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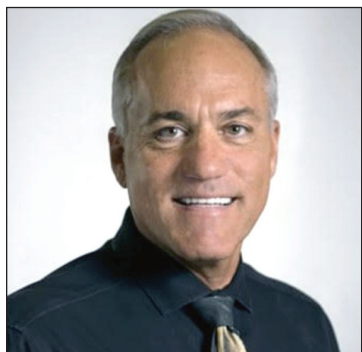
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Evergreen School District Board of Trustees appoints Betando Interim Superintendent

Experienced education leader to serve in temporary role until June 30, 2022

At its board meeting on January 13, the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees appointed veteran education leader **Steve Betando** (pictured above) to serve as Evergreen School District's Interim Superintendent, following the departure of Superintendent Dr. Emy Flores, who accepted a Superintendent position in West Covina Unified School District.

At the same meeting, the Evergreen School District Board of
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ESD Superintendent Awards presented to community partners, staff, parents and volunteers at board meeting

By William Bellou
Publisher

At the Evergreen School District Board of Trustees meeting held Thursday, January 13, Superintendent Awards were presented to community partners, staff, parents and volunteers who played a critical part in ensuring Evergreen students were front and center in dealing with the Covid pandemic this past year.

"I want to personally thank all of you and present the Superintendent Awards for your exemplary community services, dedication and commitment to our students and the entire Evergreen community," said Dr. Emy Flores, Evergreen School District Superintendent.

Flores wanted to acknowledge key individuals and organizations before leaving the district for her new job as Superintendent of West Covina Unified School District. Recipients of the Superintendent Award are:

Staff

Chris Quick, ESD Nurse; Mary Escobar, LeyVa Health Clerk; Bernadette Marcias, Teacher, Car-



Parent volunteer **Nikunj Perekh**, who presented many innovative education ideas, was among the recipients of the Evergreen School District Superintendent Award.

olyn Clark School; Elizabeth Fong, Teacher, Silver Oak School; and Jennifer Oien-Chen, K. Smith, Speech Therapist.

Community Partners

Councilmember Maya Esparza, District 7; Councilmember Sylvia Arenas, District 8; William Bellou, *Evergreen Times*; Josh Barousse, San Jose Spotlight; Stacey Johnston, PEER Foundation; and Second Harvest Food Bank.

Parents & Volunteers

Evergreen Council of PTA's, Marie Truong, Nancy Keo, Madhavi Gupta, MyLinh Chan, Nikunj Perekh, Madhu Janardan, and Lakshmi Kongara.

In her farewell letter to the community, Dr. Flores said, "My heart is filled with gratitude and sadness as this is the last district parent newsletter that I send to you as your Superintendent. Again, I want to thank members of the Board of Trustees for the continuous support, our district Cabinet and Management Team members, our teachers, and support staff for being such an amazing team to help navigate our district through school consolidations, pandemic school closures, distance learning, and reopening our



William Bellou, publisher of the *Evergreen Times*, was recognized as a valued community partner by the ESD Superintendent Awards.

schools. You are some of the hardest-working, compassionate and caring people I have had the honor of working with. And thank you to our students and families who have taught me so much as a school leader; I am grateful for each lesson that I have learned from each of you. We have so much to celebrate in the Evergreen School District. I feel so blessed to have been part of this community. I will greatly miss our students and their families and staff members who make this district a truly great place to educate children.

Thank you for entrusting me with your children, schools, and community!

Three local high school juniors are first place winners at Silicon Valley DECA conference

At this year's Silicon Valley DECA conference, three local juniors from San Jose placed 1st in the Franchise Business Plan division.

The juniors from Basis Independent Silicon Valley (BISV) chose Dairy Queen as their franchise pick at this year's conference held at the Santa Clara Marriott January 7-9. Last year the juniors chose Krispy Kreme.

What is DECA state competition?

DECA conferences are targeted, highly-focused learning experiences for students and advisors that support

National Curriculum Standards and the development of 21st Century Skills. The State Career Development Conference (SCDC) is the biggest and most exciting California DECA event of the year.

There were more than 600 students total in attendance and they competed in more than 20 different business related events.

Students earn medals for their test score, a role play interview with a local business professional and earn a spot at the DECA state competition which will be held in March.



Pictured (left to right) are DECA Conference first place winners **Neetika Mishra, Riya Pai, and Aashirya Rai**.

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Times **Local News**

SJECED names Dr. Raúl Rodríguez new interim chancellor

The San José – Evergreen Community College District (SJECED) board of trustees has appointed a new interim chancellor, unanimously selecting **Dr. Raúl Rodríguez** during a vote in late December.

Rodríguez (inset), who most recently served as interim superintendent/president of Hartnell College, began in his position at SJECED on January 18.

Prior to his role at Hartnell, Dr. Rodríguez served for one year as the interim president at East Los Angeles College. From 2010 to 2019, he served as chancellor of Rancho Santiago Community College District, one of the largest community college districts in California with an enrollment of more than 60,000 students and a workforce of more than 4,000 employees.

