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Apoorva Panidapu (above) and Adarsh Ambati (below)



Davidson Fellow Scholarships awarded to local teens for math, science projects

Apoorva Panidapu: \$50,000 Scholarship recipient; **Adarsh Ambati:** \$10,000 Scholarship recipient

By William Bellou
Publisher

Two teens from San Jose have been awarded Davidson Fellows Scholarships for 2021.

Among the honorees are 16-year-old Apoorva Panidapu, the winner of the \$50,000 scholarship and named Laureate for her research in number theory (math), and 16-year old Adarsh Ambati who won the \$10,000 scholarship for his science project. Only 20 students in the U.S. are recognized as scholarship winners each year.

The Davidson Fellows Scholarship program offers college
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Aashna Parsa of Almaden first place winner in National Math Kangaroo 2021 contest

By William Bellou
Publisher

Aashna Parsa, a 4th grade student at Challenger Almaden, is among the 1st Place National Winners list in Math Kangaroo 2021.

Math Kangaroo is the largest international math competition in the world with more than six million participants across 77 countries. The contest was founded in the 1980's by Peter O'Halloran, an Australian mathematician and teacher. Besides basic computational skills, and problem solving, the Math Kangaroo competition requires analytical thinking, creativity, and imagination.

Aashna Parsa, a math-loving student, participated in Level 3 (offered to third and fourth graders). Aashna scored the maximum available points, placing her in the prestigious National 1st Place Winners list.

Thinking harder

"I love math because I love to solve problems, especially when they make me think harder," Aashna said. "Math also helps me with programming in Scratch and Python which I enjoy a lot in my free time! I am very thankful to my teachers Mrs. Maté, Mrs. Mathur, Mrs. Vanderpool, and Principal Mrs. Harper, for always encouraging us students to explore our interests and do our



best. For the competition, what helped me most is the advice of my teachers that as math students we should always show our work and review before submitting."

Grand Honors

Aashna Parsa previously received the Grand Honors award from the

highly renowned Johns Hopkins Center for Talented Youth (CTY) while attending second grade, having achieved scores among the highest in the nation in CTY's SCAT (The School and College Ability Test). The CTY program helps nurture gifted children through advanced courses in various subjects. Aashna enjoys studying at Challenger Almaden as well as taking courses through CTY. Aashna previously received the Grand Honors award from Johns Hopkins Center of Talented Youth.

Aside from her accomplishments in Math, Aashna loves computer science, writing, painting, and dancing.

Aashna has been a Challenger Almaden student
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ONGOING DROUGHT



Local water from reservoirs and ground water aquifers, pictured, account for 30% of the use of water reserves. Another 15% is made possible through conservation and 5% is currently derived from recycled water. Valley Water hopes to double the amount of recycled water used. *Photo: valleywater.org*

Recycling water may be Santa Clara County's best option

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior staff writer

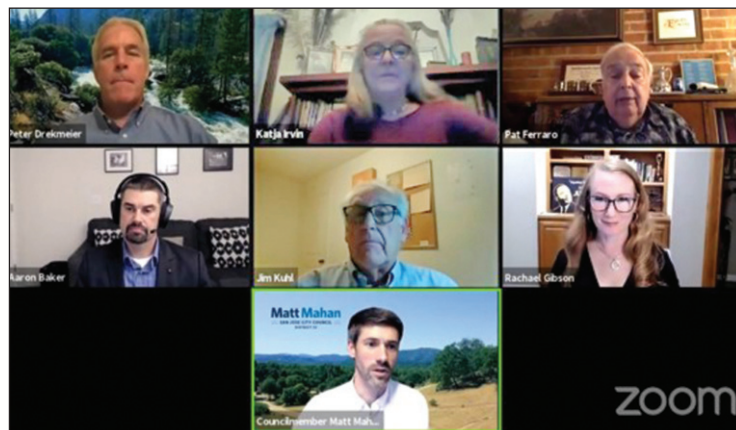
Maintaining Santa Clara County's water supply is a challenge recycling and conserving water may solve.

Half of Santa Clara County's water supply is imported hundreds of miles, depleting rivers, as ongoing drought continues to reduce local reserves. Valley Water believes recycling water and increasing water conservation are essential for the county's future.

Silicon Valley's two basin aquifers provide enough water for three million people a year, but it's not enough, said Rachael Gibson, chief of external affairs for Valley Water.

Gibson and other Valley Water professionals discussed water supply issues and solutions at Monday's Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

Currently, 50% of Santa Clara County's water supply is imported from the Sacramento-San Joaquin
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Water supply issues was the topic of a recent Almaden Valley Community Association meeting.

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Google's Downtown West project invests in San Jose

Vision shared during Councilmember Mahan's Inside City Hall series

By Lorraine Gabbert
Senior Staff Writer

With its Downtown West project, Google promises not only jobs but also affordable housing, climate change strategies and community.

Project director Alexa Arena shared Google's vision for its extensive development, which will dramatically reshape downtown's Diridon station area, during Councilmember Matt Mahan's Inside City Hall series.

In addition to the multi-billion dollar development, Google is establishing social equity through a \$150 million Community Stabilization and Opportunity Pathways Fund, which invests in housing stability, education and job access, Arena said.

Mahan said Google's Downtown West project is "one of the most significant investments in the history of the city."

The project spans 80 acres including 7.3 million square feet of office space, 4,000 housing units, 15 acres of parks and 500,000 square feet of active space for retail, cultural and educational uses. Mahan said residents are concerned about the traffic and parking issues Downtown West may bring.

Project meshes bike trails into places of living

Arena said when the project is fully built out, only 25% of its workers will drive a single occupancy vehicle to the site. Google will integrate seven miles of bike trails and walking paths into its plans, she said, and provide shuttles from transit sites. "We need to get people out of their cars and into connecting," Arena said, adding that Google wants to create complete neighborhoods.

In addition to input from the city's Station Area Advisory Group, Google gathered feedback on what people wanted to see at Downtown West through surveys, community meetings and site tours, residents said they wanted it to feel like a place to gather rather than a corporate campus, she said. Free year-round programming is planned for its 15 acres of parks and open space.

As the neighborhood adjacent to the site largely consists of single-family homes, some residents were



Alexa Arena, director of the Google Downtown West project, said public input helped shape the development.

concerned about the density of the project. "The idea of having a 200-foot tower right on your doorstep...sounds jarring," Arena said. "We were able to work on those edges and come up with a set of design guidelines that creates a more natural exterior."

Arena said the Downtown West project is "a really different type of growth" than what San Jose has experienced before. "Because it's a different height and module and density than San Jose's used to...naturally there's going to be skepticism," she said. "There has to be a continued dialogue with the community on design."

In design there are ways to have win-wins

Arena credits Joe Van Belleghem, Google's senior director of development, for his progressive and integrated development approach to the project. "You don't have to trade off business needs for environmental needs or equity needs," she said. "There are ways to have win-wins. At Google, we're able to invest in the long-term."

Arena said community-led decision making is helping Google plan housing, infrastructure, integrated mixed-use spaces and a network of connected parks, open spaces and 4.25 acres of riparian habitat. Google will also plant 2,280 new trees. "We leaned-in heavily for things like restoring and expanding the riparian habitat," Arena said. "It's important to have nature in our cities."

Google is striving for a zero net of CO2 emissions through creating a microgrid in the district system and sustainable water use. The microgrid distributes balanced power

with solar and invests in clean energy to improve efficiency, smoothing out cost spikes. Google also plans to use recycled water and is creating a water recycling plant onsite.

