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## San Jose's ADU program is a successful model for speeding up housing production

By William Bellou  
Publisher

What are ADUs?

ADUs are Accessory Dwelling Units and are also known as granny units, in-law flats, secondary units, and backyard cottages. They are now approved by San Jose planning department due to a severe housing shortage and can be innovative and affordable. Some can install them too for extra rental income purposes.

While there is currently an intense debate about the densification of single-family home zoning to multi-unit zoning, a housing initiative called "Opportunity Housing", densification of single-family lots with Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) has been legal for many years.

In 2017, San Jose Mayor Sam See *HOUSING*, page 2

## A SNOWY DAY IN EVERGREEN



Great Egret and Snowy Egret are pictured at the 6/7 hole waterfall at the Villages Golf and Country Club in Evergreen Valley. *Photo by Frank Langben*

## Top education leader to leave San Jose – Evergreen community college district

By Eli Wolfe

*Article courtesy of San José Spotlight*  
The chancellor of San Jose-Evergreen Community College District is leaving his post for a new job in Southern California.

Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland announced his resignation in a district-wide email Monday evening, Nov. 15. He said he is taking a position as chancellor of the North Orange County Community College District.

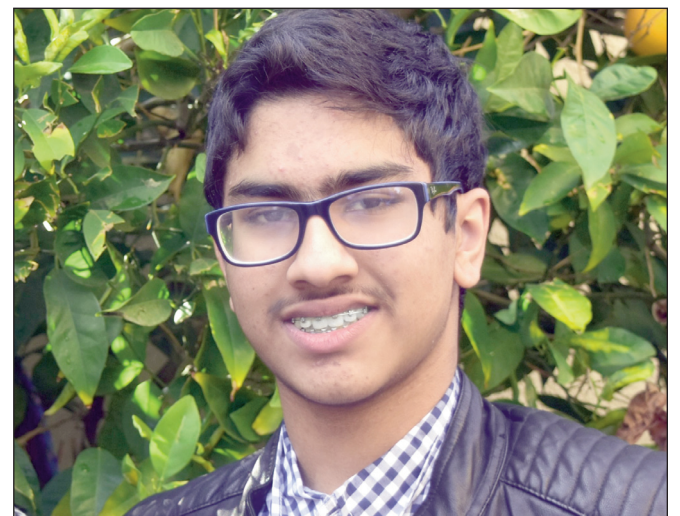
"I am proud of the many accomplishments in our district, and have each and every one of you to thank," Breland said in the email. "Even through a global pandemic, you persevered and remained committed to the educational journeys of our students no matter what challenges they were experiencing."

Breland, who has worked at SJECCD for the past nine years, will spend the



San Jose – Evergreen Community College District Chancellor **Dr. Byron D. Clift Breland**

remainder of the fall semester working with the district board to figure out details of his transition. Breland will officially leave his post in early January 2022. He noted in his email that his family is excited to be returning home to Southern California.



## 13-year old scientist develops new scalable, reusable shipping box

By William Bellou  
Publisher

A young San Jose scientist in the making is right here in Silicon Valley!

**Aadrit Talukdar** (pictured above), a 7th grader at BASIS Independent Silicon Valley, placed in the Top 10 of the 3M Young Scientist Challenge in partnership with Discovery Education.

Aadrit developed a scalable and reusable shipping box that can be used for online order shipments to reduce or eliminate the use of oversized boxes and excess packing materials.

Aadrit was among thousands of students participating in the competition nationwide and only 10 finalists are chosen based on their passion for science, spirit of innovation and ingenuity, and effective communication skills.

The 3M Young Scientist Challenge is known as a top event that brings together young people with new ideas and innovations to solve problems faced by societies by using engineering and scientific knowledge.

"I've always been interested in exploring new ideas through scientific experiments," Aadrit said. "Since March last year, life has been different for me just like everyone else in this world trying to cope with the COVID-19 pandemic. Our family was relying more and more on online orders, and I started wondering if there is a better way to minimize this waste of materials. So I created a scalable and reusable shipping box."

"If I go for post-graduate studies, I hope to be close to finishing my work and working on projects that benefit society. I hope to be a good person and a good citizen," said Aadrit.

Aadrit said he is very humbled to have been chosen to be part of this incredible journey.

"I'm very excited to begin working with my mentor, Ms. Mary Brown, to make my idea a reality," Aadrit said. "She has already given me so many insights for the project that I cannot wait to work on this great adventure."

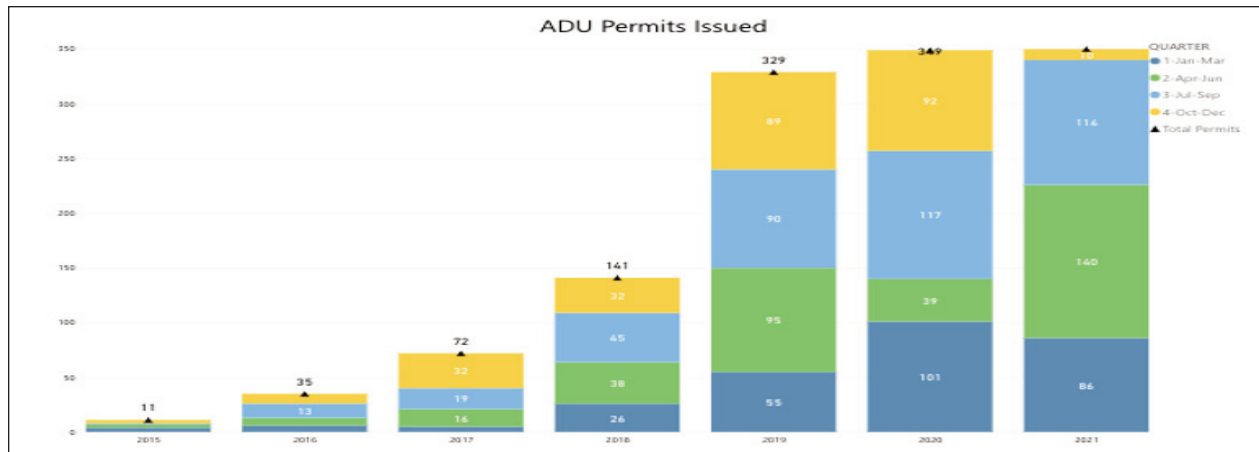
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## Housing

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Liccardo, along with the San Jose City Council, worked to simplify and reduce permitting fees of ADUs as a path to deliver naturally affordable housing to our housing stock. Instead of being met with massive opposition, the community generally accepted densification through ADUs, so much so that this program has become a model for speeding up housing production.