“We are very fortunate to have such a highly skilled and experienced leader as Dr. Rodríguez to serve as interim chancellor,” said SJECED Board President Bob Livengood. “My colleagues on the board and I are confident that Dr. Rodríguez is the versatile, creative, and passionate leader we need to lead the District during this challenging period.”

Community and professional service has been a priority of Dr. Rodríguez’s throughout his career. He is currently on the board of the National Community College Hispanic Council and on the board of stewards of the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation. Dr. Rodríguez previously served for eight years as a board member of the Santa Ana Chamber of Commerce, for three years on the Orange County Taxpayers Association, and for three years on the International Consortium for Educational and Economic Development. In 2012 he was elected to the board of the Chief Executive Officers of the California Community Colleges and appointed to the executive board of the CSU Fullerton Doctor of Educational Leadership Program. In addition, Dr. Rodríguez has been a member of the League of United Latin American Citizens and served as a board member on multiple non-profit organizations, including the Boys & Girls Club, Goodwill, Junior Achievement, and the United Way.

“I am thankful to the board of trustees for placing their confidence in me to lead SJECED, where the District’s values of opportunity, equity, and social justice align with my personal values as an educator,” Dr. Rodríguez said. “I’m honored to have the opportunity to work alongside the dedicated faculty, classified professionals, and administrators at SJECED.”

An educator for more than 35 years, among Dr. Rodríguez’s previous positions held are vice president of instruction and interim president of San José City College (SJCC), roles that he held from 1994 to 1996.

“I know a lot has changed at SJCC since my time there, including the construction of numerous new buildings and other development of the campus, but in some ways this is like a homecoming. I’m excited to re-familiarize myself with SJCC and Evergreen Valley College,” he said.

Dr. Rodríguez earned a doctorate degree in psychology from the University of California, Santa Cruz. He also holds a master’s degree in school and applied psychology from Fairfield University and a bachelor’s degree in liberal studies from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. He is also a graduate of the Harvard Insti-

tute for Educational Management.

“With the ongoing pandemic and other issues impacting community colleges, there are certainly many challenges ahead, but many opportunities to enhance the education and services that we are providing to the greater San José and Milpitas communities as well,” Dr. Rodríguez said.

The SJECED board of trustees is scheduled to consider Dr. Rodríguez’s contract during its regular meeting on January 25. It will conduct a nationwide search for the next SJECED chancellor this spring.



SNHU Announces Fall 2021 President's List

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) has named two Evergreen Valley residents to the Fall 2021 President’s List. The recipients are Lisa Av and Marisa Kuyava.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.7 are named to the President’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits; undergraduate day students must earn 12 credits in the fall or spring semester.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with an 89-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults, serving more than 160,000 learners worldwide. U.S. News & World Report reports SNHU as one of the fastest-growing universities in the U.S.

Charlize Tungol of Evergreen Valley named to Emerson College Fall 2021 Dean's List

Charlize Tungol of Evergreen Valley is among the students named to Emerson College’s Dean’s List for the Fall 2021 semester.

Tungol is majoring in Journalism and is a member of the Class of 2025. She graduated from Evergreen Valley High School in 2021.

The requirement to make Dean’s List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher for that semester.

Based in Boston, Massachusetts, Emerson is known for its experiential learning programs in Los Angeles, the District of Columbia, the Netherlands, London, China, and the Czech Republic as well as its new Global Portals, with the first program launching this fall in Paris. The College has an active network of more than 51,000 alumni who hold leadership positions in communication and the arts.



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BBB issues warning about apple airtag; devices being exploited by stalkers, thieves

It's designed to help you keep track of your Apple devices, but the Apple AirTag has a dark side, too.

Apple's small disc allows you to link all your Apple devices so you can locate them at any time. The problem is crooks are using AirTags to "mark" cars they intend to steal and scammers are using the AirTags to stalk their victims.

People across the country - and especially in Los Angeles and the Bay Area - are reporting the problem. They receive a notification on their iPhone that an unauthorized device has been detected near
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Valley Currents

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

San Jose food pantry raises funds to pay for pricey city permit

By Lorraine Gabbert

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

After facing closure for having to pay San Jose up to \$15,500 for a special use permit, a local food pantry has raised enough funding overnight to remain open.

The Lighthouse Ministries Food Pantry, which serves families, seniors, disabled and unhoused people, was told by the city it would have to raise funds for a permit or cease operations on Feb. 14.

City spokesperson Cheryl Wessling said the cost of the special use permit is necessary for environmental and planning review, public notification and outreach and a public hearing, all which require staff. Complaints from neighbors about driveways being blocked and other parking issues related to the food pantry can be addressed in the permitting process.

The city threatened to charge the food pantry \$2,500 a day until the permit is paid for. If the permit was not paid for by that deadline, the city would charge a reinspection fee of \$231.

A day after San José Spotlight wrote about the potential closure, the GoFundMe campaign to save the food pantry exploded, with one anonymous contributor donating \$10,000. The campaign had raised \$16,662 as of Tuesday night.

A longtime San José Spotlight reader reached out to "Community" actress Yvette Nicole Brown on Twitter, asking her to retweet the article to raise support and funds for the food pantry to her nearly 500,000 followers. Brown retweeted the article, helping to bring more attention to the issue.