Mahan said he was struck by how holistic Google's approach is. "When I think about large employers making an investment, typically you think about commercial office buildings and jobs, but this is so much more," he said.

Arena said a planning effort is underway with the city to create a thriving mixed-use environment and vibrant social district. Google has committed to 25% of its housing being affordable housing, allowing for a more inclusive environment. "Although San Jose needs a lot of office growth, we're making sure the residential is coming online and particularly affordable housing," Arena said.

Bart using part of the project as a staging area

Arena said the planning phase for the project will continue for two years before shovels are in the ground and it may take 10 to 20 years for the full buildout of the Downtown West project. It depends in part on when BART completes its underground tunnel as BART is currently using part of the site as a staging area, she said.

Mahan said Google's Downtown West will have a positive impact on the city for years and generations to come.

"We're proud of the project leaning into challenges like climate change and social equity," Arena said, "and proud of the work we've done with the community to get here. But we know it's just a start."



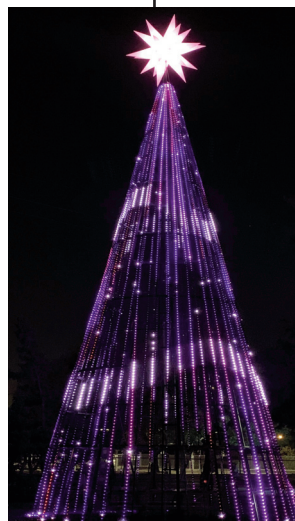
Christmas in the Park tickets now 'on sale'

The tradition returns to downtown San Jose and moves drive-thru to Lake Cunningham Park and tickets for the drive-through event are now on sale. The downtown event is free.

Last year, the annual tradition of Christmas in the Park (CITP) pivoted to a drive-thru due to COVID-19.

This year guests get the best of both holiday worlds. The free event returns to downtown San Jose and the drive-thru moves to Lake Cunningham Park.

"Last year we had the good fortune of being able to produce an amazing drive-thru during a very trying time," said executive director, Jason Minsky. "Having had to charge for the event, we had a little more financial success than planned and are pouring last year's proceeds into both of this year's events. Guests will see some incredible new features at our Plaza de Cesar Chavez Park free event. We have a new 65' tall walk-through Christmas tree, new large scale lighted creations like a teddy bear, shoot-



ing star and giant ornament, plus an all-new inflatable beer and wine garden."

Lake Cunningham Drive-Thru

For the drive-thru, Christmas in the Park creative director, JR Mattos, has been busy planning an all-new experience. There are 12 themed areas, and an all-new soundtrack changes on New Year's for an entirely new adventure. Based on feedback from last year, a food festival has been added to the end of the drive-thru. Minsky added that fewer tickets per hour are available to eliminate long wait times and a VIP ticket avail-

able allows guests to skip right to the front of the line.

Amongst its many fundraising programs, and a guest favorite, are over 500 Christmas trees decorated by community groups and local businesses. These trees go on sale Sept. 1. In addition, local performers can reserve a spot on the Excite Credit Union Community Stage starting Sept. 1. Tickets for the drive through go on sale Sept. 1. Last year it sold out, and with fewer tickets available this year, Minsky expects a quick sell-out.

In addition, almost all of the Christmas in the Park merchandise offerings are 30% off. The Holiday Brick Walk and Shooting Star program, which features custom printed bricks and lighted stars are on sale too!

"We wanted to make a big splash and make sure everyone knows what we have planned for this year," added Minsky. "We are so excited to bring both events back and have so many new surprises in store for attendees." Please visit the Christmas in the Park website for more information.

Editor's note: Christmas in the Park is a non-profit organization that has held a free community event since 1980.

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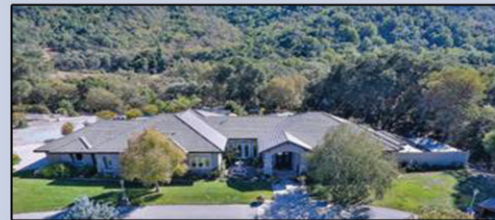
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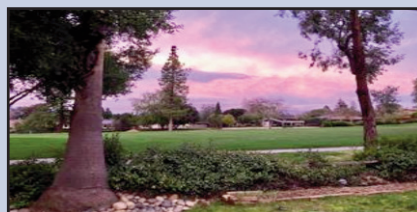
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A 'vaccines only' sign is displayed outside the room where health care workers are receiving the first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine at O'Connor Hospital in San Jose, Calif. *Photo by Vicente Vera.*

South Bay parents hesitant about COVID-19 vaccine for kids

By **Lorraine Gabbert**

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Most parents in a new survey said no to immediately getting their kids vaccinated against COVID-19.

The survey by Invisibly found 74% of parents will either wait or not vaccinate their kids against the coronavirus. Only 26% of parents said they will have their children inoculated right away, 41% will wait a few months and 33% will not have their kids vaccinated.

Invisibly conducts real-time polling to harness data. The firm surveyed 1,258 parents nationally from March 25 to 29, asking them if and when they'd get their kids vaccinated. It also asked the ages of the children and parents.

Invisibly Realtime Research surveys appear on web pages in place of ads. They are optional, ensuring voluntary participation.

Laura Vestal, vice president of marketing at Invisibly, said the vaccine is a hot topic, especially when it comes to children.

"Parents are extremely cautious when it comes to their kids," Vestal said.

The survey results come as the FDA this week approved emergency use authorization of the Pfizer vaccine for children ages 12 to 15. The approval is just in time for students to be vaccinated before starting in-person learning in the fall.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) states that Pfizer's vaccine is "safe and 100% effective" for this age group.

Pfizer will seek FDA vaccine approval for children ages 2-11 in September, and for ages six months to 2 years later this year, AAP states. Moderna is also doing clinical testing with children ages 6 months through 17 years.

AAP has pushed for pediatric vaccines as more than 3.85 million children nationally have tested positive for COVID as of May 6. More than 14,849 children have been hospitalized and at least 297 children have died from the

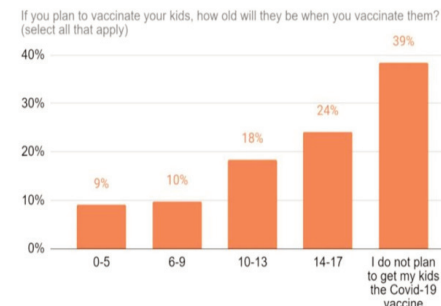
virus. Children represent 14% of the country's COVID cases with 5,121.5 cases per 100,000 children, AAP states.

President Joe Biden has challenged states to vaccinate as many adolescents as possible by July 4 also in addition to regular vaccination sites, vaccines for children have been available through pediatricians and family physicians.

But parents remain concerned about the newness of COVID vaccines as well as possible side effects, Vestal said. Although she couldn't wait to get the vaccine for herself, Vestal said she is hesitant about having her 3- and 7-year-olds receive it. "It's also what's happening in the news," she said. "With the pausing of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, the first thing that came to my mind was...if my kids had it, I would've been nervous."

Invisibly's survey found the age of kids played a big role in parents' willingness to have them vaccinated, with parents being more concerned about side effects on younger children. About 9% of parents are willing to have children from newborns up to age 5 vaccinated, Vestal said, while 24% of parents are willing to have children ages 14-17 receive the shot.