### Some two story ADUs now approved by City of San Jose

To accelerate ADU production, SJ City Council reduced regulations to allow for ADUs on smaller lots, allowed for two-story ADUs, increased the ADU square footage limit from 750 sq. feet to 1200 sq. feet, and even allowed for an amnesty program for unauthorized buildings to receive retroactive approval. For ADUs that are 750 square feet or below, the State eliminated park and school fees and the City reduced additional fees that are normally collected to subsidize low-income housing.

### Zero percent loans offered

Earlier this year, the San Jose Scaling Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) pilot program was launched to create an innovative financial program offering a 0% interest loan to 20-30 San Joseans to build backyard homes. The pilot program is designed to reduce costs, speed construction, and ease permitting challenges, according to Mayor Liccardo.

San Jose City staff also came up with many ideas to streamline the process, such as assigning an ADU Ally to help deal with permitting problems and to educate the public about the process of building ADUs. The ADU Ally, Sarah Shull, has conducted numerous community meetings, both virtual and in-person, with council members and is currently producing a video to help prospective ADU customers understand the importance of working through our ADU Universal Checklist.

San Jose City Staff has created a preapproved ADU vendor list and pre-approved plans to choose from so that people who are interested in building an ADU can have trusted plans and contractors to choose from. City staff also launched a Building Permit Services webpage in March 2020 to accommodate virtual online appointments. These processes are all aimed at streamlining ADU production to help alleviate the housing shortage.

### \$25,000 grant program launched

There is more good news on ADU's. The California Housing Finance Agency, CalFHA, has an ADU grant program to reimburse up to \$25,000 in costs associated with the construction of an ADU. For more information about the CalFHA Grant program and other ADU resources, visit the ADU Corner provided by the Santa Clara County Association of REALTORS®.

Eliminating fees and simplifying the process have yielded massive increases in the number of ADUs being permitted in San Jose. In fact, permits for ADUs have increased from 35 per year in 2016 to 349 in 2020. This year, the Planning & Building Department has already received 350, with an entire quarter remaining in the year. This is a 1000% increase in ADU permits!

While San Jose's efforts to spur development with their ADU programs may not solve our housing supply struggles alone, there is a basic lesson that needs to be learned by their concerted efforts. If we want to increase our housing supply, we need to reduce fees and streamline regulations.

To learn more about the ADU program, visit: [www.sanjoseca.gov/business/development-services-permit-center/accessory-dwelling-units-adus](http://www.sanjoseca.gov/business/development-services-permit-center/accessory-dwelling-units-adus)

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## Evergreen College among leading colleges in supporting transfer students

Evergreen Valley College, San Jose City College honored for success at enrolling and graduating Associate-Degree-for-Transfer-earners

During its annual Champions of Higher Education for Excellence in Transfer awards ceremony this week, the Campaign for College Opportunity honored Evergreen Valley College (EVC) and San José City College (SJCC) as statewide leaders in supporting the transfer goals of students.

The two colleges were recognized for significantly increasing the number of students earning an Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT), an instrumental pathway that has streamlined the transfer process and made it easier for students to earn a bachelor's degree after completing an associate degree program.

Although transfer is often thought of as a two-year process, only 2.5 percent of California Community College students transfer after two years and 23 percent after four years.

The Associate Degree for Transfer is designed to ensure that students are able to seamlessly transfer without accumulating excess units and spending more time and money on their education than necessary. Touted as Guarantee, students graduating with an ADT are guaranteed admission and junior standing into the California State University system.

Evergreen Valley College was honored as a 2021 Champion of See STUDENTS, page 7

# Valley Currents

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

## High School student Daleep Singh Pannu starts Evergreen Dementia Foundation to help community

By Kevin Larsen  
Times Staff Writer

“Start with an idea, make it a movement, then seek it.” This is the motto of Evergreen Valley High School student Daleep Singh Pannu.

He became interested in the world of dementia when he began noticing such signs present in his grandfather.

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Daleep Singh Pannu founder of Evergreen Dementia Foundation and Truth Seeker Clothing LTD.

## City of San Jose pilot project improves recycling behavior

The City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department has conducted a successful pilot program to improve residents' recycling behavior by providing recycling cart lids with trilingual (English, Spanish and Vietnamese) labels showing what is recyclable and what isn't.

The labels in the pilot were molded into the cart lids and feature images of recyclables and non-recyclables along with easy-to-understand text in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

The program, conducted this spring, sampled recycling material from nearly 5,000 single-family homes along five collection routes in north and east San Jose where the graphic labels had been distributed. The contamination rates along those routes dropped by an average of 20 percent.

The citywide contamination rate in 2020 was 51 percent. The average contamination rate for the 4,767 homes in the pilot project was 73 percent.

Recycling contamination occurs when garbage or other non-recyclable material is placed in recycling carts and when recyclable containers are not emptied of food and liquid. It makes sorting recyclables and finding a



market for them more challenging and expensive for processors, which can lead to higher rates for residential customers.

“Our pilot program shows we can make a big difference in recycling behavior by providing residents with information right where they recycle,” said Kerrie Romanow, Director of the Environmental Services Department. “We will be rolling out more of these cart lids in phases, beginning with the most contaminated routes.”

The study determined the cart lids with educational information were particularly effective at decreasing contamination in

areas with very high contamination rates. The largest decrease occurred among 956 households on a route whose contamination rate, which was 81 percent before the pilot, dropped by 35 percent.