The food distribution center, located at E. Julian and 17th streets in San Jose, feeds more than 1,000 people a day six days a week, pro-



A Lighthouse food pantry volunteer and Pastor Ralph Olmos unload a truck. Photo by Lorraine Gabbert.

viding fresh fruit and vegetables, bread, eggs and dairy to those in need.

Pastor Ralph Olmos said he couldn't believe the outpouring of support Lighthouse received. Now the food pantry that so many rely on can keep its doors open, he said.

"It's amazing," he told San José Spotlight on Tuesday afternoon. "The people are speaking."

Olmos said the Lighthouse volunteers expressed excitement throughout the day as the GoFundMe total kept rising.

"I want to say thank you to everyone who's taken the time to show support for Lighthouse," he said. "I feel a lot of gratitude in my

heart that the people are embracing us."

Olmos said he will use the funding to pay for the permit and improve the look and feel of the farmer's market-style food pantry.

Lighthouse Distribution Center manager Tony Covarrubias said Tuesday it's a blessing that people are willing to step up to help keep the food pantry running. He said they're giving food back to the people who thought they'd have to go without it.

"From the bottom of my heart, I'm really grateful," Covarrubias told San José Spotlight. "There are still people out there who care, who have a good heart to help others who are less fortunate."



Food pantry patrons state the "Pantry" helps them get by on limited retirement funds and produce is healthy for them but often is expensive to buy. Photos by Lorraine Gabbert.

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Air Tag

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them. One woman said she found the AirTag taped to the inside of her duffel bag; another said it was attached to the bumper of her car. Other times the small discs have been surreptitiously slipped into handbags, pockets and between car seats without the owner's knowledge.

"The Air Tag is a great tool for keeping track of our devices, which we often have a habit of misplacing, but it also brings up data security and privacy issues," says Steve McFarland, President & CEO of the Better Business Bureau of Los Angeles & Silicon Valley. "Too often we're seeing them misused by people with malicious intent."

McFarland says, "It's important to be alert and as soon as you see a notification that an unknown device has been detected, turn off your location services, contact Apple and contact local police."

The BBB of Los Angeles & Silicon Valley hasn't yet received complaints from consumers about the abuse of AirTags, and McFarland says that's probably because most people are going to law enforcement if they suspect they're being followed.

Apple publishes a guide to device and data security and news stories have been popping up with great frequency. McFarland urges consumers to pay attention to those online warnings and always check their personal belongings carefully.

HEALTH

Eye drops offer new option to reading glasses

A new eye drop could make misplaced reading glasses a thing of the past.

The new eye drop, called Vuity, is now available by prescription that improves close-range vision without affecting long-range vision. The application is a once-a-day treatment.

"For anybody who doesn't want to fiddle with reading glasses, this might be a really helpful alternative," said Dr. Scott Mac-Rae, an ophthalmologist at the University of Rochester's Center for Visual Science.

The new drug was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in late October.

More than 88% of adults 45 years or older in the US have problems with close-range vision, a condition known as presbyopia that typically worsens over time.

To focus on close objects, the eye's lens must change shape, yet it becomes less flexible as people age, making this process difficult.



FAREWELL, DR. FLORES

"The pain of parting is nothing to the joy of meeting again."
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Opera San José presents vibrant, flamenco-infused production of Bizet's Carmen Feb. 12 – 27

Presented live at the California Theatre in downtown San Jose

Fiercely flamenco joins brilliant singing to ignite Bizet's iconic opera, Carmen, in a vibrant Opera San José production conducted by Music Director Joseph Marcheso, with reimagined stage direction by Lillian Groag.

In a new collaboration with the acclaimed Flamenco Society of San José, dance, singing, and drama will come together to tell the passionate tale of a defiant heroine whose rebellious quest for freedom defies societal expectations of women and seals her tragic fate.

The opera will feature Nikola Printz as Carmen, Noah Stewart as Don José, Anne-Marie MacIntosh as Micaëla, Eugene Bracoveanu as Escamillo, Leo Radosavljevic as Zuniga, Peter Morgan as Morales, Teresa Castillo as Frasquita, Stephanie Sanchez as Mercédès, Jared V. Esguerra as Remendado, and Rafael Porto as Dancairo. The lauded CANTA (California Academy of Novel and Traditional Arts) children's chorus, led by Jose Chuy Hernandez, will also take the stage.

Set in 1820, Carmen will be sung in French, with English supertitles, with performances February 12 – 27, 2022 (dates/times below) at the California Theatre, 345 South 1st Street, San Jose.

For more information or to purchase tickets (\$55-\$195), the public can visit operasj.org or call (408) 437-4450 (open Monday through Friday, 9:00am-5:00 pm).