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Invisibly's COVID vaccination survey found the younger the child, the less inclined parents were to have them get the vaccine. Image courtesy of Invisibly.

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Aashna

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since first-grade, a scholarship recipient, and has won several awards as a Young Author and Computer Fair and Art competitions.

Avid Dancer

Aashna hopes to continue her love for both STEM and Language Arts in the years to come. Aside from academics, Aashna is an avid dancer,

learning and performing Kathak, a traditional Indian dance form, since the age of six, under the guidance of the highly accomplished Mrs. Meenakshi Kulkarni in Almaden, and is in a pre-competitive swim program at the DACA swim school."

Aashna's family credits her teachers and Principal Mrs. Harper for creating a nurturing environment fostering independent thinking in students.

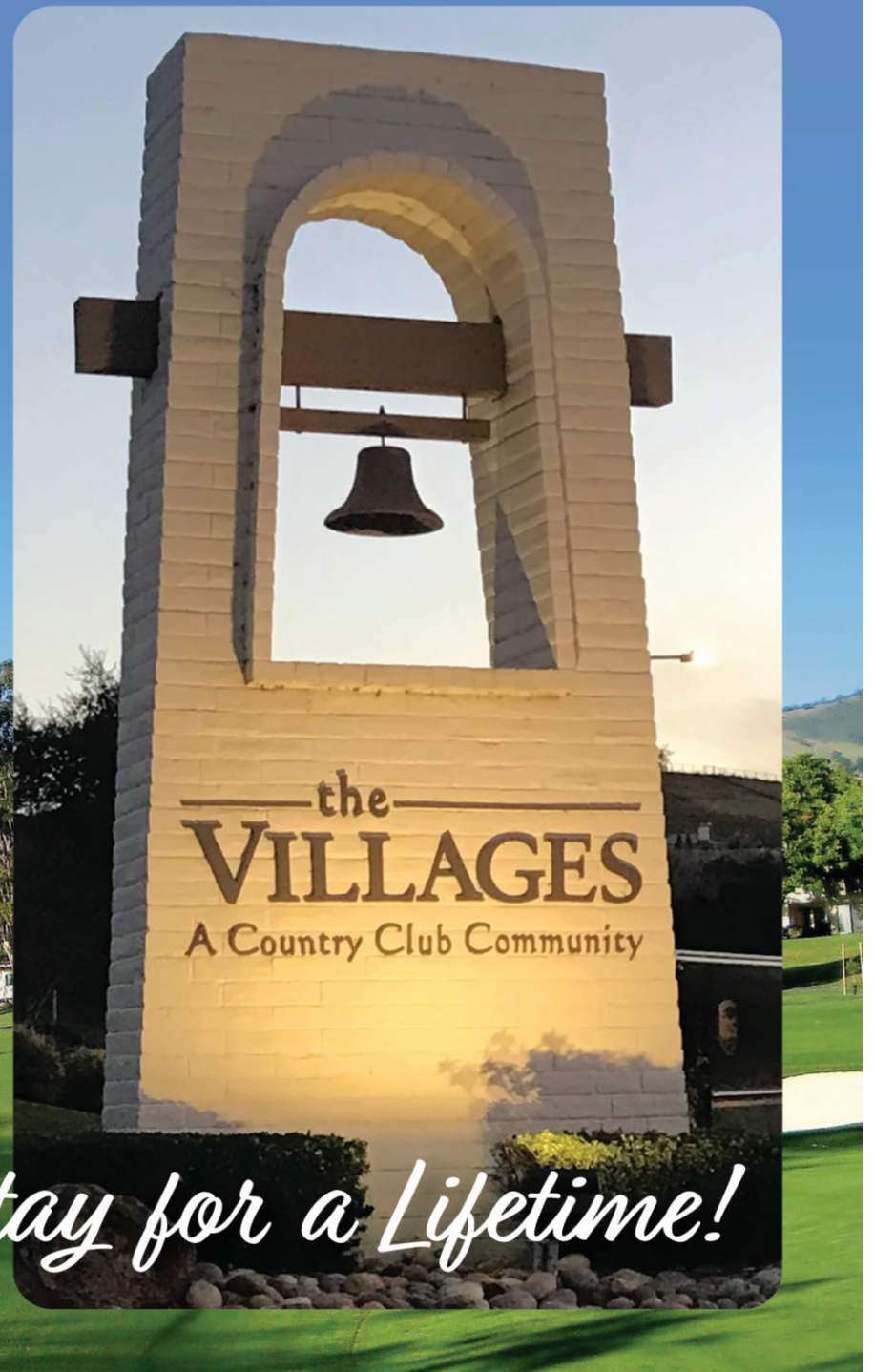
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Vaccines

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The age of parents also played a big role. The younger the parents, the survey showed, the more willing they were to vaccinate their kids. Sixty-three percent of parents ages 18-24 were in favor of it, while 74% of parents over 55 said they didn't want to have their kids vaccinated, Vestal said.

The national survey appears to mirror the views of many South Bay residents.

San Jose residents said on Nextdoor that even if they were immunized themselves, they are not comfortable giving their children the COVID vaccine. Some, like Valery An Joaquim, expressed concerns with the lack of a long-term study of side effects.

Sogol Matin, 36, who has three kids under 5 years old, said COVID-19 vaccines are unnecessary for kids due to the high survival rate and low infections in children from COVID. "My kids are fully vaccinated for all mandatory vaccines," Matin said. "However, I will not vaccinate my kids with this experimental COVID-19."

Some residents are undecided. Joy Etraude said she may wait as her children are both under 6 years old. "I would not want them to have the same reaction I did when I got mine," Etraude said.

Kryis Lindseth Reed, 49, said she will wait to have her 10-year-old daughter and 12-year-old son vaccinated until she sees what side effects children in those age groups suffer. "I want to know more before deciding," she said, "but I am not against vaccines."

But others like Deneen Marie want their children vaccinated right away. "Why would you want your child to get sick with something that could have been avoided?" she said. Kids or not, vaccine hesitancy is not uncommon in Silicon Valley. Newly-released data shows one in 10 Santa Clara County residents are refusing a COVID-19 vaccine due to fear of side effects or safety concerns, misinformation and scheduling issues—a problem that county health officials are quickly trying to ameliorate.

The top three reasons why county residents are saying no to vaccines are fear of side effects or safety concerns, not having done enough research and not having enough time or availability, the survey found.

Erin Fitzgerald said she understands people's hesitancy, but contracting the virus can result in cognitive dysfunction, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle pain, headaches, dizziness and more.

"Well after the virus has cleared," she said, "some cannot walk without getting winded, and even simple tasks like brushing hair can be exhausting. I will vaccinate my child."



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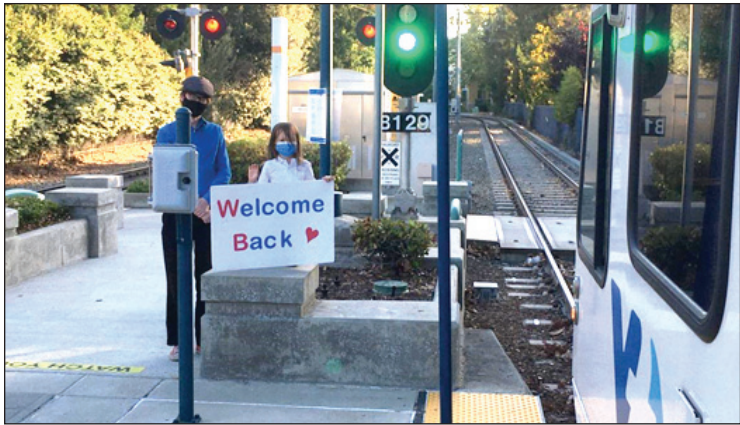


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Light rail service expands

We are steadily working to bring light rail back to full service. Beginning Saturday, September 4, light rail returns to the Blue Line from Baypointe to the Children’s Discovery Museum.

