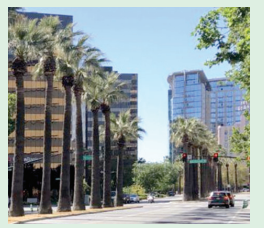


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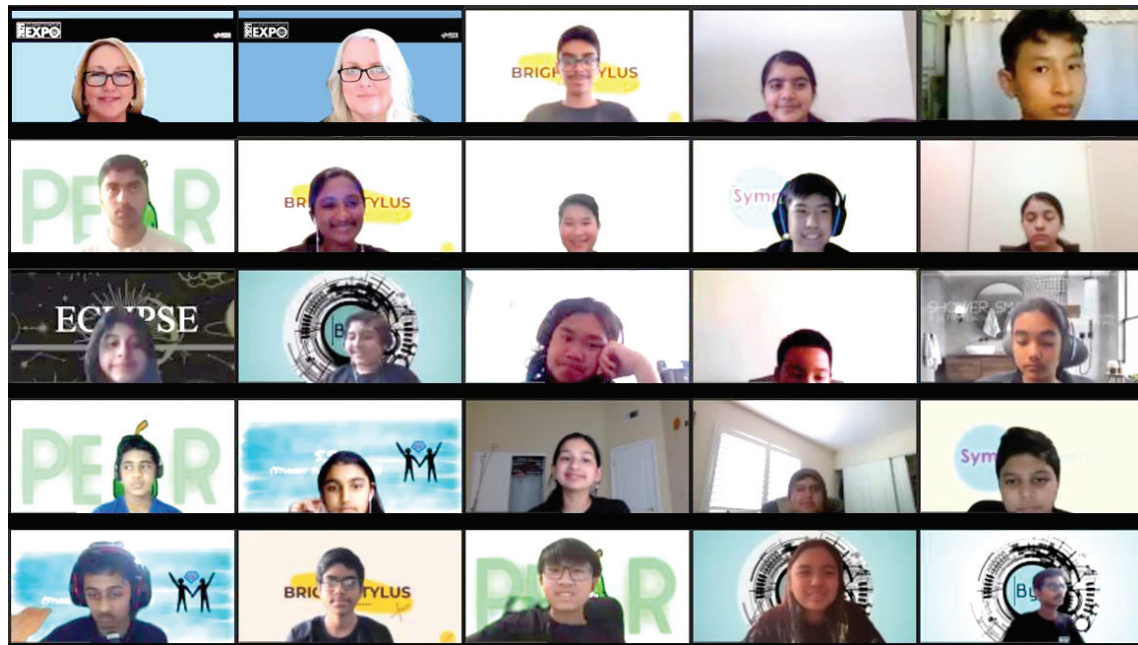
## Evergreen School District to return to in-person instruction on August 12

The Evergreen School District (ESD) Board of Trustees has passed a resolution declaring its commitment to return to 100 percent in-person instruction beginning August 12, 2021.

ESD will utilize the same 180 days-a-year full-day schedules employed on March 13, 2020, prior to pandemic-related school closures and schedule changes, barring any county or state guidelines prohibiting it.



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The startup expo was held virtually on June 11 with students from Quimby Oak, Chaboya and LeyVa middle schools showcasing their startup business projects. Pictured from left to right: Row 1 - **Stacey Johnston**, Co-Founder PEER, **Lisa Anderson**, Co-Founder PEER, **Aarnav, Drishti**, and **Kenny**; Row 2 - **Nikhil, Saanvi, Will, Aambhi**, and **Daisy**; Row 3 - **Kaliyah, Zaki, Nick, Dylan**, and **Riddhi**; Row 4 - **Aniket, Suchi, Varennya, Neel**, and **Soham**; Row 5 - **Mihir, Rahul, Wilmur, Madison**, and **Chandra**.

## Evergreen School District students participate in middle school entrepreneurship program

Partners in Education and Enrichment Resourcing (PEER) Foundation, a local non-profit organization, have announced the winners of its Student Startup EXPO21.

The startup expo was held virtually on June 11 with students from Quimby Oak, Chaboya and LeyVa middle schools showcasing their startup business projects.

The exhibit is the culmination of PEER's semester-long enrichment program called Operation Blue Sky (OBS), which was provided in partnership with Ever-

green School District.

Three teams comprised of students from all three middle schools in Evergreen were recognized for their performance with awards based on their project scores.

- Most Original Business Idea went to Novus et Colo, a company with a passion to help save the environment by upcycling used clothing. Team members: Jazlyn Nguyen, Megan Wong, Niya Justine, Varennya Kunapuli

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## KUDOS!



## Apoorva wins coveted 1st place math prize

*Steven H. Strogatz Math Communications Award*

Gems in STEM founder and writer, **Apoorva Panidapu** from San Jose (pictured above), won first place for Steven H. Strogatz Prize for Math Communication award presented to high school students worldwide by the National Museum of Mathematics (MoMath) on Sunday, June 27.

Every year, MoMath, the only math museum in North America, See *AWARD*, page 17

## 10,000 reward offered in Evergreen mail theft case

The U.S. Postal Inspection Service is offering up to \$10,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction of two people caught on camera burglarizing a locked mail truck on June 9 in Evergreen.

The video footage of the mail theft, which took place at Sturla and Gavilan drives near Quimby Rd., was first aired by NBC Bay Area showing a man and a woman



taking several packages from the mail truck and placing them in a white, four-door car.

"Because of the way mail trucks are loaded, it is difficult to say exactly how many pieces of mail were stolen, which is part of the reason we encourage postal customers in the area to report missing mail to postal inspectors if they were expecting deliveries they did not receive," said Postal Inspector Matthew Norfleet.

### How common is mail theft?

The most recent data shows that

more than 2,400 people were arrested by Postal Inspectors in 2018, the most recent year for available data. Norfleet encouraged local residents to review and report any unauthorized activity on their financial statements."

Anyone with information about the theft can contact postal inspectors at 1 (877) 876-2455 or [uspis.gov/report](http://uspis.gov/report). Contact Jason Green at 408- 920- 5006.

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Times **Community News****KUDOS****Evergreen residents earn faculty honors at Georgia Tech for the Spring 2021 semester**

Rahul Bhethanabotla, Pranav Pussarla, and Neel Raja of Evergreen Valley have earned faculty honors at the Georgia Tech for the Spring 2021 Semester.

The designation is awarded to undergraduate students who have earned a 4.0 academic average for the semester.

The Georgia Institute of Technology, or Georgia Tech, is a top 10 public research university developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.

The Institute offers business, computing, design, engineering, liberal arts, and sciences degrees. Its nearly 40,000 students, representing 50 states and 149 countries, study at the main campus in Atlanta, at campuses in France and China, and through distance and online learning.



Rahul Bhethanabotla



Pranav Pussarla



Neel Raja

**Entrepreneurship**

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- Best Overall Product went to ByT, who provides an edible eating utensil, reducing plastic waste. Team members: Chandra Kappagantula, Madison Calara, Zaid Muhammad, Preston Fong, and Zaki Abbasi.

- Best Overall Presentation went to SympliDressed, a venture offering an exciting way to organize and select clothes, making getting dressed easier for its customers. Team members: Aambhi Patel, Eesha Banerjee, Saanika Wanzakhade, and Soham Ramtekkar.

The virtual EXPO event was well attended, with well over 100 people joining a zoom call to visit student-hosted team breakout rooms where they discussed their startup plans. Friends, family members, and others also cast a vote for a People's Choice Award, which was won by the team presenting Shower Smart, aimed at helping people save water. Team members: Riddhi Sharma, and Anish Jayaraj.

"Operation Blue Sky is a wonderful opportunity to learn how to start a business and how to work well with others" says Ashmita A., a participant in the program. "In OBS, your imagination gets to run wild. All creations are appreciated and applauded."

Soham R. states, "The OBS program is unique because it teaches you very important skills, like team building and management and especially how to use your time

and resources. Overall, this is a great program that can help someone find a career or get them started in entrepreneurship."

Stacey Johnston, Executive Director of PEER Foundation, gives the students all the credit for the success of the program. "This program challenges students to think differently about how they can help to identify and address realistic needs in our communities. The students really rose to the challenge and brought their ideas to life" she adds.