Note to audiences: The production of this opera features depictions of violence, the sound of a gunshot, and haze. Performances: 7:30pm, Saturday, February 12; 2:00pm, Sunday, February 13; 7:30pm, Thursday, February 17; 2:00pm Sunday, February 20; 7:30pm; Friday, February 25; and 2:00pm; Sunday, February 27. Tickets: \$55-\$195

Editor's note: Beginning February 4, 2022, the City of San Jose and Opera San José will require proof of up-to-date vaccination for COVID-19 for everyone ages 12 and up – including a booster shot at least one week prior for eligible patrons – for entry into the California Theatre. For a full description of Opera San José's COVID-19 safety and health protocols please visit operasj.org/health-and-safety/.



Carmen Cast and Creative: Conductor: Joseph Marcheso, Director: Lillian Groag. Pictured: Carmen: **Nikola Printz** (top left), Don José: **Noah Stewart** (top right), Escamillo: **Eugene Bracoveanu** (bottom left), Frasquita: **Teresa Castillo** (bottom, middle), and Remendado: **Jared V. Esguerra** (bottom, right). Photos: *Operasj.com*



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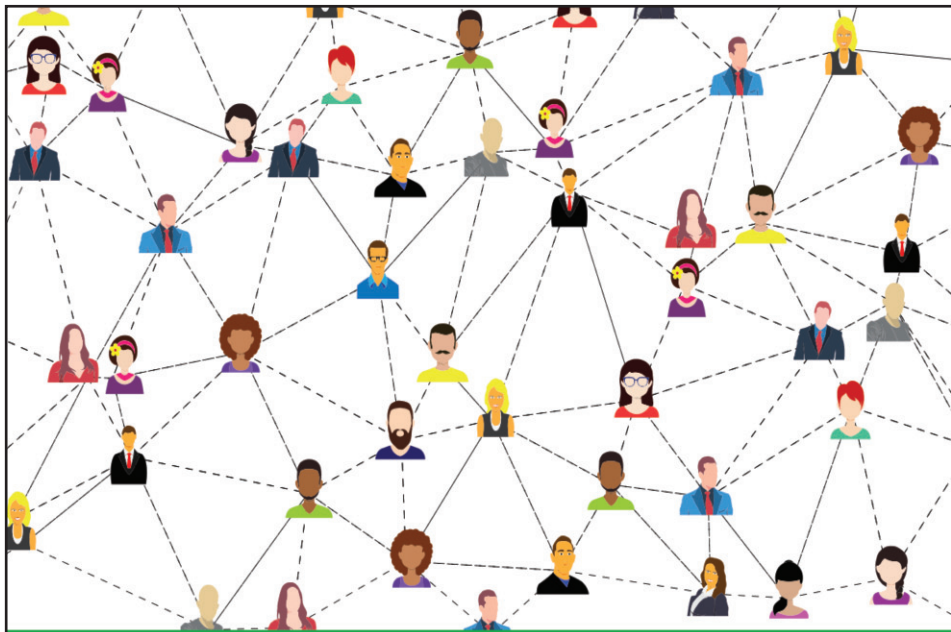


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Times News

Report: 2022's Best & Worst States to Drive in

With traffic congestion costing U.S. drivers an average of 36 hours and \$564 during 2021, the personal-finance website WalletHub just released its report on 2022's Best & Worst States to Drive in.

To determine the most driver-friendly states in the U.S., WalletHub compared the 50 states across 31 key metrics. The data set ranges from average gas prices to rush-hour traffic congestion to road

quality.

Driving in California (1 = Best; 25 = Avg.):

- 45th – Share of Rush-Hour Traffic Congestion
- 15th – Traffic Fatality Rate
- 48th – Car Theft Rate
- 50th – Avg. Gas Prices
- 27th – Auto-Maintenance Costs
- 44th – Road Quality

Best & Worst Driving States

Overall Rank	State	Total Score	Cost of Ownership & Maintenance	Traffic & Infrastructure	Safety	Access to Vehicles & Maintenance
1	Iowa	62.04	5	7	38	22
2	Oklahoma	61.65	4	9	34	27
3	Kansas	61.51	12	4	36	32
4	North Carolina	61.27	7	29	23	10
5	Texas	60.57	25	41	14	4
6	Georgia	60.04	8	39	27	8
7	Wisconsin	60.03	3	19	37	20
8	Tennessee	60.02	1	26	41	21
9	Illinois	59.71	34	36	6	5
10	Indiana	59.46	14	22	31	17
11	Nebraska	59.46	16	6	35	33
12	Kentucky	59.42	6	23	26	31
13	Ohio	59.27	2	31	39	7
14	Virginia	58.45	9	40	29	13
15	Alaska	58.34	27	14	5	50
16	Alabama	58.25	10	16	40	26
17	Idaho	58.21	29	5	21	43
18	New York	57.82	42	46	3	2
19	North Dakota	57.80	22	1	45	47
20	Maine	57.73	24	17	16	37
21	West Virginia	57.25	11	20	32	44
22	Florida	56.71	31	44	17	3
23	South Dakota	56.65	18	11	44	38
24	Arkansas	56.35	21	10	42	34
25	Arizona	55.98	32	21	15	25
26	Utah	55.65	30	18	22	29
27	Vermont	55.62	33	24	8	40
28	New Mexico	55.60	28	3	43	42
29	Mississippi	55.41	17	12	47	35
30	Louisiana	55.24	35	25	12	30
31	Minnesota	55.11	26	32	25	19
32	Pennsylvania	54.68	38	33	28	6
33	South Carolina	54.62	13	27	46	28
34	New Hampshire	54.49	19	45	13	41
35	Oregon	54.41	44	13	18	23
36	Montana	53.95	20	2	50	45
37	Massachusetts	53.75	41	49	2	9
38	New Jersey	53.75	36	48	4	12
39	Connecticut	53.30	46	34	1	24
40	Nevada	53.11	45	15	10	39
41	Wyoming	52.31	15	8	48	48
42	Missouri	51.47	23	28	49	15
43	Michigan	51.40	43	30	30	11
44	Colorado	50.85	40	38	33	16
45	Washington	49.34	48	37	20	14
46	Maryland	48.54	37	50	19	18
47	California	48.00	50	42	9	1
48	Delaware	48.00	39	35	24	49
49	Rhode Island	47.41	47	47	7	46
50	Hawaii	41.02	49	43	11	