Service will also expand on the Green Line from Old Ironsides to Diridon Station. The Orange Line began full operation from Alum Rock to Mountain View Sunday, August 29.

With the commencement of the Blue Line, the bus bridge that’s been running along that route will cease operations. See the updated light rail service map here.

Hours of operation for light rail are as follows:

	Blue Line	Green Line	Orange Line
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Saturdays	6 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.	6:30 a.m. – midnight	6 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.
Sundays	6:30 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.	6:30 a.m. – 10:30pm	6 a.m. – 11 p.m.

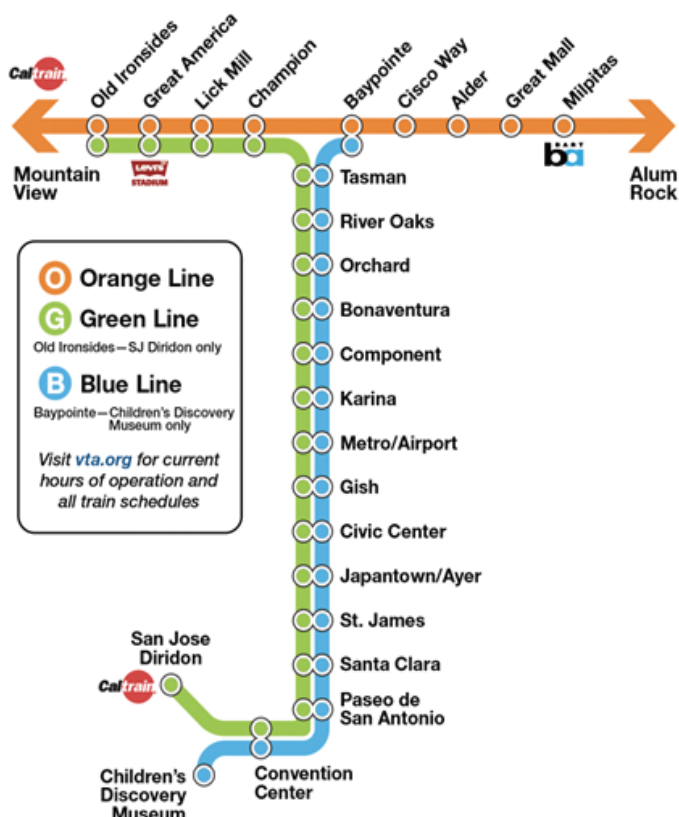
VTA employees have been working nearly around the clock to ensure the system is safe and in good working condition, and in figuring out how to best create service schedules after being dormant for three months.

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ClosingTheDivide created for combating the digital divide by providing low-income families with computing devices

Teenagers reach out to help others

By **William Bellou**
Publisher

Since the invention of the household computer, the rich and elite have always had easy access to new technology, while the poor struggle to catch up. Even in Silicon Valley, the epicenter of technological innovation, thousands of families have no devices or internet access.

ClosingTheDivide (CTD) was created for combating the digital divide through providing low-income families with computing devices.

E-waste program

CTD's e-waste program is based on a simple premise, "One man's trash is another man's treasure." The organization's research determined that the digital divide was coupled with another issue of e-waste. When the upper and middle class discard their working devices with every new consumer electronics release, those devices end up in landfills, destroying the environment and polluting cities.

The organization collects discarded devices, refurbishes them, and then distributes them to the underprivileged. CTD picks up the devices at the time and location of the donor's choice to incentivize donations by making them as convenient as possible.

One of CTD's previous projects included donating 10 refurbished HP Laptops to James Lick High School, which Mr. Barocio, Associate Principal of Educational Development, says "is assisting 10 students and families experienc-



Local San Jose high schoolers (Pictured left to right: **Ayush Agarwal, Ankit Kapoor, Anish Thalamati, Daniel Xie**; Not Pictured: **Leon Huang**) have set out to close the "digital divide" - the disparity between low-income and high-income families in terms of access to technology. Pictured are some of CTD's current inventory: 20 PCs, 6 iMacs, 10 laptops, and 15 monitors. Additionally, the boxes contain 10 new Lenovo Chromebooks gifted by Omnipro, a San Francisco IT solutions integrator.

ing financial and technological hardships, helping bridge the technological gap in Silicon Valley." A donation was also delivered to a Cambodian village, helping hundreds of students access after-school programs to learn English and become digitally literate.

CTD has also worked closely with TechExchange, a larger organization working in Oakland, to host digital literacy and programming classes across the Bay Area. TechExchange Director of Development, Amy Himes, speaks on the issue: "It's a pleasure to collaborate with this bright new organization as we work together to close the digital divide,

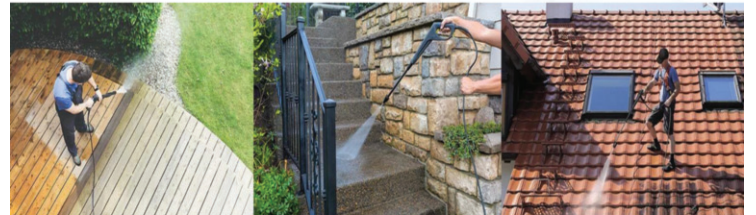
throughout the Bay Area."

Mr. Ranjan de Costa, CEO of Omnipro, who donated 10 new Lenovo Chromebooks, describes the partnership, saying, "ClosingTheDivide has made a massive societal impact through donating hundreds of computers to low-income families across the Bay Area. OmniPro is thrilled to support the efforts of these young entrepreneurs!"

Editor's note: If you're interested in donating your old or damaged electronics or volunteering at ClosingTheDivide, check out their website at: www.closingthedivide.foundation

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Times Feature

Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose presents season opener on Sept. 25

In celebration of the orchestra's 25th season, the concert will be free

In a belated 250th birthday celebration, the Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose opens its 2021-22 season with a work by Beethoven, the great, musical rebel.

Beethoven's Symphony no. 3, "Eroica", was a groundbreaking work, dismissing many of the conventions of the times and expressing the emotions of the common man. Not wanting to be tied down by the desires of the aristocracy, Beethoven struck out into new territory with this work, which reflected the common man's desire for freedom in its initial dedication to Napoleon, "The Hero". (Later, when Napoleon declared himself Emperor, Beethoven tore up this dedication.)

The Mission Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Emily Ray, will perform this masterpiece, along with a mesmerizing work by HyeKyung Lee, A-ri-a-rang, in its new arrangement for string orchestra, and Castelnuovo-Tedesco's popular Guitar Concerto no. 1 in the comfort of the Hammer Theatre Center on Sept. 25 at 7:30PM. Local guitarist and teacher, **Christopher Mann** (inset above), will be the featured soloist.

In celebration of the orchestra's 25th season, the concert will be free!