Forty-five students participated in the semester-long enrichment program, currently in its fourth year in Evergreen School District. During after-school sessions, the middle schoolers learn more about their own strengths and participate in small teams to complete business challenges before investigating startup ideas and planning the launch of a business venture.

PEER exists to support positive change in education by working to prepare today's youth for tomorrow's workplace. Our programs for students in grades K - 8 help students to become digitally literate and forward thinking. Throughout all of our programs, we deliver real-life challenges that encourage students to think outside the box and use their creativity to solve problems.

PEER is a registered 501(c)(3) that has been working in the Evergreen area since 2017. For more information about OPERATION BLUE SKY and PEER Foundation, visit [www.peerfoundation.net](http://www.peerfoundation.net).

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Times **Community News**

## My Country tis of thee...sweet land of liberty!

### San Jose Gurdwara invites entire Evergreen community up for complimentary ice cream and refreshments on 4th of July *Under the Moonlight Ice Cream Social*

By Kirpal Atwal  
*Special to the Times*

It's a great country!

We stand side by side with our American brothers and sisters.

We will be there for you and with you in any difficult situation.

We are the American Sikhs.

Evergreen residents, on Sunday, this 4th of July, please come up and visit the Gurdwara and have ice cream with us! Everything is complimentary and you will enjoy the view of the Evergreen Valley and the camaraderie of all the wonderful people in the Bay Area.

To get to the Gurdwara, drive on highway 101 north and take the Capital Expressway exit east. Then turn right on Quimby road and go all the way up the hill (about 1 mile). The Gurdwara will be on your right and many park their cars and enjoy walking up the hill to the front where we serve ice cream and fresh fruit.

The Gurdwara on the hill is a community place and a community asset for all to use and visit.

We are so very proud as American citizens to walk hand and hand with everyone and to join the City of San Jose in celebrating our wonderful 4th of July celebration. Like you, we too are patriotic!

Always know, in our heart we are so proud to be a part of America. The 4th of July is a very

important day for us and we cherish it. The United States of America is this wonderful place of freedom in our world! We know it and we respect it! You will see lots of American flags at our celebration!

Our children get such joy in participating in the Rose White and Blue parade in downtown San Jose. They develop pride in the country and carry the American flag with strength and honor. While the parade may be cancelled this year, we have our ice cream event on and welcome you.

Our little tradition for you is each year we set up our special ice cream and refreshments under the moonlight sky at the Gurdwara on the Hill for everyone to walk and joyfully look down at the valley. It's a time for all to take a break from using the cell phone and enjoy saying hi to others in person, while getting ice cream, taking in nature and looking at the beautiful sunset.

These important historical days that mark the calendar help us to educate each other about each culture's unique gifts. Understanding others combined with embracing diversity brings strength to all for overcoming any stereotypes we instinctively may harbor.

What a great country. It truly is. I say that from the bottom of my heart!

In India, all say that America is the land of opportunity. It's true that any person can truly



bring themselves up from the ground to gather wealth and plan well for their future in America. That is not always the case in other countries.

We believe in equality among all people with regard to cultures, race, religion, as well as between men and women too. The Sikhs were one of the first cultures in history to honor and embrace equality between men and women. The truth is, America is such a grand place to live that all one has to do is just grasp the opportunities and figure out how to make things work for each unique situation.

What is so wonderful about America is that it is a diverse country and a place where people accept one another regardless of race, creed, color or religion.

As you may know, other countries have much less than America both in wealth and freedom. People learn to adapt and get along with little. In this area of the world, there is much giving and much care for all in each community.

The sky is the limit in how one can achieve goals and live their life in this beautiful and so very special country, America.

Thank you to the Evergreen Community and beyond for accepting the Sikh Americans as your brothers and sisters. Please visit our place on the hill where we serve complimenta-

ry vegetarian food 365 days of the year. Also, we never try to proselytize (change others religion or push them towards ours called Sikhism) instead we honor and respect all religions and treat everyone as our brother and sister.

On Sunday, 4th of July, come up and say hello!  
**Message from President Bob Dhillon of the San Jose Sikh Gurdwara**

Dear Community,

We are inviting you all up to the Gurdwara to have an ice cream social this 4th of July (Sunday from 7-9 p.m.). We love the community and there is no more beautiful place for you to take a stroll than at the Gurdwara on the Hill. Bring the family!

Our Gurdwara is a community center as well as a place of worship. We have many events of this kind each year and want you to know you and your family are always welcome.

We have completed a beautiful children's playground open to the public and are in the process of designing a wonderful nature trail for the community to use in the future.

It is very heartwarming to see the community come up and meet and greet each other in this annual 4th of July Ice Cream Social. We do not have fireworks but you can see the beautiful valley view while enjoying delicious tasty ice cream. The children can go back for seconds if they wish too.

Thank you Evergreen and surrounding communities for your friendship. For more information on the 4th of July Ice Cream Social go to our website and you can get our app too; sanjosegurdwara.org

*Editor's note: The Sikh Gurdwara is located at 3636 Gurdwara Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148. Simply travel east on Quimby Rd. and turn right at the top of the hill.*

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LETTER

Temple process should include understanding from residents

Dear Editor,

I hope this letter reaches you well. My name is Sovanny Thach (she/her) and I am the President of The Youth of Khmer Kampuchea Krom. I am also a first-generation, college student at the University of San Francisco and was a former student at Evergreen Valley College and West Valley College. I am 20 years old and I was born and raised in San Jose, CA and I am currently residing here. It is with a heavy heart that I reflect on the recent actions that our neighbors have taken to thwart the Temple process.

Many people have pushed back against the creation of our new temple without understanding who we are, what our customs are, and how we intend to use the facility. As one example, I have heard opposition from the neighborhood regarding the fear of noisy Lunar New Year celebrations, with the use of firecrackers, if our temple is built here. And we have told them more than once that our temple does not celebrate Lunar New Year. Lunar New Year is celebrated by the Vietnamese, Chinese, and many other cultures, and the firecrackers are their own cultural tradition. However, our temple is a community of Khmer-Krom, which is its own culture and identity, separate from Cambodia and certainly from the Vietnamese.

As another example, several of the people who spoke against our project called it a “church,” rather than a temple, as we have. I believe this reflects the lack of attention paid to our people and our

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New rule to limit lawn watering 2X a week

San Jose Water Company declares extreme drought and asks customers to reduce water usage by 15%

Due to extreme drought conditions, the San Jose Water Company initiated new suggested rules to try to create less usage of water.

SJW will continue to monitor water usage. If the desired level of conservation is not achieved by August 31, 2021, the Company may need to adjust its response. This could include the imposition of drought surcharges if required by the California Public Utilities Commission or other government agencies.

**New Rules**

- Limits on Watering Days: Watering or irrigating of lawns, landscape or other vegetated areas with potable water is limited to two days per week. Irrigation will be allowed Mondays and Thursdays for odd numbered and numberless addresses and will be allowed on Tuesdays and Fridays for even numbered addresses.
- Limits on Watering: Watering or irrigating of outside plants, lawn, landscape, and turf areas with potable water using a landscape irrigation system or a watering device that is not continuously attended is limited to no more than 15 minutes of watering per day per station, with no watering between 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. This provision does not apply to landscape irrigation zones that exclusively use drip-type irrigation systems. This provision also does not apply to low precipitation sprinkler systems that apply water at or less than 1.0 inch per hour. This provision also does not apply to watering or irrigating by use of a hand-held bucket or similar container, a hand-held hose equipped with a positive action shut-off nozzle or device that causes it to cease dispensing water immediately when not in use, or for the express purpose of adjusting or repairing an irrigation system. However, no irrigation can occur regardless of method that results in runoff.
- Use of potable water for watering outside plants, lawn, landscape, and turf areas during and up to 48 hours after measurable rainfall.
- The use of potable water in a fountain or other decorative water device that does not have a fully automatic recirculation system, or the filling or topping off of decorative lakes or ponds, except where the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Limits on Filling Decorative Fountains or Ornamental Lakes or Ponds: prohibition of



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the use of potable water for filling or re-filling decorative fountains, ornamental lakes or ponds more than one foot, except when fountains or ponds/lakes are drained for repairs, and except to the extent needed to sustain aquatic life in ponds/lakes, provided that such animals are of significant value and have been actively managed within the water feature prior to declaration of a supply shortage level under this Rule.