For the full report, visit: www.wallethub.com/edu/best-worst-states-to-drive-in/43012

Times **Community News**

One person killed in a two-vehicle collision on South White Road and Almond Drive

Excessive speed blamed as cause of crash

A two-car crash in San Jose resulted in one person dying and two others being injured in Evergreen on January 12, according to police.

The crash was reported at 8:07 a.m. Wednesday morning in the area of South White Road and Almond Drive.

One person was pronounced dead at the scene while two others were taken to a hospital with moderate injuries, police said.

An investigation by the San Jose police revealed that a GMC sports utility vehicle was traveling at a high rate of speed northbound on South White Road in the number two lane when it hit a Toyota minivan preparing to make a left-hand turn onto South White Road from Almond Drive.

The adult male Toyota driver was pronounced deceased at the scene, while an adult female passenger was taken to a local hospital with minor to moderate injuries.

The adult male driver of the GMC was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

Police said because of the excessive speed the GMC driver would be booked for vehicular manslaughter after being discharged from the hospital.

Anyone with information on the crash was urged to contact Detective O'Brien #3527 of the police department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

Another collision reported

On January 7, 2022, at approximately 8:30 PM, Officers responded to a traffic collision involving a vehicle and a pedestrian in the area of Senter Road and Capitol Expressway. The preliminary investigation revealed the following:

An unknown year and make, possibly blue or green, extended cab truck was traveling northbound on Senter Road in the number one lane just north of the intersection with Capitol Expressway. The truck struck an adult male pedestrian that was crossing Senter Road from west to east across lanes of traffic. The pedestrian was outside of any marked crosswalk.

The unknown vehicle and driver fled the scene after the collision and have not been located or identified.

The pedestrian was transported to a local hospital with life threatening injuries. On January 14, 2022, the pedestrian succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

This is the 5th fatal collision and the 5th victim of 2022. This is also the 3rd pedestrian fatality of 2022.

The identity of the victim will be released by the Santa Clara County Coroner's Office after they confirm the victim's identity and notify next of kin.

Anyone with information on this investigation is urged to contact Detective Aldinger #4183 of the San José Police Department's Traffic Investigations Unit at 408-277-4654.

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TENNIS TIPS

Seven tips to annoy your opponents

By Ken DeHart

Do you play Ugly Tennis - and win?

As much as I would like to smash ground strokes and serves like the pros do, I don't have the practice time or the skill level - YET!

But guess what; even the pros annoy their opponents. They hit ground strokes and serves that annoy their opponents on purpose. Often time the way to win a match is not to play the game you would like to play, but play a game that your opponent does not like to play against.

We all play pretty well when our opponents hit wonderfully predictable balls with nice power that are just like the balls we hit in practice or in a lesson. While these shots make us feel like real players, they do not often win because those are the shots my opponents practice against.

Annoying shots, or as Brad Gilbert so perfectly put it, "Winning Ugly" destroys an opponent's rhythm. These shots make it challenging for an opponent to rip winners and over power you. In fact they often do not like to play against you. They usually explain at the end of the match, after they have lost to you, I just couldn't hit my shots today. I smile and think to myself, because I didn't let you.

Here are some famously annoying or ugly shots you should add to your game to make opponents fear you.

1. A soft loopy serve (or a kick serve) that bounces above their strike zone.
2. A weird sidespin serve that trails away from them or curves into their body.
3. A surprisingly fast serve following

a series of off speed serves that catches the opponent off guard.

4. A loopy high return of a serve or ground stroke that makes the opponent move backwards to return your shot. This often results in them hitting the ball short to you so you can attack.

5. A short underspin chip shot or drop shot that makes your opponent have to sprint to the net to retrieve the ball. Follow that up with a lob over

their head so they have to retreat and chase the ball down. When they go back, you come to the net to use an overhead, volley or approach shot to win the point.

6. A series of shots to the opponent's backhand until you receive a short ball. Now you hit wide to their forehand side to run them off the court (should they happen to get to the forehand shot, then a smart shot again to their backhand and you control the court).