Event: Mission Chamber Orchestra Concert

Emily Ray, conductor
Christopher Mann, guitarist
Sept. 25, 2021, 7:30 p.m.
Hammer Theatre Center, 101 Paseo de San Antonio, San Jose
HyeKyung Lee
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Symphony no. 3, "Eroica", op. 55



Tickets:

Free, but reservations are advised: www.missionchamber.org/events-tickets

The Hammer Theatre Center requires all attendees to be wear appropriate facial coverings and show proof of COVID vaccination and photo ID. Children under 12 will not be admitted.

For those unable to attend, there will be a link to the livestream of the concert on the orchestra's home page the day of the concert: <http://www.missionchamber.org>.

About the soloist

Christopher Mann, born 1985 in Berlin, Germany, received his first guitar instruction at age 3. At age 7, he won first place in the solo guitar competition "Jugend Musiziert". In following years he won various local competitions in Berlin. At age 12 he was admitted to the Julius-Stern-Institute, the program for young musicians at the University of the Arts in Berlin, as a student of Professor Martin Rennert.

He continued lessons as a high school student with Professor Anne Waller at Northwestern University near Chicago. From 1999 to 2003 he participated in various chamber ensembles as well as winning first and second prizes in the Society of American Musicians competition in the category solo guitar. He also participated in solo and ensemble performances on his second instru-

ment, cello.

After returning to Germany in 2003, he resumed studies with Professor Rennert in Berlin as well as Professor Thomas Mueller-Pering in Weimar. He has appeared in numerous performances with other instrumentalists, in particular with violin and voice, in addition to his solo work.

While obtaining his artist diploma, Christopher discovered his love for teaching and has been on the staff of the Musikschule City-West (for-

merly Berlin-Wilmersdorf), the Waldschule in Berlin and other public schools in Berlin that offer instrumental instruction as part of their curriculum.

In summer 2015, Christopher relocated to the San Francisco Bay Area, where he has continued to teach and perform. Biography available at <https://chrismannguitar.wordpress.com/>.

Mission Chamber Orchestra of San Jose, www.missionchamber.org
Phone: 408-236-3350

Report: States with the most fatal animal attacks

New research reveals the states with the most fatal animal attacks - with more than 299 human deaths in California caused by animals during the last 20 years.

The team at Outforia have revealed which states had the most fatal animal attacks from 1999 to 2019, along with the animals which have caused the most overall deaths and provided expert tips on what to do when attacked by a dangerous animal - California is the 2nd most dangerous state when it comes to animal attacks with 299 deaths since 1999.

You can view the full research here: <https://outforia.com/animal-attacks/>

Top 10 states with most deaths caused by animals (1999 - 2019):

Rank	State	Deaths
1	Texas	520
2	California	299
3	Florida	247
4	North Carolina	180
5	Tennessee	170
6	Georgia	161
6	Ohio	161
8	Pennsylvania	148
9	Michigan	138
10	New York	124

Further findings from the research revealed:

There have been 520 deaths caused by animals in Texas, in the last 20 years.

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There have been 70 fatal attacks caused by brown bears in last 50 years.

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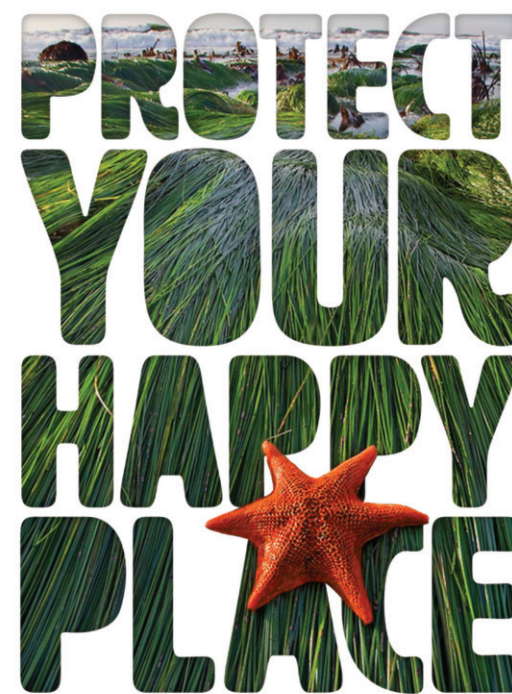


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Assembly Bill to end spousal rape distinction heads to governor's desk

California State Assemblymembers voted overwhelmingly on Concurrence in favor of modernizing and equalizing California's spousal rape law on Sept. 8.

State Senator Dave Cortese, principal co-author of the bill, said AB 1171 was passed out of the California Assembly and the Senate with wide bipartisan support. The bill

now awaits Governor Newsom's signature.

AB 1171 will bring parity to California's rape statutes by requiring the same standards for "spousal rape" that is currently in the penal code for rape. The bill eliminates the "spousal rape exception" in the California Penal Code (Section 262) to ensure that "spousal rape" is treated and

punished, as seriously as the rape of a non-spouse.

Although "spousal rape" is illegal in all 50 states, California is one of nine states that distinguishes "spousal rape" from "rape." Idaho and Ohio have recently passed Spousal Rape reform bills.

State Senator Dave Cortese represents

State Senate District 15 which encompasses most of Santa Clara County, including the cities of Campbell, Los Gatos, Cupertino, Saratoga, Monte Sereno, and much of San Jose, stretching from the Santa Cruz Mountains to the west and Mountain Hamilton Range to the east.

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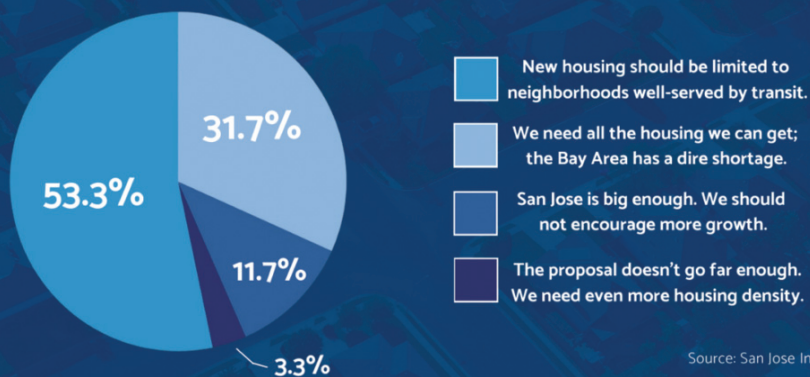
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Times **Community**

Ninety-four percent of all residential land in San Jose is restricted to single-family homes. The City Council will soon consider a proposal to permit denser housing in such neighborhoods. This so-called Opportunity Housing plan would permit the construction of duplexes, triplexes, fourplexes and accessory dwelling units in such neighborhoods.

What are your thoughts about the City's proposal?



Power Poll Survey shows support for Smart Growth plan

By **Matt Mahan**
Special to the Times

San Jose Inside, an independent local news publication, released its first Power Poll survey results on Sept. 10, demonstrating that our Smart Growth San Jose plan has far more community support than Opportunity Housing (also known as the Four-plex Plan).

SJ Inside's new Power Poll is a panel survey of nearly one thousand San Jose residents in leadership positions representing a wide range of industries and experiences. Its inaugural survey tackled housing affordability, which has been thrust to the fore by skyrocketing home prices and a persistent lack of housing supply relative to job and population growth. While the panel is not a scientific poll of San Jose residents or likely San Jose voters, you can learn more about their methodology and the potential value of this "influencer" approach here and here.