- Limits on Washing Vehicles: Washing of vehicles, except at a commercial car washing facility that utilizes recycled water or re-circulating water system to capture or reuse water.
- Operation of commercial car washes that do not recycle the potable water used as required by the California Water Code Sections 10950-10953.
- Use of potable water for washing buildings, structures, sidewalks, walkways, drive-

ways, patios, tennis courts, or other hard-surfaced, non-porous areas, except to protect the health and safety of the public.

- Use of potable water for construction purposes, including washing streets, backfill, and dust control, if other actions to accomplish the same purposes without water are feasible and/or permitted or if recycled water is reasonably available as determined by a government agency.
- Obligation to Fix Leaks, Breaks, or Malfunctions: Use of water through any broken or defective plumbing fixture, sprinkler, watering or irrigation system on the customer's premises when the utility has notified the customer in writing to repair the broken or defective plumbing fixture, sprinkler, watering or irrigation system, and the customer has failed to make such repairs within 72 hours after receipt of such notice.
- The serving of water, other than upon request, in eating and drinking establishments, including but not limited to restaurants, hotels, cafes, bars, or other public places where food or drink are served and/or purchased.
- Operators of hotels and motels are to provide guests with the option of choosing not to have towels and linens laundered daily and/or to require hotels and motels to prominently display a notice of this option in each guest bathroom using clear and easily understood language.
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Times **OpEd**

## Building back stronger by investing in local community schools

By Maricela Guerrero

*Special to the Times*

This school year was tough on everyone: parents, students, teachers and school leaders. But it was disproportionately hard on communities of color. High rates of COVID-19, poor access to healthcare, food insecurity, lost wages, threats of eviction, racial violence... the list goes on.

The traumatic events families have endured over the last year are among the key factors that cause children to experience “toxic stress.” Research shows that toxic stress can derail student learning and delay child development. So as educators prepare to fully reopen next school year, we must design supportive school communities and classrooms

that truly care for the whole child.

To fully engage in their learning, children must feel safe, valued and understood. We cannot accelerate learning when kids return to campus if we don’t put relationships at the center of our school models. And one model provides a blueprint for how public schools can build back stronger: Community schools.

Community schools are like a neighborhood nerve center for families. They coordinate with local support programs to address the full-range of possible learning barriers including health care, food assistance, counseling services, housing assistance and more. They emphasize authentic family engagement and understand that a strong relationship between family and school is the backbone of



Rocketship Rising Stars in San Jose. Photo courtesy of Rocketship Schools

child development. And community schools provide students with extended learning time and experiential learning activities designed to help students take more ownership of their

education and foster more joy in learning.

Community schools are not a new concept. There are community schools scattered across the Golden State. Recently, over 100 education agencies applied for funding from the California Department of Education to expand or sustain existing community schools. Just 20 programs were awarded funding in this highly competitive program. Two of those leaders are here in San Jose: the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Rocketship Public Schools.

Cultivating a strong connection with families has been a top priority at Rocketship Public Schools since we opened our first school 14 years ago. I was a founding teacher at that first campus. I still remember doing home visits with every family in my class at the start of the school year. And to this day, every fall, all

Rocketship teachers visit the homes of every student they serve. Annual home visits are an essential part of our community school model.

The last 14 months have underscored the importance of our relationship-centered school model and highlighted critical ways we can grow stronger. This year, in addition to our mental health professional at every campus, we are hiring a dedicated team member at every school to provide case management support and care coordination across our community partners to deepen our wrap-around support for students and families.

After a year of school closures, parents, educators and policymakers are understandably concerned about “learning loss.” But catching up on reading and math is not what’s keeping our educators up at night. With the majority of our students at Rocketship Public Schools now back on campus, our educators are seeing firsthand the trauma inflicted by both the pandemic and ongoing racial violence. The long-term risk to our kids’ future is the social, emotional and psychological toll of the last year and a half. To accelerate student learning, we must prioritize the needs of the whole child.

In every crisis there is an opportunity. We can use this crisis to transform our public schools into more supportive and joyful learning communities that ensure all students are prepared to thrive no matter what the future holds. We can build stronger and more resilient kids and communities by investing in community schools.

Maricela Guerrero is the executive director of Rocketship Public Schools Bay Area and leads a network of 13 public elementary schools. Guerrero launched her career in elementary education over 20 years ago and was a founding teacher at the very first Rocketship school, Rocketship Mateo Sheedy, where she later became principal.



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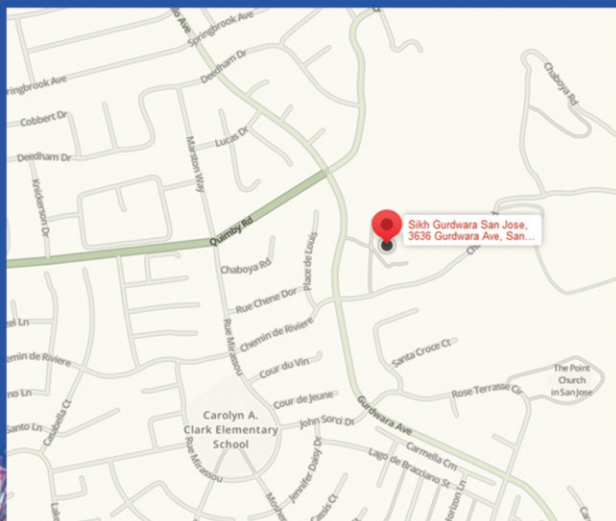
We will not be using any fireworks but if you bring your binoculars and keen eyesight you will see the displays far in the distance which light up the sky!

There will be lots and lots of delicious ice cream with toppings that everyone of all ages will be sure to enjoy, as well as fresh fruit for your family and friends. Nestled on the hill, just drive all the way up Quimby Road and you are there. You can also park and walk up the hill. The entire community loves to get together and it all begins at 7pm - 9 pm in front of the Gurdwara. You can take in the wonderful scenic view of the entire Evergreen Valley. We also have a nice children's playground, too.

We embrace the values of our American heritage strongly! Values of justice, liberty, equality and the caring about others are enshrined in the Constitution and also form the cornerstone of our Sikh beliefs. We are the Sikh Americans and very proud to be a part of the United States of America and of course the wonderful Evergreen community!



**You are also welcome  
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The San Jose Gurdwara is open for you to visit 365 days of the year.  
It is located all the way up Quimby Road on the hillside.  
The Sikh religion reaches out to the less fortunate and donations are always welcome. You can find information at our website below.  
The address is 3636 Gurdwara Avenue, San Jose, CA 95148  
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## ESD Homeschool Program

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Any questions? Email:

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### Times Feature

## 'Fireworks are illegal' reminder from Santa Clara County

*SC County Fire agencies warn residents of the extreme danger of fireworks; fireworks sales fines are now up to \$50,000 plus jail time*

In time for the Fourth of July holiday, fire agencies from throughout Santa Clara County have partnered to remind residents that fireworks are illegal, dangerous and can result in fires and injuries that are easily preventable.

Residents will incur fines for using, possessing, storing, or selling illegal fireworks. Santa Clara County's 'social host' Fireworks Ordinance holds property owners responsible for illegal use of fireworks on their property.

This year, the danger of fireworks-caused fires is extreme. "Vegetation is drought-stressed, dry and primed to burn," said Santa Clara County Acting Fire Chief Brian Glass. "It is absolutely critical that residents understand the extreme risk of fire at a time of the year when the weather is hot and vegetation is susceptible. We know that one spark can have disastrous consequences."

A countywide public outreach and education campaign began June 21 to educate residents that when it comes to fireworks, "[It's] Not Worth It" and can result in dangerous fires and serious injuries. Cities throughout the County will focus efforts on enforcement and residents are encouraged to report illegal fireworks use through the process determined by their home city or town.

