of the organization.

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who would react this way? Friends who aren’t open to discourse and unmindful of prejudice?

I also want to say something to any non cisgender friends that might be here. Unfortunately, the world is still a place of prejudice for the LGBTQ community, and there is especially a lack of representation in history and current STEM. I hope that you continue to fight for what you’re passionate about, and help pave the way for youth just like you who might be discouraged by STEM’s current not-so-open atmosphere. They need role models to look up to and admire, and I can think of no time better than now to show your talents.

This leads me into the last thing we can all do. If you are older, be a mentor. Be a role model for youth and show them how, no matter your gender, you can make a difference and pursue a rewarding career in STEM. And if you’re on the younger side, encourage your fellow classmates! Encourage your friends if you see that they are getting discouraged, and power through with them.

We all need to remember that there are no rules for gender and no limits to people’s aspirations. So, we owe it to these passionate, driven diverse youth to talk about this problem, with them and their classmates, and to work to dismantle it, so that one day all people are valued equally in STEM, regardless of age or gender.

Until next time!

*If you have any questions or comments, please email me at apoovvapwrites@gmail.com. I want to thank the Youth STEM Summit for providing an incredible platform for youth change-makers in STEM. I also want to quickly credit the American Association of University Women for their wonderful resources on addressing gender bias in early education, which I used in writing this.*



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## Clean water grants totaling \$900,000 now available

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Valley Water will be awarding more than \$900,000 in funds for selected projects and accepting applications from now until Dec. 1, 2020, for the 2021 grant cycle.

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Organizations that demonstrate financial stability, a commitment to environmental justice and first-time applicants will receive extra consideration for the grants. The grant program is funded by the voter approved Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program.

For more information, including eligibility and criteria, visit: [www.valleywater.org/grants](http://www.valleywater.org/grants)

## TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK

# Dark Data

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:

### Dark Data

Have you been tired answering dozens of questions in the form of surveys, product feedbacks, website visits? Do you wonder what companies do with so much data, and whether all the data you give is helpful or not!

Companies today gather huge volumes of data which they believe can help their product and services. However, a large portion of the collected data is never even analyzed. This data is known as Dark data. Examples of dark data in companies include customer information, log files, raw survey data, old versions of relevant documents, etc.

So why is data held by companies not analyzed or mined? While collecting data,

companies always assume that the data is going to provide some value. They may even invest a lot on data collection by buying from other sources; however sometimes this data is left unanalyzed for practical reasons. The data may be dirty and by the time it can be scrubbed, the information may be too old to be useful. Sometimes records may contain incomplete or outdated data, which if parsed may not give correct information. Also, the time and money investment in mining the dark data may outweigh the advantages of getting information from them, which is why companies would dump the data in some storage. It is unlikely that all of the dark data will be valuable. Hence, one never knows whether to toss out all the dark data or consider it as a goldmine.

Dark data certainly represents unused opportunities that many companies are letting go of because of process, investment and technology constraints. In a sense, this failure to use dark data also makes big data collection, which is a big exercise, a partial failure.

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## Valley Water builds new wetland and restores Llagas Creek as part of the Upper Llagas Creek Flood Protection Project

A former quarry in south Santa Clara County will be humming with fish and wildlife in the coming months as birds, frogs, turtles and a variety of other species benefit from a newly created wetland habitat and a restored Llagas Creek.

The transformation is the result of Valley Water's work to create a new wetland habitat at Lake Silveira and restore steelhead habitat in Llagas Creek, located in unincorporated Morgan Hill near the San Martin border.

The restored section of Llagas Creek has water flowing in it for the first time in 40 years.

With construction at Lake Silveira completed at the end of the month, Valley Water will put the finishing touches on the wetland habitat and restored stream. More than 9,100 native trees, shrubs, and wetland vegetation will be planted to support the area's natural environment and wildlife habitat after winter rains begin to fill the lake.

"This is the largest wetland creation and stream restoration that Valley Water has ever done," Valley Water Director John L. Varela said. "A lot of freshwater wetlands in our valley have disappeared. This new wetland habitat will be a hidden gem once the lake fills with water, native plants grow, and the native amphibians, reptiles and fish return to the site."

Water released from Chesbro Reservoir upstream began filling the lake and wetlands in late October. However, water in the lake is expected to recede.

The restoration work at Lake Silveira is just one piece of the Upper Llagas Creek

Flood Protection Project, which consists of about 13.9 miles of flood protection improvements along East Little Llagas Creek, West Little Llagas Creek, and Llagas Creek within Gilroy, Morgan Hill, and the unincorporated area of San Martin. When all phases of the project are completed, the project will provide flood protection for approximately 1,100 homes, 500 businesses, and more than 1,300 acres of agricultural land in southern Santa Clara County.