Recycling contamination worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic, as San José residents spent more time at home and generated more waste. During the period of April-December 2019 to April-December 2020, single-family homes generated:

- 8 percent more garbage
- 17 percent more recycling
- 33 percent more recycling residue (non-recyclable material

removed from recyclables during the sorting process)

While the amount of garbage increased, the City did not see an increase in residents' requests for larger garbage carts, which means some residents likely placed extra garbage in their recycling carts. Environmental Services encourages residents to upsize to a larger garbage cart when needed and recommends purchasing Extra Garbage Stickers for occasional use when they have more garbage than their cart can handle. Residents can visit [sanjoseca.gov/311](http://sanjoseca.gov/311), dial 3-1-1 or call (408) 535-3500 to request larger carts. Extra Garbage Stickers are available at City Hall and San José Safeway and Lucky stores.

The pilot was part of a comprehensive, trilingual Recycle Right outreach campaign to inform residents about how to recycle properly.

Among the campaign's many features is SanJoseRecycles.org, a website that includes a recycling guide that shows what goes where, tips and articles, and a variety of other resources. The website has garnered more than 500,000 users since its 2019 launch.

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# San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo spurs support for local businesses with Launch of #ShopLocalSJ Campaign

Mayor Sam Liccardo rang in the holiday season with a campaign to encourage shopping and dining at local, small businesses and to remind business owners of City resources available to those struggling from ongoing economic impacts of the pandemic on Friday, Nov. 26.



Liccardo

keting, and web development to build out their online presence. Businesses can contact 'Get Virtual' by visiting [siliconvalleystrong.org/shoplocal](http://siliconvalleystrong.org/shoplocal) and click on "I need help getting my business online."

Individuals interested in lending their technical expertise to the program can sign up to help by contacting [info@getvirtual.org](mailto:info@getvirtual.org).

These initiatives include a virtual local business directory and digital resources for small businesses.

"Despite the hopes of a robust recovery from the pandemic, many small businesses still struggle to stay afloat. By spending our dollars here in San José this holiday shopping season, we can each do our part to show appreciation to the hardworking shopkeepers and staff that keep our city vibrant," said Mayor Sam Liccardo. "I encourage everyone to #ShopLocalSJ and support our small business community."

As the holidays approach, policies to support small businesses include:

- **#ShopLocalSJ**, a social media campaign to encourage residents to shop and dine locally during the holiday season to support establishments facing continued financial stress as a result of the pandemic. Residents are encouraged to post photos and positive reviews of local businesses with the hashtag #ShopLocalSJ on social media.

- **Digital directory** to highlight small businesses through the area. Community members who are not active on social media can help identify their favorite local businesses by visiting [siliconvalleystrong.org/shoplocal](http://siliconvalleystrong.org/shoplocal) and submit the businesses' information for the online directory.

- Small businesses that do not have a comprehensive digital presence can connect with **Get Virtual** for resources and guidance free of charge. Get Virtual will pair local businesses with college students trained in entrepreneurship, digital mar-



Mayor Sam Liccardo rang in the holiday season with a campaign to encourage shopping and dining at local, small businesses.

## Students

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Higher Education for Excellence in Transfer. It was one of just 12 community colleges across California to earn this distinction.

Racial equity gaps persist in transfer rates between Latinx and Black students and their peers. Because of this, the Campaign for College Opportunity developed an equity measure that assesses how Latinx and Black students are accessing and earning an ADT relative to the campus average.

Due to the strong performance of Latinx and Black students on its campus, San José City College was honored as a 2021 Equity Champion for Excellence in Transfer for Black and Latinx Students for working with intentionality to support Black and Latinx students through the Associate Degree for Transfer. It was one of just six community

colleges in the state to receive this award.

Meanwhile, both EVC and SJCC were recognized as 2021 Equity Champions for Excellence in Transfer for Latinx Students for their work to support Latinx students through the Associate Degree for Transfer.

"While there is still much work to be done to ensure that all students who want to transfer to a four-year university have the opportunity to complete that goal, these awards show that the hard work of our dedicated faculty and staff are having a positive impact on the lives of our students, particularly when it comes to closing the equity gap and achieving positive educational outcomes," said San José – Evergreen Community College District Chancellor Byron D. Clift Breland.

To learn more about how the honorees are selected, visit the Campaign for College Opportunity website at <https://college-campaign.org/>

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PUBLIC ART

# Permanent public artwork unveiled at Mineta San Jose International Airport

*“Threshold” – an exploration of creation through technology and aesthetics*

The City of San José and Mineta San José International Airport (SJC) welcome the installation of a new artwork in the pre-security Arrivals Hall of Terminal B. The work is by Philip Beesley & Living Architecture Systems Group on Nov. 18.

The artwork - *Threshold* - is a pair of sculptures enclosed in glass display cases, flanking the airport’s arrival hall. The artwork offers a dream-like display of crystalline rays, clouds, and nest-like forms, composed of more than sixty thousand individually crafted sculptural elements.

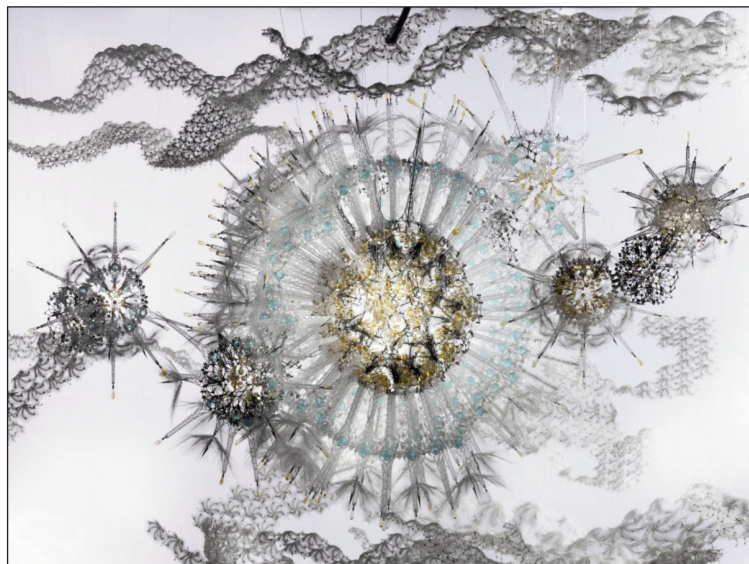
New kinds of digital fabrication were invented in the artist’s studio for this work, including innovative heating and laser-cutting techniques. Intertwined throughout the sculpture are clusters of

small glass orbs, filled with prototype liquids used by researchers investigating near-living cells that reflect the surrounding colorful bustle of the airport.