"The Bay Area saw a dramatic increase in illegal fireworks activity during this time last year, resulting in over 30 preventable fireworks-related fires in San José alone," said Robert Sapient Jr., San José Fire Department Fire Chief. "Deciding to use illegal fireworks is also deciding to put your neighbor's lives and property at risk. Under current drought conditions, illegal fireworks put the entire community at risk. We're asking for assistance keeping our community safe by urging residents to comply with fireworks bans and encouraging community members to report illegal fireworks activity using our online reporting tool to assist the City with taking enforcement actions."

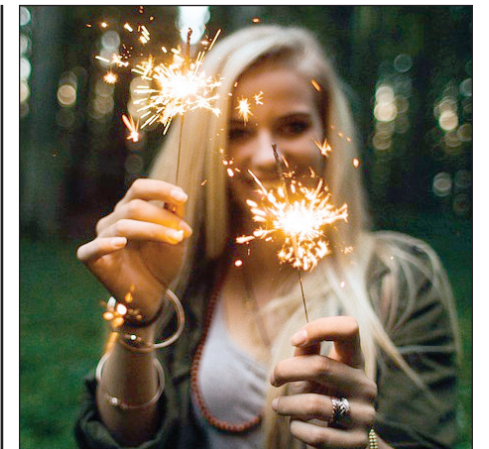
The National Fire Protection Association reports that fireworks start an average of 19,500 fires per year, 59% of which were reported as brush, grass or forest fires. These fires caused an average of five deaths, 46 civilian injuries, and an average of \$105 million in direct property damage.

This Fourth of July holiday also comes at a unique time when residents are enjoying a return to normal activities and social events. Residents are encouraged to continue to follow current Public Health orders and recommendations, find safe activities and leave fireworks to the professionals by visiting an authorized public display.

If there is an active fire or medical emergency, residents should call 9-1-1.

### Illegal Fireworks in San José

All types of fireworks, even those labeled 'safe and sane' are illegal in San José and most of Santa Clara County. Community members are encouraged to report illegal fireworks online:



• SNAP: Safely take a photo or video of the illegal fireworks activity.

• CLICK: Visit [www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/fireworks).

• REPORT: Fill out the online form with complete and accurate information regarding the illegal fireworks activity.

Residents may also report fireworks year-round via a 24-hour hotline at (408) 535-5600 or by calling 311. The online reporting tool is available year-round.

All reports will be reviewed and if sufficient information and evidence is provided, the City's Code Enforcement Division will issue a warning or citation.

Updated in December 2020, the City of San José now has some of the steepest fines for illegal fireworks use.

### Sale, Use, Possession and Storage of Fireworks Violation Fines:

First Violation: \$1,000

Second Violation: \$2,000 (within 18-month period from date of previous violation)

Third and Subsequent Violations: \$3,000 (within 18-month period from date of previous violation)

Fines for the sale of fireworks can reach \$50,000 plus jail time, depending on the quantity.

The city's recently updated Social Host Ordinance expands liability to the social host, or person hosting a gathering where fireworks are used. The social host and property owner will be held liable for fines associated with illegal fireworks use as well as any emergency response costs resulting from the use of illegal fireworks.

## Temple

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project. Finally, they have referred to the fact that "3,000 people" were too many for the area, while we will never have more than 300 people at our temple at any given time, typically only once a year.

San Jose prides itself on diversity, inclusivity, and community, so I hope that our community can be welcomed and embraced, and that we can move forward with the Temple.

**Sovanny Thach (សុវណ្ណធាត់)**

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Times **Feature**

## National Night Out 2021 celebration slated for Aug. 3

On Tuesday, August 3, 2021, neighborhoods participating in National Night Out events throughout San José are asked to join in a city-wide effort to strengthen their community by planning an event with their neighbors.

Residents are encouraged to light up their street by turning on outside lights and spending the evening with your community and local police department.

National Night Out is an annual crime prevention event and community-building campaign that is sponsored nationally by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored locally by the San José Police Department.

More than 38 million people across the country are expected to participate in National Night Out efforts to strengthen partnerships between neighbors and local law enforcement agencies.

National Night Out is designed to:

- Strengthen neighborhood spirit and police/community partnerships
- Heighten crime prevention awareness
- Generate support for, and participation in, local crime prevention efforts

Neighborhoods will be hosting a variety of events ranging from small potlucks and BBQ's to block parties. Some additional event ideas include, but are not limited to, ice cream socials, games, contests, food or clothing donations, plan a clean-up day to beautify a common area, discuss neighborhood issues or set neighborhood goals, discuss or plan a Neighborhood Watch Program. It is an opportunity to be creative, have fun and celebrate your neighborhood!

Registration is now open and available online by visiting [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org), online registration with the San José Police Department will close on Wednesday, July 21, 2021. Visit the website for ideas to host your own National Night Out event and other general information. Register your neighborhood for this year's event today!

You do not have to be a current Neighborhood Watch group to participate. National Night Out is for everyone! Registration is free and gives police and other city representatives an opportunity to attend local events as time and circumstances permit. Register now and begin planning your event as soon as possible.

For any further questions about National Night Out contact the Crime Prevention Unit at (408) 277-4133 and speak with any of the National Night Out Planning Team staff members. Visit [www.sjpd.org](http://www.sjpd.org) for details about registration and other National Night Out event information.



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Times **Feature**

# How to support distance learning after schools fully reopen

By Chris Funk

*Special to the Times*

As the last few school districts in San Jose are finishing the pandemic school year and beginning their summer breaks, school districts across the state are planning for and collectively committing to ensuring that reopening of schools this fall means in-person instruction is the default education program for the 2021-22 school year.

Taking the complex structures of the school day and transforming it to an online experience simply could not be duplicated and school districts had to respond overnight to try to make it happen. To say that the past year put a strain on schools, teachers, students and families is an understatement. We know that for nearly all students, nothing could replace the support structures and the quality and experience of in-person learning.

However, we do know that for some students, distance learning lowered the anxiety levels in terms of the social pressures in-person learning has and the ability to move at a pace better suited for their learning style. In addition, we know that not all students are vaccinated or have access to vaccines. Some families are still hesitant to send their children back to school.

As an educational leader, it is critical that we provide a world class education to all students. In particular, to students who learn differently, have mental health issues and/or are not ready to return back to "normal" school as we come out of this pandemic.

We need direction from Sacramento on how best to offer virtual learning to support the group of students who are not ready to return to in-person or learn better in a virtual environment. We need to take the best practices and the flexibility that was allotted to us from Sacramento during the pandemic and leverage it moving forward. One size does not meet the needs of K-12 education.

In the current May Revise, the governor suggested that families that remain hesitant to send their children back to school for in-person instruction can be served through the traditional independent study framework with a few additional requirements, which include providing access to technology, internet connectivity and a dedicated rigorous curriculum, developing a framework for tiered re-engagement if independent study is not working and tracking daily student participation and interaction with teachers.

The additional requirements are good recommendations as guardrails to help keep students engaged and to ensure that each student has the right tools to work independently and virtually. However, the needs of high school students are much different than the needs of students in the primary grades as they are different for students attending middle school.



All school districts have independent study programs. They have been around forever. As we ask teachers to become more facilitators of learning and requiring students to demonstrate their learning in new ways, we need to have more flexibility to support individualized learning programs that offer carefully guided, but self-directed, work when students need or want a more flexible option.

To achieve these important objectives, Sacramento needs to provide the following guidelines immediately:

- Clear expectations that the curriculum is as rigorous as in-person
- Maintain the integrity of independent study programs for students with various and unique needs who need and want the flexibility of a teacher-guided, but self-directed, educational program.
- Daily live interaction and weekly synchronous instruction as the default for all independent study programs.
- Allow for reasonable accommodations to the daily/weekly default if either is not feasible or not in the student's best interest.
- Provide flexibility for short-term independent study (less than 5 days).

Lawmakers cannot fall into the virtual learning fatigue from the past fourteen months and place restrictions on the independent study program that ties the hands of educators. Educators need time to thoughtfully plan for virtual learning. We need Sacramento to act now.