The creek restoration and wetland creation were done to provide environmental benefits that offset adverse impacts of the flood protection work along Llagas Creek.

In the 1970s, the property site was used as an active quarry to support the construction of Highway 101 from Gilroy to San Jose. A previous landowner removed a levee from nearby Llagas Creek and forced water into the quarry, creating Lake Silveira. The levee removal dewatered approximately 2,000 linear feet of Llagas Creek which had flowed to the north of the quarry.

Llagas Creek is home to the federally threatened South Central California Coast Steelhead. The restoration at Lake Silveira includes re-establishing flow in the section of Llagas Creek which has remained without water for about 40 years while the flows were directed toward the lake.

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## Times Feature

SOS AUTO REPAIR'S  
'Quick Tip'

## Dash Cameras

I know we've covered this topic once before, but I really want to revisit this because sadly I didn't take my own advice.

I was recently involved in an accident where neither one of us had a dash-cam and there were no witnesses who stopped or any sort of footage from nearby businesses to determine who was at fault and come to find out the cameras at the stoplight are only LIVEFEED and they DON'T RECORD!

Who knew?!? It's been a long two weeks of going back and forth with the insurance companies and let me tell you the headache it's caused. I have since installed front and rear dash cams on my vehicles. So I beg of you to please, please, please get one as soon as possible. It will make a world of difference in the event you are involved in an accident.

Still not convinced? Here are a few other reasons to get a dash-cam:

**Who really took the red light?**

Drivers often have completely different memories or versions and descriptions of an accident. With video proof that you weren't the driver responsible for a car crash, you can save yourself from being found at fault by an insurance company and receiving higher auto insurance rates that go with that finding.

Your dash-cam footage can also expedite your claim, as it may prevent you from having drawn-out discussions with insurance companies about who was at fault.

**A Ticket?!?**

If you're stopped for a traffic violation you didn't commit, try and offer up your dash-cam footage to the law enforcement officer before the ticket is written. If the of-

ficer won't watch it, bring the footage to court to contest the ticket.

Moving traffic violations will normally give you points on your driving record and raise your car insurance rates. Not receiving a ticket -- or beating a ticket in court due to video proof of no wrongdoing -- will keep you from a price increase from your insurance company.

**Help fight insurance fraud**

If you have a feeling about the accident you were in, or just witnessed, may have been a "crash for cash," turn over your dash-cam footage to the insurance companies involved, or to the state insurance fraud unit, to investigate.

**Be a better driver.**

Dancers look in the mirror to correct their technique, athletes watch video of their previous games to improve their plays and you can review your daily driving footage to become a better driver. Reviewing how you drove in the last week can help you see ways to correct driving mistakes, such as braking too hard or switching lanes abruptly.

**Got Teenagers?**

Drivers under the age of 25 have some of the highest car insurance rates. Insurers charge them higher rates because of their lack of experience behind the wheel and tendency to crash and cause claims. Anything you can do to keep your young driver from getting in an accident or from getting a ticket -- either of which is bound to raise your already high rates is well worth the effort.

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## Stronger outreach paying off for seniors eligible for parcel tax exemptions

Parcel tax exemptions have been granted to 1,789 more seniors and people with disabilities in fiscal year 2020-21 than the previous year, after Santa Clara County launched an outreach plan to make them aware of the program and how to apply.

In 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved a proposal by Supervisors Dave Cortese and Supervisor Cindy Chavez to develop an outreach plan so eligible property owners could take advantage of this exemption that 24 school districts in Santa Clara County allow.

An estimated 40% of seniors and homeowners with disabilities were not taking advantage of this because school districts were unable to efficiently inform the community through outreach efforts. In some

cases, the school districts were also requiring extra or unnecessary steps to apply for the exemption. For many seniors, this savings, from \$49 to \$820 a year, is significant.

"For many seniors on fixed incomes, the parcel tax was a financial burden that was extremely difficult for them to bear as they struggled to make ends meet," said Supervisor Cortese. "Our outreach campaign is paying off for these taxpayers thanks to the County and the school districts."

Property owners who believe they may be eligible for a parcel tax exemption can visit the County's Finance Agency's [www.sccgov.org/sites/dtac/tax/Pages/parcel-tax-exemptions.aspx](http://www.sccgov.org/sites/dtac/tax/Pages/parcel-tax-exemptions.aspx) page with information about the school districts that do levy a parcel tax and how to apply.

*"For many seniors on fixed incomes, the parcel tax was a financial burden that was extremely difficult for them to bear as they struggled to make ends meet," said Supervisor Cortese.*

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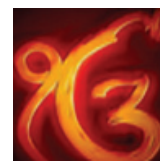
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