“The Airport is excited to offer travelers such compelling art as they arrive and depart the Bay

Area through San José,” said John Aitken, Director of Aviation at SJC. “We are always looking for ways to enrich the airport experience for travelers and tap into the ingenuity of Silicon Valley. *Threshold* does just that, and we appreciate the investments at our airport in support of the arts.”

“*Threshold* is an exquisite addition to the City’s permanent public art collection, exemplifying innovation at the intersection of art and technology,” says Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs. “The artwork will en-



rapture airport visitors.”

Artist Philip Beesley said: “Nature and technology are inter-

twined within this artwork. *Threshold* offers a new kind of gateway to Silicon Valley.”



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Alice Pham

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**Foundation**

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It is a world he began to explore because someday he plans to pursue medicine and explore the neurosciences.

On October 17 after extensive preparation, he gave a well-received presentation of what dementia is to those who speak Punjabi and English at the Sikh Gurdwara (a community hall and religious center). His motivation spread awareness about dementia in the community. The audience was fascinated.

He began to come to the realization that the Punjabi culture knew little about this disease. Pamphlets were handed out and a follow up question and answer session was done. He started a new organization to spread awareness and was brave enough to state that someday we will find a cure.

He leads people to resources from all organizations working to educate in helping fight dementia. He set up a clothing company (Truth Seeker Limited) to fundraise in which proceeds go to help the organizations that educate and do research on dementia

**Dementia and me**

On his website (truthseekerltd.com) Daleep Singh Pannu states: "I had to grapple with the reality of my grandfather's diagnosis years ago. As I struggled to find the truth and ways to cope, I found that a few main resources were the most helpful. So, as a means of thanks, we donate all our proceeds to those organizations; the Alzheimer's Association, Lewy Body Dementia Association, and my own group; Evergreen Dementia Foundation, dedicated to disseminating resources in the Punjabi language to help out people in my own community."

**Clear your fog about a variety of neurodegenerative issues**

In his Evergreen Dementia Foundation website (evergreendementia.org) Daleep Singh Pannu writes about many in Evergreen not understanding what dementia is. He states, "In the US, dementia, Parkinson's, and Alzheimer's research isn't focused on in hospitals. It is especially lacking in the Punjabi diaspora — only about 10% of all cases are diagnosed in Punjab. Evergreen Dementia is here to change that. An organization run by a student, Evergreen Dementia uses videos, pamphlets, and a variety of other multimedia to fight for the awareness and rights of those with neurodegenerative diseases, and to clear the fog about these issues - and maybe even find a cure."

Then he also writes something

heartfelt and poignant and says, "Dementia is scary. The thought of being cooped up in a shell only you can understand, seeing things only you can see. Demons only you can fight, but the disease has taken away all your weapons."

In our Evergreen Valley we have a young mind who is a fighter for conquering the disease of dementia. His name is Daleep Singh Pannu.

Editor's Note: Look for more information from Daleep Singh Pannu in upcoming issues of the Evergreen Times. He is helping our community in many ways.



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**Italian Heritage Foundation presents 33rd World of Italian Opera, dinner and holiday boutique Dec. 3**

The Italian Heritage Foundation is presenting the 33rd World of Italian Opera 12 noon, Thursday, Dec. 3 in San Jose.

The event includes diner (a box dinner prepared by Tony and Alba's Restaurant), a special artisan boutique, and this year a special tribute to former President of The

Board of Opera San Jose, Frank Fiscalini. Fiscalini was former Vice Mayor of San Jose and Superintendent of Schools for the East Side Union School District. He has always been a proud booster of opera San Jose and his leadership in the early days of the opera company helped make it the national institution it is today. The Opera in the Schools Program is still a vital part of the company's vision.

All Covid safety precautions and guidelines set forth by the county of Santa Clara and city of San Jose will be followed.

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Gas-powered leaf blowers may be phased out of San Jose in favor of electric ones. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

## Electric leaf blower pilot program powers up in San Jose

Idea developed in partnership with Councilmember Matt Mahan's office and residents of the District 10 Leaf Blower Working Group

By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

Gas-powered leaf blowers could disappear from San Jose, two years before they stop being sold in California.

An electric leaf blower pilot program launched on Friday aims to decrease the noise and air pollution generated by gas-powered blowers. The idea was developed in close partnership with San Jose Councilmember Matt Mahan's office and residents of the District 10 Leaf Blower Working Group.

Group Chair Marty Stuczynski said lawn maintenance workers prefer the 2-cycle gas leaf blowers because they're powerful and get the job done quickly. He has urged the city to transition to electric leaf blowers for years and is frustrated the City Council has been slow to act.

"All the cities around us get it done and we can't get it done in San Jose," he said. "I don't want to wait years and years for this to get done. I want to get it done now."

Stuczynski said if the pilot program goes well, the parks department will recommend the electric blowers and hopefully, councilmembers will be convinced to ban gas-powered leaf blowers citywide.

Armed with about \$33,500 in city funding for three electric leaf blowers and personnel, Mahan enlisted the help of the parks department to evaluate the battery life, charging time and efficiency of the electric blowers.

"I'm thrilled about the pilot from an environmental perspective," Mahan told San José Spotlight. "It demonstrates the power of community engagement in the political process."