It has been a complete honor to write an education column for the Evergreen Times. I have attempted to take complex issues and lay them out in user-friendly terms while stressing the importance of addressing inequities that are ingrained into the educational system.

I hope that on some level, I was able to shine a light on some of the most critical issues facing public education. I have spent the last thirty years serving our public schools in San Jose. It has been extremely rewarding.

I hope everyone stays well and remains healthy.

## Free summer meals for kids

Free meals are available to all children 18 years and under this summer made possible by Santa Clara County Social Services.

Summer meals are provided by school districts and other community organizations throughout Santa Clara county. This year, meals are being served "grab and go" style to support social distancing.

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# Declining unemployment buoys Silicon Valley's economic recovery

By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

**S**ilicon Valley's unemployment rate is dropping after the economic roller coaster of the COVID-19 pandemic. But some business sectors could take years to rebound.

Local unemployment was below 3% prior to the pandemic, said Bige Yilmaz, economic data analyst for San Jose. After a turbulent year, it now sits at about 5.5%.

"In terms of the unemployment rate, we were quite stable and strong," she said. "But when COVID hit, in April 2020 everything was closed and the unemployment rate went up to 14.3%. This is an incredible number. When you look at the 2009 recession era, the worst we had was 12.3%."

Although tech companies expanded during the pandemic and unemployment rates declined, Yilmaz said certain sectors such as retail, personal services and leisure and hospitality are still influenced by long closures.

"As long as there aren't any more restrictions or closures, there's no reason to think things won't get better and the economy won't start to recover," she said.

Nima Chhay, labor market consultant with the state's Employment Development Department, said the number of unemployed people in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area dropped from 128,700 people in April 2020



As the local unemployment rate decreases, city leaders expect workers to return to their jobs.

Photo by Lorraine Gabbert

to 52,300 people in April 2021.

While the pandemic affected employment, San Jose Vice Mayor Chappie Jones said the city is headed in the right direction.

"We've seen some progress and I'm very optimistic that we're going to see that number go down significantly," Jones said. "Businesses are opening. People are out spending money. Companies are considering hiring. I'm very optimistic the employment picture is going to be a lot better moving forward."

But Jones acknowledged that challenges

remain, such as some people being fearful of exposure to the coronavirus and others being satisfied with their unemployment benefits to not seek work.

Brendan Rawson, a member of the Greater Downtown San Jose Economic Recovery Task Force, said more than 50% of the city's job losses during the pandemic were in the leisure and hospitality sector. He said any recovery efforts need to address these businesses which have been disproportionately hurt.

According to city data, the leisure and

hospitality sector lost 43,600 jobs from February 2020 to March 2021.

San Jose is taking steps to get residents back to work. In May, the City Council unanimously approved a "Return Together" ordinance, mandating hospitality businesses rehire hotel and event workers, among others, when they reopen.

The city will rely on worker complaints to keep track of enforcement.

"This past year has been tremendously difficult in this industry," said Councilmember Raul Peralez, who proposed the policy along with fellow Councilmembers David Cohen and Sergio Jimenez. "The lingering effect here with our service industry is going to be continually felt throughout this year."

According to Economic and Planning Systems, from the last quarter of 2019 to the second quarter of 2020, downtown sales tax revenues dropped 61%, from about \$1.6 million to \$640,000. Hotels in the downtown Hotel Business Improvement District, which had 74% occupancy rates in February 2020, saw them fall to 7.8% two months later. In February 2021, occupancy rates were 18.4%, a quarter of what they were a year earlier.

Service workers weren't the only ones who felt the effects of the pandemic.

Ron Muriera, co-founder of San Jose Arts Advocates, said the pandemic was extremely

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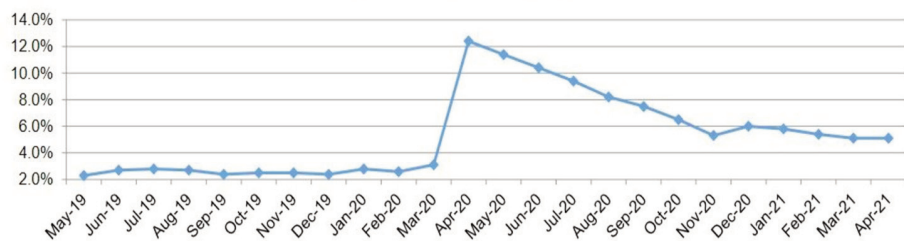
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**Times Feature****Unemployment Rate Historical Trend**

The unemployment rate in the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara Metropolitan Statistical Area spiked April 2020, but has steadily declined since then. *Image courtesy of the California Employment Development Department.*

difficult for performing arts and creative cultural communities, too.

"We've seen many of our arts and cultural institutions making difficult decisions to downsize, and that meant staffing," he said. "In the early period of the pandemic, several of our local arts and cultural institutions had to close their doors, especially the smaller ones."

Muriera said to weather the storm, some organizations turned to virtual programming to prevent layoffs.

Layoffs were a reality for downtown San Jose businesses during the pandemic, with Team San Jose—which runs the convention center and other cultural facilities—losing 1,304 employees. Other losses were felt at the San Jose Marriott and Hilton San Jose—with 229 and 157 workers laid off, respec-

tively—in addition to numerous other businesses.

In a May 26 letter to the City Council, Rawson wrote that the hospitality sector provides tens of thousands of jobs and hundreds, if not thousands, of small business opportunities for San Jose families.

He said the city needs to act now to generate economic activity that will support hospitality workers rather than wait for business travelers to return. He said the arts, entertainment and sports are good ways to drive local business activity downtown.

"We shouldn't be waiting years," Rawson said. "We need to come up with strategies to support small businesses and workers in this sector. All of us have been impacted, but it has been very uneven."

**Economic Context: Stabilized versus In-Crisis Sectors**

Job Trends by Sector	20-Feb	20-Apr	21-Mar	February-April Job Loss	April 20-March 21 Job Gain	% Recovered	% Not Recovered	Feb 20-March 21 Job Loss
Construction	53,200	34,800	49,300	18,400	14,500	78.8%	21.2%	-3,900
Manufacturing	170,700	165,100	169,400	5,600	4,300	76.8%	23.2%	-1,300
Wholesale Trade	30,800	28,500	28,300	2,300	-200			-2,500
Retail Trade	80,600	62,300	73,600	18,300	11,300	61.7%	38.3%	-7,000
Transportation and Warehousing	16,400	14,200	16,400	2,200	2,200	100.0%	0.0%	0
Information	105,500	104,800	107,500	700	2,700	385.7%		2,000
Financial Activities	39,400	37,300	37,300	2,100	0	0.0%		-2,100
Prof and Business Services	245,200	231,300	239,200	13,900	7,900	56.8%	43.2%	-6,000
Education and Health Services	185,100	163,300	172,300	21,800	9,000	41.3%	58.7%	-12,800
Leisure and Hospitality	105,300	52,900	61,700	52,400	8,800	16.8%	83.2%	-43,600
Other Services	29,000	18,200	22,800	10,800	4,600	42.6%	57.4%	-6,200
Government	99,800	97,000	91,900	2,800	-5,100			-7,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,156,500</b>	<b>1,014,800</b>	<b>1,074,700</b>	<b>141,700</b>	<b>59,900</b>	<b>42.3%</b>	<b>57.7%</b>	<b>-81,700</b>

The leisure and hospitality sector experienced enormous job losses during the pandemic. Image courtesy of San Jose's Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs.

**VTA begins new bus shuttle, new schedules**

Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority has implemented extensive and minor schedule changes on dozens of routes.

VTA is now operating a new weekday peak hour shuttle between the Diridon Station and Santa Clara Valley Medical Center, designed to meet Caltrain, Altamont Corridor Express and bus services at Diridon Station.

The SCVMC Shuttle is now operating during peak commute hours with seven non-stop trips from Diridon to the Medical Center on Bascom Ave in the morning, and seven trips from the Medical Center to Diridon in the afternoon. The service is designed to meet Caltrain, ACE and various bus services at Diridon Station. Employees of Valley Medical Center can use their Smart Pass for free rides.