7. When you receive a ball that lands short enough in your court, quickly follow your shot to the net as a surprise tactic. Make them feel the pressure of you taking away their space to place the next shot. With this tactic they usually panic and miss their attempted passing shot.

If you practice any of these 7 annoying tips, you will have weapons to destroy an opponent's confidence, change the momentum in a match and improve your match play results.

A word of caution, it is important to practice any of these tactics in your practice matches so you will feel comfortable using them in your next important match. You will love hearing your opponent complaining after your victory how they just couldn't get their shots to work today!

Here's to an annoyingly successful improvement in your game.

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Huseni: A Ragam with folk roots

By Veena Krishnan

It's been a while since I've written about a ragam, so let's dive into one, which in fact, is an allied ragam of the one I wrote about previously, Anandabhairavi.

Huseni is a janya raga of the 22nd melakarta ragam, Karaharapriya. I will go deeper into the classification of ragams and the Carnatic notation scheme showed in the image in a later article. Huseni is allied to the ragams Bhairavi, Mukhari, and Anandabhairavi. At times, it can sound very similar to these ragams, but there are some distinct differences in Huseni. This ragam is purely phrase-oriented, meaning that a select set of phrases are commonly used when rendering this ragam. Huseni is considered to be a very difficult ragam to handle particularly because it is easy to get diverted into other ragams including major ragams such as Bhairavi.

It is said that Huseni is derived from folk traditions and you definitely can notice this when listening to krithis in this ragam. Some interesting phrases that contribute to the folk resemblance can be heard in the video linked at the end of the article. A unique feature of Huseni is that it employs the use of shuddha dhaitvam, or lower dha, in some phrases. Although it is a rare ragam, many have composed krithis in this ragam.

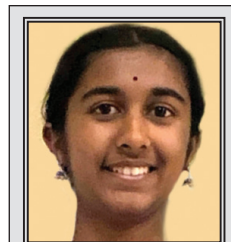
Some popular krithis are Rama Ninne Nammi by Sri. Thyagaraja and Kanakamayam by Maharaja Swathi Thirunal. Also, Muttuswami Dikshitar composed a set of group-krithis called the Panchalinga Kshetra krithis (More detail in a future article) where Sri. Kaalahastheesa set to Huseni is one of the krithis. Check out this YouTube video to hear a rendition of Sri. Kaalahastheesa by Sangita Kalanidhi D K Jayaraman and his disciples: <https://youtu.be/HjLPg-GNTPss>

Huseni is a beautiful ragam that has links to folk music and brings joy to rasikas at all times.

Aarohanam (Ascending Scale):
S R2 G2 M1 P N2 D2 N2 S

Avarohanam (Descending Scale):
S N2 D1 P M1 G2 R2 S

This is the Aarohanam and Avarohanam of Huseni.



About Carnatic Music

By Veena Krishnan

Build a Better-for-You Menu in 2022

FAMILY FEATURES

Committing to healthier habits in the new year often starts in the kitchen. Adding better-for-you recipes to your arsenal is the start of a more nutrition-focused lifestyle, and whether you're a true home chef or just learning the basics, these dishes can be the gateway to a healthier you.

From fresh spins on family night and quick solutions in a pinch to homemade lunches and satisfying salads, consider these delicious and nutritious ways to enhance your homemade meals in 2022.

Visit Culinary.net to find more health-conscious recipe ideas.

A Fresh Take on Family Dinner

If your family gets stuck in a dinner routine rut, it can feel like you're eating the same recipes over and over again.

However, this fresh and unique recipe for Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca might inspire you to think outside the culinary box and give your family members the satisfactory flavor they desire at dinnertime. With fresh ingredients and a wholesome flavor, this meal is perfect to add to your menu.

Find more recipes and family dinner ideas at Culinary.net.

Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca

Servings: 5

- 1 cup grapefruit juice
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons cumin
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper
- 1 1/4 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breasts

Salsa Fresca:

- 1 cup grapefruit segments
- 1/2 jicama, cubed
- 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup grapefruit juice
- 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped

Heat oven to 400 F.

In large bowl, mix grapefruit juice, oil, garlic powder, cumin, paprika and red pepper until combined. Add chicken to bowl and turn to coat. Refrigerate 30 minutes or longer.

To make salsa fresca: In medium bowl, mix grapefruit segments, jicama, red onion, grapefruit juice, olive oil, cilantro and jalapeno pepper until combined. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Remove chicken from marinade. Place chicken in baking dish. Bake 25-30 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

Serve chicken with salsa fresca.

A Lean, Nutritious Lunch

Meal prepping is one of the most common strategies for improving eating habits, however, this tactic is often focused primarily on nutritious breakfasts and family dinners. Don't let lunch go by the wayside; you can skip the fast food breaks by opting for a recipe you can make quickly at home.

Made with nutritious Wisconsin Potatoes loaded with goodness, low in calories, high in fiber and a good source of vitamin B6, potassium, vitamin C and antioxidants, a Turkey-Potato Wrap provides a simple solution for swapping out saltier foods for a lean lunch. By making four at a time in just half an hour, lunch is served for most of your work week to help save time on busy mornings while adding vitamins, nutrients and antioxidants to your afternoon meal.