Dan Greeley, interim parks manager, said the department looks for alternative technologies to reduce the city's carbon footprint as part of its 20-year ActivateSJ Strategic Plan. The department will evaluate the power of the electric blowers to move both dry and wet leaves, as well as their cost and comfort. Employees will alternate using gas and electric-powered leaf blowers every two weeks in Districts 2, 3, 6, 7, 9 and 10 while collecting data.

The pilot program, which started in late October, will continue until the end of June. The department will share preliminary findings in February 2022.

Greeley said electric leaf blowers still make noise, but at a lower decibel level. He added they are also less powerful, but still worth studying because of their other benefits.

"Our hope is to transition the older gas blowers to electric blowers over time," Mahan said. "But they do have to meet the needs of our Parks and Rec staff."

About 20 California cities—including Los Altos, Los Angeles, Los Gatos, Oakland and Palo Alto—have already banned gas-powered leaf blowers.

In October, Gov. Gavin Newsom signed legislation to phase out the sale of new gas-powered, small off-road engines in California. The new law affects gas-powered leaf blowers, lawn mowers and gas-powered generators. The bill was introduced by Assemblymembers Marc Berman (D-Menlo Park) and Lorena Gonzalez (D-San Diego).

AB 1346 requires new sales of these engines to be zero-emission by 2024 or whenever the California Air Resources Board determines is feasible. About \$30 million in the state's budget will be used for an incentive program to help landscaping businesses replace their gas-powered equipment with cleaner alternatives.

"It's time to phase out these super pollutants. They're not only bad for our environment, but can cause serious health issues for workers who utilize them every day," Gonzalez said in a statement. "We can and must help small landscaping businesses replace their gas-powered equipment with cleaner alternatives."

According to the California Air Resources Board, in one hour of operation, a commercial gas-powered leaf blower emits pollution comparable to driving a 2017 Toyota Camry about 1,100 miles, approximately the distance from Los Angeles to Denver.

In addition, the extremely high levels of noise—up to 112 decibels—created by the gas-powered blowers pose risks of hearing loss.

"Carbon monoxide and particulate matter exhaust from gas-powered engines saturate the air with dangerous contaminants, accelerating environmental deterioration and damage to our city's climate," Mahan said.



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Times **Feature**

# The intrinsic art of crying

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

What's the big deal about crying anyway?

You cry. I cry. Well, I guess I cry a lot. But it's all totally warranted, like when I'm stressed about meeting deadlines or laughing at TikTok cats or when returning soldiers are reunited with their dogs.

I cry when I watch sad movies (I'm convinced *Bridge to Terabithia* was some director's ploy to flood the Earth) or happy movies, documentaries where I'm outraged that not every animal lives happily ever after, every movie really. (Including *The Brave Little Toaster*, but in my defense, the alarm clock's sacrifice to bring back electricity was one of the most moving things I've ever seen.); commercials too, really anything inspirational—especially the car ones; just—tears everywhere.

...Maybe my habit of crying is a bit obnoxious. I cry a lot, so WHAT? If anything, that makes me a dedicated artist who is willing to sacrifice a bit of dignity in the name of beauty—which is exactly what I told the last person who confronted me about crying at the movies...when the live-action *Clifford the Big Red Dog* trailer was playing (what? *Clifford* was my childhood). They then had the audacity to hyena-laugh and said that crying doesn't make me an artist. Since I am someone who is driven solely by spite, this article is dedicated to that person that I'll never see again (because they'll be too ashamed to ever show their face again after being proven so wrong).

Okay, enough of this, let's see what a tear actually LOOKS LIKE because, to be completely honest, they all look (and taste) the same to me.

**Can you see grief?**

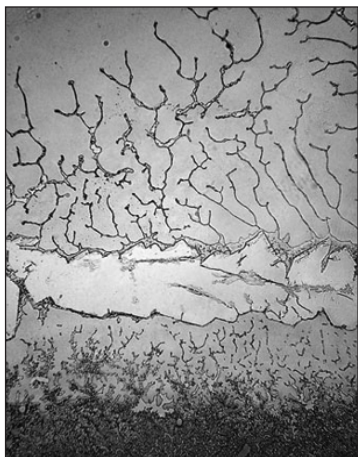
Luckily, photographer Rose-Lynn Fisher contemplated this exact question over a decade ago (meaning I don't have to purchase a microscope for this article, which is what I'm thankful for this Thanksgiving). She looked at one of her own tears under a standard light microscope, commenting, "It looked like an aerial view, almost as if I was looking down at a landscape from a plane...I started wondering—would a tear of grief look

any different than a tear of joy? And how would they compare to, say, an onion tear?"

These simple questions led to her extensive photography project "Topography of Tears", in which Fisher photographed over a hundred tears of grief, laughter, irritation, joy—collected from herself, a couple other volunteers (don't worry, she didn't force people to cry), including a newborn baby. Each tear is like a bird's eye view of a new world, a thoughtfully and carefully designed frozen moment in time. Fisher beautifully describes her project best, saying, "Although the empirical nature of tears is a chemistry of water, proteins, minerals, hormones, antibodies and enzymes, the topography of tears is a momentary landscape, transient as the fingerprint of someone in a dream. This series is like an ephemeral atlas."

Every tear you shed, like your fingerprint or a snowflake, is entirely unique down to their microscopic structure. Scientifically speaking, there are three types of tears: basal, reflex, and emotional, all of which possess different compositions. Basal tears are in your eyes 24/7 to protect your cornea and keep it wet and healthy.

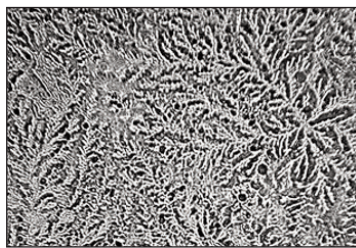
**"Basal Tears"**



Reflex tears are exactly what they sound like—a tearful response to when your eye is irritated, like when you're cutting onions or using any other shampoo than Johnson's Baby Shampoo (no more tears).