The new bus shuttle now has seven nonstop

trips during peak commute hours, from Diridon to Valley Medical Center in the morning and from the opposite direction in the afternoon. The VTA shuttle will use Bay #7 at the Diridon Transit Center and the new west-bound stop at Renova Drive at VMC. The route 26 service to West Valley College will be extended to 10 p.m. among other minor schedule changes.

The changes are based on ridership trends and are not related to recent circumstances with the recent mass shooting at a VTA maintenance facility, according to VTA spokesperson Stacey Handler Ross.

**Light-rail still dark**

Light-rail service continues to be suspended indefinitely as the county decides what to with the maintenance yard, scene of the fatal shooting of nine light-rail employees by a co-worker.

To see which routes have been changed, visit [vta.org/june-14-2021-service-changes](http://vta.org/june-14-2021-service-changes) and [VTA.org](http://VTA.org) for hours.

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## Times Local News



At the Tej Acton Children's Business Fair, *Altitude* was right there entertaining a large crowd and cheering on the young business entrepreneurs.

## High school band gains 'Altitude'

*Intellectual musicians provide joy and entertainment to community*

Hellen Keller succinctly summarized the impact of teamwork in a quote, "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

The *Altitude* Band consisting of 4 middle-high school boys from Evergreen Valley came together in 2019 with a strong desire to combine the talents of each member and form a band solely focused on providing joy and entertainment to the community.

Roshan Amble, the band's drummer, achieved a level in drumming where he needed to embark on the process of creating and leading a band to bolster his musicianship. Roshan, current freshman at BASIS, reached out to his friends in the artistic field and collaborated on auditions to select the members of the band consisting of bass guitarist Marco Ruiz, sophomore at Evergreen High, lead guitarist Sathvik Nookola freshman at BASIS, and lead vocalist Pra-

teek Satish, 8th grader at Stratford Middle School.

### Drums

When asked about what the drums mean to him Roshan says, "Each sensation to the human brain has a quintessence, where the contemplating neurons of the mind go still, and the residue of an ambience so inexplicably fantasmic remains, when the body moves without the expressed consent of your conscience. This phenomenon is the musical perfection enacted through the influence of the drums, holding the rhythm and impressionist groove of the music. The drummer's role in a band is to ensure the culture of the music results in mutual delight for the audience and the music itself. For this reason, the drummer is able to improvise and include his personality in the instrument, which allows my imagination to complement my structural education. The drums have been an essential modulator in my life, giving me both a conscience reliever and an aspect to focus on. It is truly amazing what music could do for the curious individuals who understand it."

### Bass guitar

"I find the bass a very interesting element in the band. It's quiet but important to thicken and gratify the sound. One of my biggest influences in playing bass is John Paul Jones, Cliff William, and Krist Novoselic. They all use the bass in a unique and interesting way. And my biggest influence in music as a whole are the bands, Nirvana, Tame Impala, Death Grips, My Bloody

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Times **Local News**

Band *Altitude* is a musical force to reckon with as they continue to evolve and mature!

Valentine, Sunny Day Real Estate, Ghostemane, and Deftones.” explains Marco.

#### Lead guitar

Sathvik who is the lead guitarist for the band says “Music has been a big part of me ever since I was young as my parents both introduced me to their 90’s Indian music and I quickly took a liking to all types of music. I started learning piano at a very young age but quickly transitioned to both guitar and vocals. Being in the band takes the experience of playing guitar to a whole new level. The guitar is often the most recognizable aspect of the song. Guitarists like Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin, Joe Perry of Aerosmith, Slash of Guns n Roses, and Neal Schon of Journey heavily influence my playing and are a few of my favorite guitarists. Aside from guitarists, my favorite bands and artists are Led Zeppelin, The Police, Nirvana, The Weeknd, Michael Jackson, and Journey.”

#### Vocals

Prateek, the lead vocalist for the band *Altitude* says “I have been a student of Indian classical vocals since I was 6 and have been learning western vocals for the last 2 years. One of my biggest influences in gravitating towards vocals has been my maternal grandma who encouraged me from an early age. My favorite vocals/singer is Harry Style as I like the range in his voice, his choice of songs and above all I like the soft rock vibe his songs have as that is my personal preference as well.”

Musical synchrony is a huge de-stressor and as an evolving band *Altitude* is certainly a crowd pleaser. *Altitude* made it a point to use their talents towards community service and rejoicing listeners. One such example is when they performed at San Francisco’s Fisherman’s Wharf and decided to pledge their tips to the Ocean Clean-Up effort.

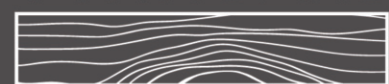
The pandemic did not slow down the tempo of the band, in fact they practiced regularly following all safety protocols and partnered with SaySmile, a nonprofit organization which facilitated interactions for people who were isolated during COVID. They virtually performed for Long Term Care facilities during the winter holidays and were invited back to perform on Valentine’s Day. *Altitude* was overjoyed to see the eternal nostalgia of our senior citizens as they sang along with joy to their childhood favorite melodies.

More recently, the band continued their community endeavors by performing at an Autism Awareness fundraiser program. With the experience from their past performances, the band was able to amplify the intricacies of each song they performed, which was greatly acknowledged by the audience.

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**Del Monte Plant**

Female employees sort, clean and inspect peaches in the rinsing trough at Del Monte Plant #3 in the 1900's. The plant closed its doors in December, 1999, after 82 years of fruit processing and canning at 801 Auzerais Avenue in San Jose, CA.

The center of Del Monte's production was Plant Number 3, a sprawling complex on an irregular triangular site between San Carlos Street, Auzerais Avenue, and Los Gatos Creek.

In the 1920s the valley produced 90 percent of the California pack of fruits and vegetables, a percentage it would retain well into the 1950s. Increased mechanization and more efficient processes gradually replaced most hand-work in the cannery.

It was one of the last intact old-fashioned canneries in San Jose.

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Times **Feature****Award***Continued from page 1*

located in New York City, awards the Strogatz Prize to a select group of international high school students for creating projects that uniquely incorporate math in social media, art, literature, videos and performance.

“MoMath is delighted to award the second annual Strogatz Prize to talented high school students who have created exceptional projects that reveal their love of math in so many different ways,” said MoMath’s CEO and Executive Director Cindy Lawrence. “This friendly competition celebrates students of all backgrounds who, through their unique talents, inspire others to appreciate the beauty and wonder of mathematics in the world around us.”

Apoorva Panidapu is a 16-year-old mathematics student, artist, and advocate for youth and gender minorities in STEAM. She writes a blog called “Gems in STEM” and frequently posts the essays on Cantor’s Paradise, the #1 math site on Medium.com. She sees her blog as “a place to learn about math topics in an accessible, light-hearted manner. I assume no more than basic math knowledge and include fun tidbits for learners of all experience levels. For both my own fun and for readers, I weave in pop culture, pick-up lines, and over-the-top stories to let people into the fantastical world of math, and to show them that anyone can enjoy anything.”

The judges were very impressed with Apoorva’s joyful, elegantly written blog posts on a wide range of math topics, from the liar’s paradox and partitions to tessellations and fractals. Combining clear explanations with an appealing layout and well-chosen graphics, Gems in STEM is itself a gem. The judging panel loved the wide range of Apoorva’s blog posts. They touch on history, etymology, and puzzles, and make connections to everything from art and architecture to science and na-

ture. Apoorva’s uplifting message is that math is everywhere and approachable by anyone from any background.

The Steven H. Strogatz Prize for Math Communication is awarded based on content, creativity and communication. This year, MoMath received 63 entries from 15 states and 11 countries, including Brazil, Czech Republic, China, India, Korea, Mexico, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Spain, Turkey and the United States.