Unsurprisingly to those of us who have spent time speaking with residents in our neighborhoods, survey respondents overwhelmingly rejected the Four-Plex Plan, which would allow a developer, without public input, to replace a single-family home in any neighborhood in San Jose with up to a four-plex (plus potentially an ADU or two in the backyard). A combined 65% of respondents opposed the proposal, which is in line with results from scientific voter polls.

The graph pictured at the top of the page represents responses to question about Opportunity Housing which would allow redevelopment of single-family home neighborhoods into duplexes, triplexes and fourplexes.

While the Four-Plex Plan is well-intentioned, it fails to acknowledge San Jose's history of poor planning, which has already led to some of the worst traffic congestion in the country and an ineffective public transit system. Moreover, over 60% of our greenhouse gas emissions are attributable to car use, which would actually increase on a per capita basis were we to embrace blanket up zoning. Finally, there's a social justice argument for being skeptical of this approach: developers I've spoken with have unanimously agreed that indiscriminate upzoning will incentivize the redevelopment of lower-income single-fami-

ly neighborhoods where the economics for developers are most favorable. Silver Creek and Almaden won't see a lot of new fourplexes — at least in the near term — but Alum Rock and Overfelt will.

In contrast, the Smart Growth San Jose plan that I've put forth doubles down on our existing General Plan, which was created through a multi-year, stakeholder-driven process. The General Plan landed on a compromise that most San Joseans can live with: yes to growth, but where it makes sense. This means significantly increasing population and job density in downtown, North San Jose and along well-served transit corridors. The General Plan already points to where the next 120,000 new homes (representing a roughly 25% increase in the city's population) ought to be built by 2040.

The real question is why we aren't building these new homes and the short answer is our high cost of development, some of which can be attributed to government in the form of fees, taxes, lengthy and unpredictable review processes, inspection delays, retail space mandates, planning horizons and myriad other arbitrary obstacles we've created. My Smart Growth San Jose plan outlines the reforms we need to unlock the next 120,000 homes we've already planned for: <https://www.smartgrowthsj.com/>

In addition to being common sense, this plan has public support. Over 62% of SJ Inside's Power Poll respondents supported the notion of streamlining and incentivizing development in our 68 designated urban villages.

Responses to question about our Smart Growth plan, which would streamline and incentivize development within the city's 68 designated urban villages.

As usual, the collective wisdom of the crowd is right. We need more housing — a lot more of it, in fact — but we should and we can build it in a way that enhances our collective quality of life.

You can learn more and stay involved by visiting: www.smartgrowthsj.com

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Times **Community News**

All Girls Hackathon – Aug 6th/7th

24 Hours Online Global Event
590 Registrations – 85 countries



Shooting Stars Foundation hosts All Girls Hackathon

Event reaches more than 600 young women

The All Girls Hackathon sponsored by Shooting Stars Foundation has garnered hundreds of registrants of more than 600 middle and high school girls from 85 countries and 25 states in the US encouraging them to pursue programming.

The Shooting Stars Foundation hosted the international All Girl Hackathon event at the beginning of August. The participants were very eager as many had never attended a hackathon before.

The event kicked off the hackathon series on July 31st as a panel of four extraordinary women shared their stories and experiences as well as shared advice targeted towards young female leaders.

Participating in the event were Ayelet Gazit (Director of Learning and Development, Customer Success, KRYON), Preethy Padmanabhan (Head of Platform Product Marketing, Freshworks), Sowmiya Narasimhan (Senior Engineering Manager, Apple), and Hema Sundaram (Head of Enterprise Data Analytics and Business Intelligence, Portland General Electric) for inspiring the young girls around getting into technology, standing up for their rights, and pursuing their passion.

A week before the hackathon, technology mentors trained all participants on skills including HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and tips and tricks for competing in and winning a hackathon.

On August 7th the 24 hour hackathon began. The participants were challenged to create a project based on our theme: "Future Women". This theme was chosen to empower the female participants and motivate them to pursue a career in tech. Uma Meyyappan (SVP, Head of Innovation, LPL Financial) spoke about the future in tech as a woman and gave the girls advice in her keynote speech "Climbing the Technology Ladder in Heels."

With Uma's words of inspiration fresh in their minds, the hackathon participant teams started their projects. They were

guided by more than 10 project mentors and approximately 15 tech mentors, helping the teams navigate through their roadblocks for a continuous 24 hours on discord.

Eight judges made the tough decision of choosing the winners amid numerous great products. Thank you to Revathi Sreedar (Business Operations Specialist, Cisco), Padma Purushothaman (Product Lead, Airbnb), Lakshmi Palaniappan (Senior Software Engineer, IBM), Irina Groysman (Business Consulting Manager, ZS), Stacey Phillip (Assistant General Counsel, Neustar), Danielle Zazula (Senior Director of Sales, Neustar), Subha Sriram (Founder/CEO, Stratiqe Inc), and Sireesha Chakka (Senior Quality Assurance Engineer, Workday) for their feedback and patience with the teams.

Some of the exceptional projects included:

* **Smart Pier Glass:** uses artificial intelligence that tells its users the appropriate products for their skin and hair

* **Star Bracelet:** a solution to sexual assault and violence against women to be used around the world for their safety where a click of a button will alert people who can help.

* **PinPurple:** allows users to anonymously share stories and alert authorities and trusted contacts in case of emergency with an interactive platform, emergency bell system, and a danger mapping system.

* **Supermoms:** empowers moms by providing resources relating to problems with maternal health, career opportunities and more with the use of a chat-bot and calendar.

"My favorite parts of the Hackathon were the workshops, because we learned the basics of HTML, CSS and Javascript and we got to know new people from all over the world, and we got to apply what we had learned from the workshops," said Zenitha Pereira, Timor-Leste.

"Hema, Chief Data Officer and Women in Tech Panelist was so excited and transmitted that energy to us, and she wanted

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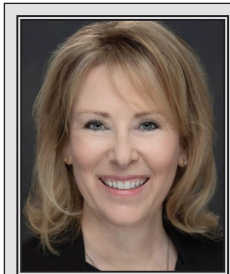


Times **Education**

Substitute Teacher's Week honors subs

By Mary Ann Dewan, Ph.D.
County Superintendent of Schools
September celebrates those who support teachers when a substitute is necessary.

Substitute Teacher's Week highlights the crucial role of a substitute teacher, as they are wonderful individuals who are always ready to step in to provide coverage wherever they're needed most. Relied upon by school administrators, teachers, and students, substitutes seamlessly adapt to



From the Superintendent
Mary Ann Dewan, Ph. D.

any situation. Substitute Teacher's Week also focuses on the needs of and for substitutes. Being a substitute provides consistency for students, helps teachers as they are away from their class, and encourages careers in education. The Santa Clara County Office of Education (SCCOE) is looking for qualified, committed, compassionate, positive educators looking for a flexible work schedule.

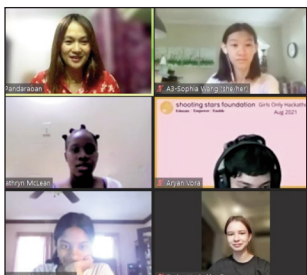
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us to have the necessary tools to continue in this programming and coding world" (Gabriela Verdezoto, Ecuador).

"Uma's passion in her field of work-how she inspires others, especially women, to pursue whatever we passion for no matter the obstacles that we would have to face," said Fatin Kamal, Malaysia.

Participants were thankful to the mentors for "joining the call on discord with my team and giving us constructive advice



which I believe helped us in knowing the next step to take," said Micaela Mclean, Jamaica.