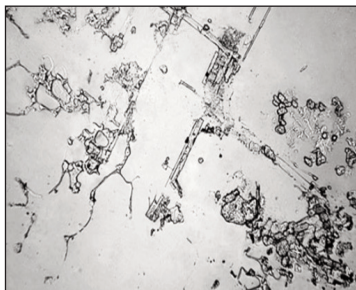
**"Onion Tears"**

Emotional tears, my specialty, are the tears that make us human (literally, humans are the only known mammals who cry as an emotional response). They come when we experience strong emo-

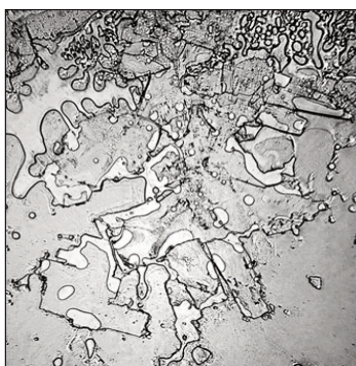


tional stress, from weeping when Tony Stark took his last stand in *Endgame* to laugh-crying at a family impression. Part of the variance in emotional tears may be explained by the three extra ingredients it has: the stress hormones prolactin and adrenocorticotrophic hormone, and the natural painkiller leucine enkephalin.

**"Tears of Grief"**



**"Tears of Laughing Till I'm Crying"**



Surprisingly, or perhaps unsurprisingly, tears of the same type or caused by the same reason don't have any obvious similarity and can look worlds apart after crystallizing. This is due to the expansive amount of variables, like the chemistry, the viscosity ("thickness"), and evaporation rate of the tears—even the microscope's settings!

So, the beauty in the structures isn't only due to mere tears, but also the randomness of external variables and distribution of your tears' various components.

Why tears? "Tears are the medium of our most primal language in moments as unrelenting as death, as basic as hunger and as complex as a rite of passage. It's as though each one of our tears carries a microcosm of the collective human experience, like one drop of an ocean." - Rose-Lynn Fisher.

Wow, she should consider being a poet too—that just about brought me to tears.

To see more of her photographs,



you can visit her website: [www.rose-lynnfisher.com/tears.html](http://www.rose-lynnfisher.com/tears.html)

Until next time! If you found this interesting, make sure to check

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Coyote Creek Trail at Bailey Road in the Coyote Valley.

**San Jose City Council unanimously approves the permanent protection of Coyote Valley**

*San José Mayor, councilmembers, and advocates celebrate expansion of lands protected in Coyote Valley*

The San Jose City Council has unanimously approved the permanent protection of Coyote Valley.

The council was joined by environmental advocates, Tribal leaders and community partners to celebrate the Nov. 16 unanimous City Council vote to approve zoning changes to Coyote Valley that will protect it from urban sprawl.

More than 3,200 acres of land in Coyote Valley are now protected for agriculture, recreation, and tourism uses and spared from the expansion of office and industrial development in the area, preserving it for future generations.

“Recent wildfires and flooding underscore the importance of defending our natural open space to keep our residents safe and honor the stewardship and advocacy of our environmental partners and indigenous community,” said San José Mayor Sam Liccardo. “By preserving Coyote Valley, San José remains committed to safeguarding our most precious resources for our children and future generations.”

Tuesday’s action by the San José City Council builds on Measure C and Measure T, which voters passed overwhelmingly in 2018. These measures respectively established development limits outside San José’s urban growth boundary to curb residential sprawl and allotted \$50 million for land acquisition to preserve groundwater and floodplain basins. In 2019, the City of San José, in partnership with the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority, protected 937 acres of habitats and floodplains in North Coyote Valley through a historic \$96 million purchase and sale agreement and open space designation. The City, the Authority, and POST have further leveraged public and nonprofit investment through \$150 million from local, state, and federal sources for natural infrastructure protection.

“Protecting and restoring Coyote Valley’s natural infrastructure is one of the smartest investments we can make to build climate re-

silience in the region and will help both nature and people adapt to climate change,” said Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager of the Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority. “We are proud to partner with the City of San Jose to advance innovative nature-based solutions to the climate crisis right here in our own backyard.”

Saff recommendations include moving the urban development boundary north of Coyote Valley to preclude development of office buildings and industrial sites in the area, as well as modifying zoning for existing businesses to ensure that those already operating in the Valley can remain. According to technical analysis done for Climate Smart San José, the preservation of Coyote Valley would lead to a greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions benefit of an approximate equivalent to 94,000 metric tons carbon dioxide (MT CO<sub>2</sub>e) per year. This change alone represents two percent of the reductions needed to get from the City’s current GHG emissions levels to the 2040 Climate Smart San José plan goal.

Coyote Valley represents 50% of Silicon Valley’s remaining undeveloped water recharge areas which are highly vulnerable to ground pollutant exposure from potential nearby industrial development. As a result of this Council action, the Coyote groundwater sub-basin remains protected from industrial contaminants. Underscoring Coyote Valley’s importance as one of the region’s most important forms of natural infrastructure, is Assembly Bill 948, proposed by Assemblymember Ash Kalra and signed into law in 2019. AB948 recognizes Coyote Valley as “a resource of statewide significance subject to intense development pressure and in need of restoration, conservation, and enhancement”.

The City will also explore the development of a carbon credits program that would be levied through future mitigation fees of development throughout the city to benefit public acquisition of land. This proposed program would directly benefit landowners in Coyote Valley and allow the City to grow the amount of protected open space available for residents and future generations to enjoy.



Times **Feature**



## Report: 2021 Holiday Budgets by US City

With last year's holiday spending having increased 8.3% despite the COVID-19 pandemic, the personal-finance website WalletHub has released its 2021 "Holiday Budgets by City" report, as well as accompanying videos and expert commentary.

WalletHub also released its free tool that calculates personalized holiday budgets for all WalletHub members between now and Dec. 25, 2021.

To help consumers avoid post-holiday regret, WalletHub used several key metrics, such as income, age and savings-to-monthly expenses ratio, to estimate the maximum spending amounts for consumers in each of 570 U.S. cities.