“It’s a thrill to see the creative work of these students,” said Steven Strogatz, American mathematician and Jacob Gould Schurman Professor of Applied Mathematics at Cornell University. “The winners are all so imaginative, and their projects reflect such great effort to communicate clearly and even



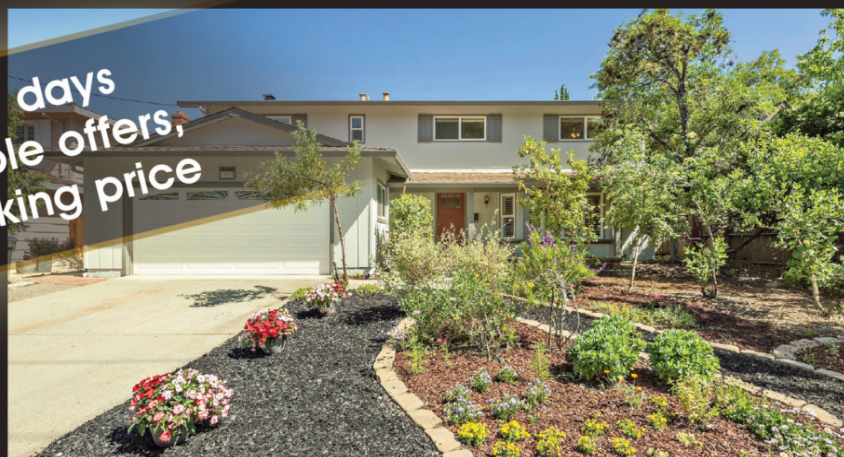
entertainingly. Bravo to all of them.”

“A huge, heartfelt thank you to the Evergreen Times and William Bellou for publish-

ing my articles and allowing me to share the beautiful world of math with my local community,” Apoorva added.

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**Liam Wilcox of San Jose named to UA Deans List**

Liam Wilcox of Evergreen Valley has been named to The University of Alabama Deans List for Spring Semester 2021.

The University of Alabama made the Dean’s List with academic records of 3.5 or above (on a 4.0 scale), or the President’s List with academic records of 4.0 (all A’s).



Wilcox is majoring in Chemical Engineering, as well working on the STEM Path to MBA Program.

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# California is facing a teacher-retirement boom

*Some districts will be able to cope better than others*

By Eli Wolfe  
CalMatters

Earlier this year, the California State Teachers Retirement System issued an ominous statement: Teacher retirements in California are projected to hit nearly record-breaking heights in 2021.

The statement, in a February blog post, said that the numbers will be almost as bad as the year after the Great Recession, when more than 16,000 teachers retired.

However, in many school districts, the tsunami of retirements is barely registering as a ripple. While administrators, teachers and union leaders do not paint a rosy picture of the situation, neither is it expected to be crippling.

Fremont Unified reported no significant difference between the number of retirees this year compared with last year. At Oakland Unified, departures are higher than they have been in recent years, but the district is rapidly filling vacancies.

"We're retaining more people than ever," said Sarah Glasband, director of talent development, recruitment and retention for Oakland Unified. Looking to the fall, Glasband said her district is recruiting aggressively to make sure schools are fully staffed, and they have already filled the majority of open positions.

More teachers could retire by the end of the school year. But the first surge already occurred in the second half of 2020, which saw a 26% increase in retirements over the same period from the previous year, according to Cal-STRS.

David Fisher, president of the Sacramento City Teachers Association, said he believes some educators bumped up their retirement timeline at the beginning of the pandemic when they realized it would be a brutal slog.

"They'd say, 'I was going to stick it out another couple of years but I'm out of here,'" Fisher said. "It's not worth that extra little bump on your pension if you're not physically or mentally well." While districts generally haven't experienced retirements as a serious problem this past year, several administrators said they were overwhelmed by the large number of teachers who resigned or transferred during the pandemic.

San Mateo County Superintendent of Schools Nancy Magee said some of her districts have been hit hard as many educators left to be closer to family. Burlingame, for example, had twice as many teachers leave during the pandemic than during an average year.

However, record drops in enrollment have somewhat mitigated the retirement boom, she said. Such enrollment drops would normally result in staff layoffs, but the sheer number of retirements and res-

ignations appears to be canceling each other out. Unexpected resignations, coupled with routine and early retirements, have created staffing shortages in some districts, raising concerns about how schools will manage when they reopen in the fall.

One major concern with the rise in retirements is the effect it could have on teacher pensions. In an email, Rebecca Foree, a CalSTRS spokesperson, said the organization doesn't expect retirements to have a material impact on funding levels. Outside experts tend to agree with this assessment.

"In the scope of things, this is not that big of a number," said Paul Bruno, an assistant professor of education policy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He noted that CalSTRS' outstanding unfunded liabilities dwarf the potential impact of an unusual number of retirements. As of the latest actuarial valuation report, CalSTRS has unfunded liabilities of \$105.7 billion.

"California is a really big state with an awful lot of teachers who are already receiving benefits and paying into the system, so a small increase in retirements this year would not by itself be a big threat to the pension fund," he said.

Administrators in California didn't express surprise with the number of retirements during the pandemic. This is partly because teachers have to retire within a set age range to qualify for their pensions, so most districts can plan for their departure well in advance. Districts also give teachers financial bonuses for letting schools know of their plans by specific dates.

Some districts are also able to rely on retirees as a source of labor. Recruitment is also a challenge at the leadership level. San Mateo's Magee said it's been difficult to find replacements for several long-term employees who left her office during the pandemic.

Several administrators said they were concerned that retirements and resignations may be exacerbating chronic staffing shortages for positions that were already difficult to fill, specifically special education.

Christina Casas, a credentialed special education teacher, left her job at a charter school in Santa Ana earlier this year. She said the logistical challenges of organizing virtual special education classes while raising two children of her own was simply too much.

She also felt the district could have marshaled more resources for teachers who were struggling to manage virtual classes that were overflowing with 30 to 40 students when they were supposed to only have 20. "The school where I worked, the kids were already behind," she said. "And now they've missed a year of school, because we can't call what they did school."



## TENNIS TIPS

# Tennis tie breakers can make you or break you

By Ken DeHart

The tennis tie breaker can be one of the most pressurized situations you'll find in tennis.

Tie breakers are where a player's psychological edge plays a big role.



Stay in the moment and stick to your strengths.

So what techniques will help to take the pressure off?

First, STOP. You've made it to six-all tie (for a set tie breaker) or 1-1 (for a match tie breaker). Take some time before the tie break begins to gather yourself and decide on your game plan.

Second, GO SLOW. Take your time between points. Separate each one as the unique point it is, and don't let the points run together, especially when you are losing a series of points.

Third, PLAN. Have a plan for every single point before it starts. Talk with your partner and get on the same page or make a mental plan as you coach yourself. Be aware of what's been working and what hasn't been working to get to this point in your match.

Fourth, BE PRESENT. The finish line or closing out a match can be a huge distraction for any level of competitor. Forget about that and be aware of how you want to play the next point and stay engaged with each ball you play. Stay in the moment of every shot. Counting balls as you contact them can be a way to stay focused on each shot, breath and improve your timing of where to move and when to swing.

Fifth, STAY CONFIDENT. Breath, play your game and don't put extra pressure on yourself by focusing on the score or anticipation of the outcome. Be alert and take advantage of what your opponent gives you as far as shots to be aggressive on and when to neutralize your opponent. Be ready to make adjustments as your opponent is feeling the pressure too and will try different things.

COMAN TIE-BREAK PROCEDURE (endorsed by USTA for Club players):

1. This procedure will be used for the Set Tie-Break (when the set score reach-

es 6-6) and for the Deciding Match.

2. In the Coman Tie-Breaker: Players change ends after the 1st point of the tie breaker, and then after every 4th point (i.e., change ends after the 1st, 5th, 9th, 13th, points)

3. The player whose turn it is to serve shall serve the first point of the tie-break from the Deuce side. The following two points (points 2 and 3) shall be served by the opponents, starting from the Ad side. After this, each team shall serve alternately for two consecutive points until the end of the tie-break game.

4. In doubles, the rotation of service within each team shall continue in the same order as during that set.

5. The player/team whose turn it was to serve first in the tie-break game shall be the receiver in the first game of the following set.

### 3 KEY ADVANTAGES OF THE COMAN TIE-BREAK

1. In doubles, the players will serve from the same end of the court from which they have been serving throughout the match.

2. A team is not stuck fighting sun or wind factors for the first six points of the tie-break. This creates a more "level playing field" during this critical part of the match.

3. Keeping score and keeping track of who is serving is easier.





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## San José hires independent experts to review the police department's use of force and other policies

A key component of the City Council's Police Reforms Work Plan is now underway.