Shooting Stars is partnering with IBM to provide the next innovative IBM Z Hackathon to college students on September 25, 2021.

This hackathon and Star-hacks as a whole is a part of the Shooting Stars Foundation, a US based 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to help eliminate the cycle of generational poverty through STEM education.

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Times **Local News**

'Largest Annual Antique Auto Show in the West'

21st annual Antique Autos in History Park Sunday, Sept. 19

The 21st annual Antique Autos in History Park presented by the Santa Clara Valley Model T Ford Club and History San José will take place on Sunday, September 19, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Designated as a "Living History Day," this year's event fills History Park (Kelley Park, 635 Phelan Ave, San José, CA) with 200 period-correct pre-1946 vehicles, fire equipment, bicycles, and motorcycles of all makes.

The featured vehicle this year is Pierce-Arrow, (1901 -1938). A special presentation on Pierce-Arrow Co. Automobiles will be held at 2 p.m.

Registration not required

There is no registration required to enter a vehicle. Just bring your antique vehicle to the gate at History Park. All vehicles permitted on the grounds of History Park, from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., were manufactured between the late 1800s and 1945 and are period-correct. No vehicle will be displayed on the grounds of History Park during the show that is newer than 1945.

Also located on the grounds will be the Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association. There will be antique crafts demonstrated and antique collectibles displayed.

A Dixieland Jazz Band will provide music and songs will be sung by The Fabulous JewelTones.

Food may be purchased from Double-H Catering and ice cream from O'Brien's Cafe.



Activities are provided for kids.

Scheduled activities:

- 11:15 Dance Performance
 - 12:00 The Fabulous JewelTones
 - 12:30 Music by Toot Sweet Jazz Band
 - 12:30 Video: Pierce-Arrow, Jay Leno's Garage
 - 2:00 Presentation on Pierce-Arrow Co. Automobiles
 - 2:30 Barbershop Quartet
 - 3:30 Drawing for Door Prizes
- Entrance Fees: Adults: \$ 10; Children (6 - 12) & Historical San Jose members: \$5. Participants and children under 6: Free

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Coastal Cleanup registrations are open!

Coastal Cleanup Day is an international day of action to protect our oceans, watersheds, and wildlife from trash and debris on Sept. 18.

This massive volunteering effort has an astounding impact on many of our local natural habitats and communities. In 2019, the Ocean Conservancy reports that nearly 800,000 volunteers collectively removed more than 20 million pieces of trash from beaches and waterways around the world.

Pollution prevention starts at our front doors. Trash from around our neighborhoods can travel through storm drains, creeks, and rivers to become Bay pollution.

By pledging and registering, you will receive free tips on conducting a safe and effective cleanup. Your cleanup to stay connected with thousands of other residents hosting their own cleanups and to help us

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About National River Cleanup

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CA Freedom to Walk Act passes senate

The Freedom to Walk Act, a bill designed to reform California's "Jaywalking" laws, passed the California Senate on Sept. 8 with a vote of 22-8.

The bill AB 1238, which would make it legal for pedestrians in California to cross mid-block provided they don't interfere with traffic, was authored by Assemblymember Phil Ting of San Francisco. CalBike and a coalition of more than 90 groups and individuals support the repeal of 'jaywalking' laws.

Legalizes safe street crossings

AB 1238 will not change existing laws that require pedestrians to avoid potentially hazardous situations on the roadway. Instead, it legalizes the safe street crossings that pedestrians make every day. Everybody 'jaywalks'—nobody should be penalized for a safe street crossing.

Jared Sanchez, CalBike Senior Policy Advocate, said, "CalBike applauds the Senate for supporting this crucial legislation to make California's streets safer and more accessible for everyone. We will now work with Governor Newsom to secure his support for the freedom to walk."

Inequities in neighborhood design leave lower-income neighborhoods less pedestrian-friendly than others. Because of this, policing jaywalking often amounts to punishing people for the lack of government services and improper land use planning in their community. People should not be penalized for decades of infrastructure neglect and auto-first street design. AB 1238 will help protect vulnerable pedestrians against racially biased, pretextual policing, inequitable fees and fines, and unnecessary and potentially lethal interactions with law enforcement.

"The Freedom to Walk Act legalizes safe walking," added CalBike's Jared Sanchez. "Governor Newsom now has a chance to advance racial justice by repealing jaywalking laws. In the absence of safe and accessible pedestrian infrastructure, residents do their best to access school, work, grocery stores, or parks. Continuing to criminalize rational, predictable responses to poor infrastructure is unjust."

Also, enforcing low-level infractions, like 'jaywalking,' can have a substantial cost for law enforcement. So, decriminalizing safe street crossings has the potential to conserve considerable resources for agencies across the state.

The Freedom to Walk Act will not:

- Make it legal to obstruct traffic or endanger other road users.
 - Send crowds of pedestrians into the streets. People who walk have the same common sense and desire for self-preservation as anyone else. Pedestrians will continue to do what they already do: assess traffic conditions and cross when it's safe to do so.
 - Lead to increased hazards for walkers. Reckless driving and unfriendly infrastructure are the main dangers that pedestrians face. There is no evidence that jaywalking laws help pedestrians and the laws do nothing to solve those problems.
 - Take money from local coffers. Many jaywalking fines are never collected, so the cost of police and administrative time for enforcement is often higher than the money collected.
- The Freedom to Walk Act will:
- Legalize common, safe street crossings that most Californians make regularly.
 - Reduce potentially lethal police interactions for Black Californians.
 - Free low-income people from the financial burden of jaywalking fines and fees.
 - Allow police officers to spend their time more effectively, increasing public safety.



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Water

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River Delta and Hetch Hetchy, Gibson said. Local water from reservoirs and ground water aquifers accounts for 30% and the remainder comes from conservation (15%) and recycled water (5%).

Valley Water wants to double the amount of recycled water it uses, Gibson said, as it is drought resilient. Valley Water is incorporating advanced purification techniques, which should be completed in the next three to five years, she said. At that point, recycled water could be returned to groundwater recharge ponds to replenish groundwater basins.

Gibson said Valley Water hopes to partner with the City of San Jose and the City of Palo Alto to use their wastewater treatment plants.

“They could help supply purified water and really help to lead us out of droughts like the one we’re experiencing right now,” Gibson said. “Because of climate change, these droughts are only going to come more often and be more severe.”

Gibson said challenges to water sources include a lack of rain, Anderson Reservoir is now drained for the next ten years for earthquake retrofitting, and unreliable state and federal water supplies. Another hurdle, she said, is convincing residents to conserve water during this drought emergency.

In Santa Clara County, the vast majority of water usage is by residents watering their lawns, Gibson said. To encourage residents and businesses to conserve water, Valley Water offers rebate programs. Through its landscape rebate program, Valley Water will pay residents up to \$3,000 to swap all or part of their water-thirsty lawns for drought tolerant landscaping. Businesses can receive up to \$100,000 for swapping out inefficient water fixtures through its water efficient technology rebate program, she said.

“We’re helping folks be the change we need to see in this valley,” Gibson said.

Fixing leaky toilets, installing efficient showerheads and reducing shower time also help to conserve water, she added.

Gibson said being without Anderson Reservoir for 10 years “is a very serious thing.” To supply and store water in the meantime, Valley Water is looking to expand existing reservoirs and pipelines, as the county will have to import additional water.