The following are some highlights from the report:

Average Consumer Profile of San Jose:

- Monthly Income: \$9,133
- Monthly Expenses: \$6,288
- Savings: \$17,211
- Age: 36.7
- Monthly Income-to-Monthly Expenses Ratio: 1.45

• Savings-to-Monthly Expenses Ratio: 2.74

• Average Holiday Budget for 2021: \$1,293

### Holiday Budget by the top 50 US Cities

1	Flower Mound, TX	\$3,427
2	Sunnyvale, CA	\$3,085
3	The Woodlands, TX	\$3,073
4	Sugar Land, TX	\$3,029
5	Mountain View, CA	\$2,959
6	Ellicott City, MD	\$2,950

7	Naperville, IL	\$2,941
8	Bellevue, WA	\$2,927
9	Carmel, IN	\$2,806
10	League City, TX	\$2,778
11	Milpitas, CA	\$2,710
12	Allen, TX	\$2,688
13	Pearland, TX	\$2,669
14	Maple Grove, MN	\$2,577
15	Cary, NC	\$2,541
16	Troy, MI	\$2,524
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18	Arlington, VA	\$2,434
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21	Rochester Hills, MI	\$2,338
22	Palo Alto, CA	\$2,276
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**CAREER CORNER**

# Looking beyond the 'Great Resignation'

By **Angela Copeland**

Just a few years ago, we would have never guessed that there would be anything called the Great Resignation. But, here we are. It feels like everyone is looking for a new job, in every industry, all at the same time.



We've waited for the tables to turn back in favor of the employee, and we're finally here. More than 4.4 million workers voluntarily quit their jobs in September, according to the Department of Labor. This was the highest voluntary quit on record.

**How did we get here?**

But, how did we get here? This is not the shocking overnight phenomenon that appears to be happening. We've been building to this point over many years. And, the pandemic has taken it to the next level.

Employees are staying at jobs for less time than in the past. In fact, staying too long is viewed as a negative by many employers. The bar to be a job hopper is much lower, and frankly, the experience that comes with multiple jobs is valued by many hiring managers.

Most workers grew up seeing their parents or grandparents being taken advantage of at work. Mom or dad committed to a company for their entire career, only to be laid off when that same company needed to save a little money. It is no longer reasonable for any company to expect loyalty when they cannot provide the same in return to workers.

**CEO of your own career**

Today's workers view themselves as the CEO of their own careers. This is even true with regards to education. Often, companies expect new hires to hit the ground running. They take less time for training and development. That responsibility has transitioned to the worker.

And, today's workers expect respect - for themselves, and their peers. Never in history have employees felt more strongly that employers should take a stand on issues related to social justice or equality.

I hope to see the age of the empowered worker continue into the future. But, one thing that always empowers workers is personal choice. It's the opportunity to choose what's next in your own career. And, when the job market was in favor of the company, you needed a strong network and recommendations to do that.

**Markets aren't forever**

Don't forget that the current market will not be here forever. This exciting time reminds me of 2008, when the housing market grew very quickly. Home prices rose at a rate that was not sustainable, and eventually, they fell dramatically. The bubble



Take calculated risks, but, don't burn bridges when seeking your new role.

burst. Those who counted on it to continue to grow were burned.

**Look for your next role**

Take advantage of this opportunity. Look for your next role. Get a pay raise. Take calculated risks, but, don't burn bridges. Your network is part of your career. It will help you to take the next step, and you will still need it when the Great Resignation ends. Stay on good terms with your boss, and your colleagues. It's an investment in your future career path.

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Times Feature

# Manodharmam: Part 1

By Veena Krishnan

Special to the Times

Manodharmam is the improvisational concept of Carnatic music, which is a vast concept.

I will begin this with part 1 as it would be very difficult to cover such a vast topic in one article. No full-length concert in Carnatic music is complete without manodharmam. Perhaps the three most important parts are raga alapana, kalpanaswaram, and neraval. Manodharmam is a challenging concept, although one of the very exciting aspects of Carnatic music. In most cases, manodharmam is sung to a varnam, krithi, or bhajan, though in various levels of intricacy.

Raga alapana is one of the very soulful aspects in manodharmam. It is purely melody and does not follow any beat. It is sung before beginning a composition and follows the same raga the piece is set to. A raga alapana can be a brisk 30 second outline, or an elaborate painting of the raga, lasting up to 7 – 8 minutes or even more. Some ragams are simpler, and artists usually limit these ragams to shorter alapanas.

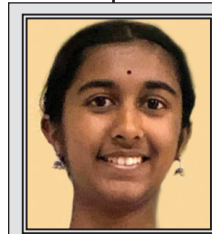
In this duration, the performer highlights the melodic beauty of this raga using slow to fast paced sangathis (melodic tunes ranging in intricacy and complexity), repetition, and short pauses. The longer the alapana, the more an artist is able to show. Some ragams give scope to explore shruthi – bhedam/graha – bhedam, which is singing raga alapana in a different raga using a note other than Sa in the Carnatic solfege as the starting note for this scale.

Neraval is the elaboration of a specific line in a krithi. It is usually sung to the same line the artist would sing swara-prastharam/ kalpanaswaram to. The artist improvises the line in different areas of the scale, bringing out its beauty in so many ways while following the rhythm of the line. Accompanists take part in performing neraval, too, playing after the vocalist sings each step. Most of the time, the artist ends the final step of

neraval with a fast – paced melody that everyone enjoys.

Kalpanaswarams are sung after neraval. Using the Carnatic solfege, artists make swarams in different speeds. The exchange of swarams between a performer and their accompanist is a lively aspect to a concert. Swarams can range from small to large, completing many beat cycles. Another concept is called korappu. Swarams are performed and slowly decrease in length, ending with a common three-beat note. After korappu, the artist sings a final long swaram and ends with a korvai, or a rhythmic pattern usually sung three times. In swarams, artist can choose to end with patterns, include zigzagging phrases, or just sarvalaghu swarams, or swarams without a specific pattern. This brings more beauty to the concert.