Find more better-for-you recipe ideas at eatwisconsinpotatoes.com.



Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca

Take Your Salad from Bland to Bold

Step aside, boring salads. A new year and a healthier eating plan can include better-for-you greens and dressings that hit the spot.

Veggies roasted with aromatic spices served on Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix are drizzled with lemon tahini dressing in this Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad, a delicious vegetarian way to turn a bland meal into a bona fide delight. With green leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, butter lettuce, romaine and radicchio, the mix of greens offers a bold combination of textures and flavors for those who love variety and color.

Find more ways to enhance your at-home salads at FreshExpress.com.

Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad

Prep time: 20 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 4

Lemon Tahini Dressing:

- 1/4 cup tahini
- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 3 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 teaspoons maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons cold water

- nonstick cooking spray
- 6 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons ras el hanout or garam masala
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad

- 4 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into long wedges
- 4 whole large carrots, chopped
- 2 red bell peppers, cored and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 packages (6 ounces each) Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix
- 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/3 cup dried apricots, sliced
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped

To make lemon tahini dressing: In small bowl, whisk tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, Dijon mustard and salt. Add cold water;

mix well. If dressing thickens, mix in more cold water.

Heat oven to 400 F. Spray two baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, mix olive oil, ras el hanout, salt and pepper. Add sweet potatoes; toss to coat. Transfer to first prepared baking sheet. Add carrots and peppers to leftover oil; toss to coat. Transfer to second prepared baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Let cool.

Arrange lettuce mix on four plates. Top each with sweet potatoes, carrots, red pepper, chickpeas, apricots and almonds. Drizzle with dressing and sprinkle with parsley.

Times News

San Jose councilmembers seek to extend voting rights to noncitizens

By Tran Nguyen

Article courtesy of San José Spotlight

A pair of San Jose councilmembers are proposing a measure that would allow immigrants who are not U.S. citizens to participate in local elections.

The measure, which requires voter approval, would give more than 200,000 noncitizen residents in San Jose a right to select new lawmakers and weigh in on different policies in future local elections. New York City became the largest city to enact a similar law last month, while San Francisco passed a law in 2016 to allow noncitizen parents to vote in school board elections.

Councilmembers Magdalena Carrasco and Sylvia Arenas, who are spearheading the efforts, introduced the landmark proposal Friday—just days before the City Council is scheduled to vote on changes to the city’s charter.

“This is a novel idea, but not a new idea,” Carrasco said at a news conference Monday, adding it’s unfair that the immigrant community pays taxes and contributes to the economy without having a say on local policies. “We need to make sure that the voice of our noncitizen community is not suppressed or erased... They deserve the right to vote for those in power.”

The proposal to extend voting rights in San Jose to all city residents—including those who are undocumented, on a work visa, or “Dreamers”—has been years in the making. The effort was postponed under the Trump administration, which stonewalled and attacked the path to citizenship for many, lawmakers said.

“Racist policies from the Republican party have blocked immigration reform for decades,” Arenas told San José Spotlight. “It’s our obligation to find ways to honor the role that immigrants play in our community—let’s not allow nationalists to determine who matters in local San Jose elections.”

The pair of policymakers is asking for a special study session to explore the measure, but no date has been set yet.

“We are not going to have all the answers tomorrow,” Carrasco told San José Spotlight. “But this is the time to do it.”

The City Council will vote on a host of potential city law changes Tuesday, including shifting the timing of mayoral elections, adding more council districts and increasing police oversight. Voters will still have the final say on the changes at the primary and general elections this year.

‘Here I live, here I vote’

Local community organizations and activists are rallying behind the plan. Eva Heredia, a leader with community group Services, Immigrant Rights, and Education Network, led a chant at the event Monday:

“Here I live, here I vote.”

Heredia, a San Jose resident with two children, said the immigrant community has disproportionately been hit by the pandemic, as they have been the backbone that kept Silicon Valley moving. As a legal permanent resident, Heredia still can’t vote until she becomes a naturalized citizen.

“I’ve always heard the American saying no taxes without representation. Unfortunately... I live that reality,” she said. “It is time for (my) voice to be heard and taken into account.”

The following are some reader responses to article as commented on Spotlight website (Efforts made to post both sides of the argument)

Opinion: Safe San Jose, No and NO. Voting should be a Right of Citizenship – and Citizenship should be a goal that Legal Immigrants should aspire to attain. Why would we want Legal Citizens of a Foreign Country voting in U.S. elections?

Opinion: This is a very sensible move. Honestly, I would be a little surprised if it significantly affected the outcome of any elections, but it’s a good gesture towards the immigrants that the city relies on

Opinion: One of the rights afforded to all of us is the right to vote. If you want to vote, become a US citizen as some of my

“Racist policies from the Republican party have blocked immigration reform for decades.”