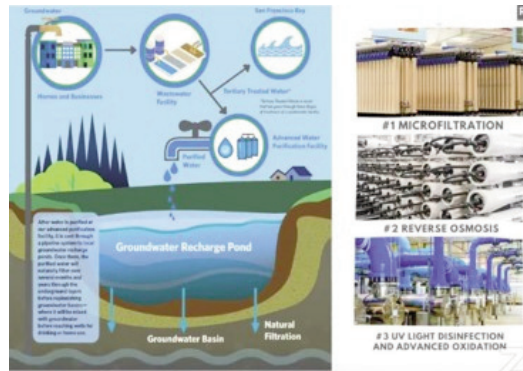
“It also makes water conservation more important than ever,” she said. “The more water we save, the less water we need delivered.”

Gibson said the community can help by conserving water and supporting the development of drought resilient technologies like purified water.

“Water conservation helps to increase long-term water supply reliability, helps us meet short-term demands and keeps more water in the rivers,” she said.

Peter Drekmeier, policy director for the Tuolumne River Trust, said humans divert four out of every five gallons of water from the Tuolumne River, mostly for agricultural uses. Salmon play a critical role in the food chain, he said, and bring nutrients from the ocean back to riverbanks to enrich forests and meadows. Historically, 100,000 Chinook salmon swam through the Tuolumne River, he said, but in 2020, only 1,000 returned to spawn.

“By diverting so much water, we’ve altered the ecosystem of rivers like the Tuolumne,” Drekmeier said. “It’s an ecosystem in crisis.”



Valley Water works to ensure water sustainability for Santa Clara County. It also aims to double the amount of recycled water it uses. Photos courtesy of Valley Water.

“Ensure Sustainability” Strategy¹



¹Ensure Sustainability strategy reaffirmed by the Board on 01/14/19

Pat Ferraro, former Valley Water director, said while Orange County recycles about 130 million gallons of water a day, Valley Water recycles about 17,000-acre feet per year, although Santa Clara County has three water treatment plants.

“More and more cities in Southern California are realizing Delta water is not reliable,” he said, “and therefore are really trying to reduce that demand. I’d like to see us do that as well.”

Ferraro blames asset inertia of state and federal aqueducts for the lack of Valley Water’s movement towards more water recycling and continued reliance on importing water. He said the three aqueducts it uses cost \$40 million annually.

Another obstacle to water reuse, he said is a separation of city and county water treatment. Gilroy, Palo Alto, San Jose and Sunnyvale all operate wastewater treatment plants, Ferraro said.

“We have to negotiate with them to transfer this water supply to Valley Water District,” he said.

Ferraro said Valley Water’s capital programs—from the Anderson dam retrofit to the Pacheco Reservoir expansion and Delta tunnel—remove focus from recycling water. People are also reluctant to use recycled wastewater, he said.

“We need to have an educational effort to get our population into an acceptance of this as a water supply,” he said, “to save the environment...and ourselves.”

Aaron Baker, chief operating officer for Valley Water, said the unpredictable nature of droughts is the greatest water supply challenge. Baker said single-year droughts can impact Valley Water’s ability to maintain a groundwater recharge program and multiyear droughts can deplete reserves.

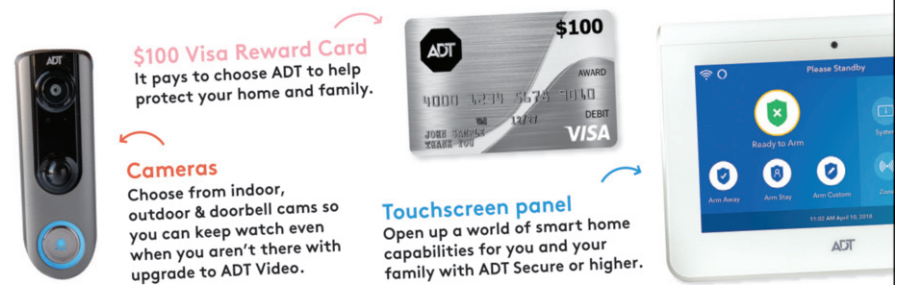
Valley Water’s water management program reduces risks, Baker said, but needs to be supported with continued investment in its existing water supply, increased water conservation, the expansion of recycled and purified water and possibly additional storage projects.

“Water is life,” Baker said. “A reliable supply of clean water is necessary for the social, economic and environmental well-being of Santa Clara County.”

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Apoorva, a regular writer for her column Gems in STEM in Almaden Times, was awarded the \$50,000 scholarship for her mathematics project: Short-Interval Sector Problems for CM Elliptic Curves.” Apoorva is one of four Laureates recognized for her graduate level research work nationwide.

Apoorva’s Project Description

Apoorva’s project, Short-Interval Sector Problems for CM Elliptic Curves,” studies prime distribution in short intervals.

“Specifically, I am looking at the fine-tuned behavior of primes in extremely zoomed-in settings, like the distribution of primes represented by binary quadratic forms,” explained Apoorva. “The study of prime distribution has led to some of the greatest problems in all of mathematics, like the Riemann Hypothesis. Despite the hundreds of years of literature surrounding my research problem, there is really no such paper that clearly outlines the relationship between the prime distribution I study, algebraic number theory, and combinatorics, and I wanted to bridge this gap.”

Panidapu stated, “Much like atoms that make up our universe, primes are the building blocks of the mathematical universe.”

“We don’t only want to know how many primes there are (infinitely many!), we also want to know how they’re distributed,” Apoorva said. “My project takes this question even further, or to be exact, even smaller. In particular, I study prime distribution in short intervals, looking at their fine-tuned behavior in these extremely zoomed-in settings. Going from general distribution to short intervals restricts the tools we could use previously and requires much more careful handling of the details and highly refined theorems, which is what my project navigates through to prove my result in this delicate setting,” stated Apoorva.

Apoorva began homeschooling in sixth grade. “Because of homeschooling, I’ve had the chance to forge my own unconventional path full of exciting experiences of all flavors, including learning from a conglomerate of institutions such as San Jose State University, Columbia University and Johns Hopkins University,” Apoorva said.

In her free time, Apoorva enjoys playing the violin, practicing kung fu, and reading classical literature. She also founded her own art gallery, Apoorva Panidapu’s Art Gallery, as an online platform to share her artwork and raise funds for charity.

Adarsh submitted his engineering project: A Contactless Vital Signs Monitor using PhotoPlethysmographic (PPG) Imaging Infrared Sensing Techniques & Computer Vision.

Adarsh’s Project Description

The following engineering project was submitted by Adarsh: *A Contactless Vital Signs Monitor using PhotoPlethysmographic (PPG) Imaging Infrared Sensing Techniques & Computer Vision.*

Adarsh developed a contactless, low-cost,

prototype that detects the five vital signs — skin-temperature, heart rate, respiratory rate, blood pressure, and blood oxygen levels (Spo2).

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Ambati’s academic interests are mostly envi-

ronmental science, biology, and computer science.

“I love gardening and growing plants, especially succulents which I sell through my STEM education organization, Gro-STEMs,” Adarsh said. “Whenever I find time, I like to play the flute and read comics. I ultimately aspire to become a Principal Investigator and have my own lab at an academic institution, where I can work with like-minded students and faculty to conduct research in environmental sciences/engineering, developing technologies that better the world and help protect our environment.

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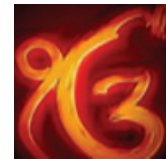
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