Manodharmam is very exciting to learn as a Carnatic music student, perform on a stage, and listen as a part of the audience. Several artists of the 20th century were admired for their skill in manodharma sangeetham. Vidwan Semmangudi Srinivasa Iyer was especially known for his beautiful neraval. Ganakaladhara Madurai Mani Iyer was known for his elaborate sarvalaghu swarams. Vidwan G N Balasubramaniam's graha bhedam was



About Carnatic Music

By Veena Krishnan



unique, and Vidushi M L Vasanthakumari was known for her brilliant, original manodharmam.

Manodharmam is a vast concept, stay tuned for the next article for more manodharmam aspects in Carnatic music.

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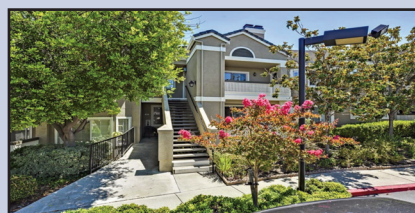
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*Top 5 US locations where Airbnb is the most affordable option*

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With lodging thought to take up over a quarter of domestic travel expenditures, the travel experts at Bounce analyzed the prices of Airbnb and hotel listings in 80 top travel destinations, across the US and the world, revealing the US destinations where staying in a hotel is the most affordable accommodation option.

If you're looking to visit the stunning Hawaiian paradise of Waikiki Beach, you could save 72.9% by staying in a hotel over an Airbnb. The average nightly price of a double hotel room near Waikiki Beach is just \$74, while for a similar Airbnb stay, it would cost you \$271! For a 72.9% markup, holiday-goers would be better off choosing the traditional option.

Renowned for its clear blue lakes, and mountains with beautiful views, visitors to the Grand Teton National Park have no shortage of things to do, but where you sleep can have a major impact on your bill. The research found an overnight stay near the park would typically cost just \$231 in a hotel but a whopping \$847 in an Airbnb.

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Yosemite, which sees an average hotel cost of \$206, in comparison to Airbnb's average of \$646!

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If you're planning a trip to the historical city of Boston, your wallet would thank you for choosing to stay in an Airbnb. A night in a double room of a hotel will typically cost tourists \$397, whereas it's only \$172 for Airbnb. Meaning you could save over 100% by making the right decision.

Home to one of the richest histories of conservation parks in the country, Zion is flooded with tourists. Stopping over in a hotel would dent your wallet more than an Airbnb. Hotel rates average at \$456 per night, whereas it's almost half the price for an Airbnb (\$284).



Here are the top 10 US locations where you can save money by staying in a hotel over an Airbnb.

Rank	Destination, State	Average nightly Airbnb price	Average nightly hotel price	Difference
1	Waikiki Beach, Hawaii	\$271	\$74	73%
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3	Yosemite, California	\$646	\$206	68%
4	Nashville, Tennessee	\$612	\$202	67%
5	Savannah, Georgia	\$435	\$199	54%
6	Las Vegas, Nevada	\$567	\$281	50%
7	Yellowstone, Montana	\$456	\$229	50%
8	Houston, Texas	\$277	\$143	48%
9	Asheville, North Carolina	\$346	\$205	41%
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The research also revealed the top 5 US locations where staying in an Airbnb is the most affordable option:

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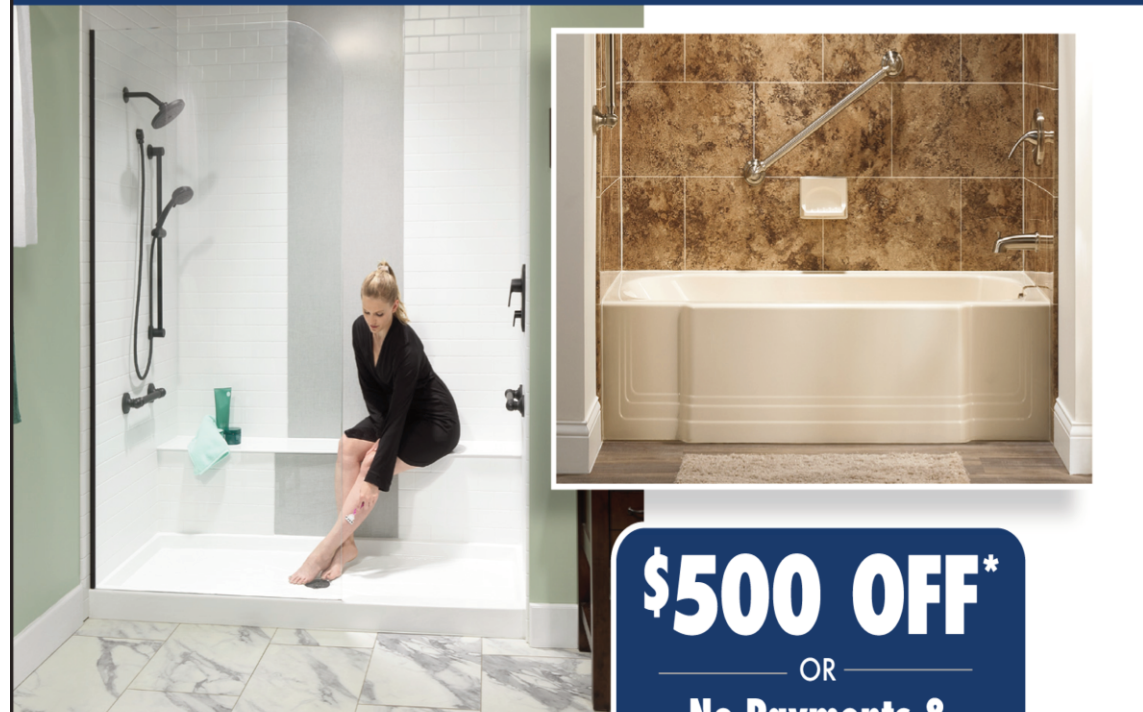
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\$2,800,000 | 4 Bed | 3.5 Bath | 2875 Sq Ft | 10.114 Sq Ft Lot

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