The plan involves receiving valuable input from the community to gain perspective and frame outcomes.

The Independent Police Auditor has hired the CNA Institute for Public Research, a non-profit research and analysis organization, to evaluate the San José Police Department's (SJPD) use of force and all policies and training. The team of independent experts will make recommendations to ensure the SJPD's practices are consistent with national standards.

The CNA assessment will include the following steps:

- Analyze data from use of force incidents to identify potential disparate impact.
- Review policies and training to assess SJPD's adherence to pillars of 21st Century policing, including best practices and national standards regarding use of force.
- Conduct interviews with community stakeholders committed to collaborative reform.



CNA will host two community listening sessions this summer to ensure community concerns, values, and priorities are part of the process. The city will widely publicize both sessions to ensure everyone in the community is aware of the opportunity to provide input. In the meantime, anyone who wants to share their thoughts or has questions about the assessment process, can email [SJPDCommunityFeedback@cna.org](mailto:SJPDCommunityFeedback@cna.org). The City of San José and CNA are committed to an open and collaborative process. Not only is community input welcome, but it is a necessary element for a successful assessment of the San Jose Police Department.

The CNA team has worked with more than 450 law enforcement agencies, helping those departments adopt practices and policies that reflect the 21st Century Policing standards. The team has extensive experience in organizational assessment and analysis, as well as specialized topics such as use of force evaluations, bias analysis, policy and practice review, and policing for the future.



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**LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**  
**In support of the Temple project**

Dear Editor,

My name is Priscilla Kim Ong. I am a college student, a writer, and a human rights advocate for my Indigenous Khmer-Krom people.

As a member of the Khmer-Krom community, I wish to express my support for the Temple project which was recently discussed, and which Lyna Lam so eloquently wrote about in a recent issue. It has been a pleasure to be part of the process to work with our neighbors, because we feel that we all have a common goal—to embrace diversity and allow our fellow citizens to live as they choose. As Lyna noted, the freedom to practice religion is what we value most as citizens, and we know our neighbors embrace this ethos as well.

For the past year I have looked forward to the project being approved so I can bring my family to a safe and beautiful place to worship. This Temple will also give me and future generations an opportunity to learn about our rich culture, our traditions and the Buddha's teachings. In the US, many Khmer-Krom Americans and Khmer Americans have lost touch with their culture and language as a result of the oppression and trauma their parents faced in their homelands. The Temple offers a safe space for all of us to preserve our culture and language.

Our community really needs a Temple like this, and I hope the project can be underway soon.

**Priscilla Kim Ong**  
*Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation (KKF) Advocacy Intern*

**Disapointed with community reaction**

Dear Editor,

My name is Peter, I am a Khmer Krom member and as a participant of the recent community meeting, I appreciated the letter you printed from Lyna Lam regarding the Temple that the Khmer Krom is in the process of planning. As an Evergreen resident, I have been impressed with the effort they have put into working collaboratively with my fellow neighbors to make the Temple something the entire community can rally around. After all, it is in all our best interests to maintain the community feeling of the place that we call home.

However, I have become disenchanted with the way that the Khmer Krom community has been treated. I believe they have listened and taken concrete actions to change the design, based on input as they requested. For example, when the neighbors demanded that the parking garage be removed, it was removed. At a previous community meeting, many neighbors specifically said that if the parking garage was taken out they would support the Temple, and yet I saw many of those same faces at the most recent meeting opposing it.

When they asked for the overall size to be downsized, they created a plan that is significantly smaller in square footage than the six single-family homes that were approved for this site. I hope the community can see these efforts and work in good faith for a special temple that we can all be proud of. Let's allow them to move forward with their project, and let's vow to embrace the exciting diversity they will bring to our community.

**Peter Hong**

**Zara Shaikh of Evergreen inducted into the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi**

Zara Shaikh of Evergreen Valley has been initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society.

Shaikh, who was initiated at University of California-Davis, is a graduate of Evergreen Valley High School.

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

Phi Kappa Phi was founded in 1897 under the leadership of undergraduate student Marcus L. Urann who had a desire to create a different kind of honor society: one that recognized excellence in all academic disciplines. Today, the Society has chapters on more than 325 campuses in the United States and the Philippines.



**Man charged with sexual abuse at defunct Evergreen in-home daycare**

A man who owned and managed an in-home daycare in Evergreen with his wife for more than a decade has been charged with multiple counts of sexually abusing children entrusted to their care.

John Mario Cortez, 36, was arrested last week in Lathrop, where he and his wife had moved in 2017 after shutting down the "Growing in Grace" daycare they operated out of a one-story home on Centerwood Way.

Cortez has been charged with nine felony counts involving three victims, all girls who were between 3 and 8 years old when they say their abuse began.

Cortez is being held without bail in the Elmwood men's jail. He faces a minimum of 25 years to life in prison if convicted on all charges.

Anyone with information about other potential instances of abuse involving Cortez can contact Detective Armando Ramos at 408-537-1397 or leave a tip with Silicon Valley Crime Stoppers at 408-947-7867 or at [svcrimestoppers.org](http://svcrimestoppers.org). Contact Robert Salonga at 408- 920- 5002.



## Take a coastal road trip this summer

### FAMILY FEATURES

If you've never traveled along the Pacific Coast, or maybe you'd just like to experience it from a new perspective, there are few things quite like a road trip to take in the sights and experiences that make the journey one to remember.

A road trip lets you set your own pace and enjoy the companionship of friends or family. When you're ready to explore, outdoor adventures, historical experiences and 99 miles of coastline await in Monterey County, California, which is known as a scenic, beautiful expanse along the Pacific Coast. From wide-open beaches, verdant vineyards and fields to the peaks of the Santa Lucia Mountains, there's plenty of room to roam.

### Scenic Beauty

Some of the top scenic drives in the world are along California's coast, where you'll find a wide range of local topography. One example is Highway 1, where starting toward the north, you'll see the state's second largest wetlands, artichoke fields and rolling sand dunes, as well as cypress forests and the craggy coastline. Further south, you'll encounter towering cliffs, redwoods and aweinspiring bridges.

### Outdoor Adventure

When you're ready for some action, there's plenty to find along the coast. From a captivating 18-mile long recreation trail with coastline views to kayaking, paddle boarding, surfing, whale-watching excursions and more, there are numerous ways to whet an appetite for adventure near the ocean. Inland, you'll find options like hiking, mountain biking, rock climb-

ing, cave exploring and horseback riding.

### Wine Country

Along the California coast, you can find tens of thousands of acres of vineyards producing more than 53 different varietals of wine. In Monterey County alone, you can take your pick among 65 tasting rooms set against picturesque backdrops. How you choose to experience wine country is as diverse as the varietals you'll discover. For example, you might head to the beach with a newly purchased bottle of your favorite wine, jump aboard a wine trolley to let someone else do the driving for a while or schedule a tour that takes you behind the scenes with a winemaker.

### Beach Time

No visit to the coast is complete without a visit to the beach, but not all beaches are the same. From white sandy beaches to rocky cliffs, you could plan an entire road trip around the different kinds of beaches waiting for you to discover their beauty. Enjoy bird spotting, rock collecting, surfing, tide pooling and more.

Some of the area's greatest treasures are the lesserknown beaches, including one that sits in the middle of Cannery Row.

### Wellness for Body and Mind

When you've taken in the sights and explored to your heart's content, be sure to leave time for rejuvenation. From spas and meditation retreats to spending time in nature, it's easy to make wellness a priority when visiting the California coast. You can even enjoy food that's as good for you as it is delicious with a growing focus on sustainability by visiting daily farmers' markets and fish markets, which provide a bounty of locally sourced produce, fresh meat, seafood and hand-made treasures for a truly enriching cultural experience.

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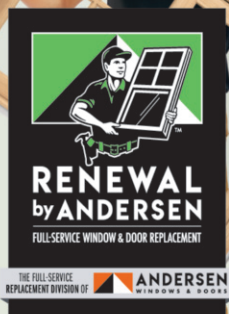
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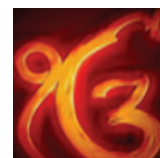
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