– Sylvia Arenas



San Jose Councilmember **Magdalena Carrasco** proposes a measure that would allow immigrants who are not U.S. citizens to participate in local elections. *Photo by Tran Nguyen.*

Times **Feature****TECH JARGON OF THE WEEK****Foundation Models**By **Shubhi Asthana**

Have you ever stumbled into a conversation where everyone is speaking around this “techie” word – and even after you’ve broken in, it is difficult to understand the unfamiliar jargon and acronyms? Well, there’s no need to sweat it. Let us teach you the meaning of some commonly used tech words:

Foundation Models

Last year the Stanford Institute for Human-Centered Artificial Intelligence (HAI) started a new interdisciplinary initiative – The Center for Research on Foundation Models (CRFM). The initiative aims to make fundamental advances in the study, development, and deployment of foundation models.

Let us understand this concept more closely, which is a paradigm shift in AI.

Foundation models are machine learning algorithms that have been trained on board data at a massive scale that can be modified to perform a broad variety of functions. From technological point of view, these models are large neutral networks trained using self-supervised learning.

The researchers at CRFM published a detailed report “On the Opportunities and Risks of Foundation Models” to explain this concept further. The authors explained the term “foundation models” as follows:

‘A foundation model is itself incomplete but serves as the common basis from which many task-specific models are built via adaptation.’

These training models are not exactly new. In the world of Natural Language Processing

(NLP), models like BERT, RoBERTa, BART have been built on this concept. What’s innovative in Foundation models is the scale at which these models are created. Current foundation models have hundreds of billions or even trillions of parameters, and they are trained on hundreds of gigabytes of data.

These models could process or generate text, images, code, and potentially any other types of data. The foundation model can also be multi-modal, meaning it can work with several modalities (content-types) at once, e.g., CLIP and DALL·E models from OpenAI work with both image and texts.

At present, we are identifying many open questions and potential risks around the foundation models. Some critics mentioned that these foundation models already exist today as ‘large language models.’ It is also worth mentioning that large language models have the potential to mislead the machine learning platform by introducing misleading patterns. Yet the opportunities are very promising around this concept. These powerful AI techniques are evolving with full steam as commercialization of the machine learning algorithms take place.

What is in the future for foundation models?

The thought process started in the NLP field and is spreading to other fields and content types: images, sound, videos, analytical data, unstructured text and so on.

It should bridge the gap between the heavy-resourced companies that work on enterprise machine learning models and the others who cannot afford training such solutions on their own, instead relying on published or produced solutions from former companies.

Do you enjoy reading this column? Send in your comments or feedback to the author at shub.saxen@gmail.com. Shubhi Asthana works as a Research Senior Software Engineer at the IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose.

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Times **Letters to the Editor**

Senator Cortese's bill to combat online sexual exploitation and trafficking moves forward

State Senator Dave Cortese (D-Silicon Valley) made the following statement regarding his bill SB 435, The Ending Online Sexual Trafficking and Exploitation Act, passing through the Senate Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, January 12th.

SB 435 which is meant to "put an end to human trafficking in the digital age" is sponsored by the California Women's Law Center and supported by a broad coalition of advocates for ending sexual assault and exploitation including the Audrie Pott Foundation, the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women, Democratic Activists for Women, the Enough Is Enough Voter Project, Equality Now, Feminist Majority, the Santa Clara County Demo-

cratic Party, the Silicon Valley Democratic Club, and Women's March San Jose.

"The coalition behind SB 435 is committed to empowering victims of 'digital trafficking' and ending online sexual exploitation as swiftly as possible. I'm appreciative of my colleagues for listening to survivors of this type of online abuse and for advancing this important measure."

"I want to be very clear – this bill only seeks to eliminate the circulation of online content of a sexual nature that is shared, distributed, or uploaded against a person's will as well as the sharing of child sexual abuse material online. Victims of this form of exploitation de-

serve some form of recourse and our civil code, as it stands, simply doesn't afford them that. SB 435 is a first-in-the-nation bill to end the trafficking of nonconsensual digital sexual material that has become increasingly pervasive nationwide."

"Victims of this form of exploitation deserve some form of recourse and our civil code, as it stands, simply doesn't afford them that."

- Senator Dave Cortese

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Betando

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Trustees also approved the request for proposals to begin the process of hiring a consultant to assist in the permanent Superintendent search process. Once a search firm is hired, then the district will announce its search process.

Betando recently retired after serving eight years as the Superintendent of the Morgan Hill Unified School District (MHUSD). Mr. Betando has consulted with education agencies, including the Santa Clara County Office of Education and Evergreen School District. His recent work during the 2021-2022 school year has focused on leadership development, institutional capacity building, and managing special projects.

One of Betando's current projects includes the coordination of public and private health agency partnerships to operate vaccine clinics in schools throughout the County. Mr. Betando also serves aspiring human resource administrators as the current Director of the Association of California School Administrators' Personnel Academy.

"I am encouraged by the dedicated and long-time staff who have worked hard to support all departments and programs," said Betando. "I

am also impressed with the community support. I have appreciated getting to work with Dr. Flores and I see many initiatives under her leadership guiding Evergreen schools and students with high expectations and toward greater success. Evergreen's emphasis on equity is significant and should be a tenant for your next permanent Superintendent," he continued.

Evergreen School District's Board of Trustees considered applications who were interested in serving as the Interim Superintendent. "Mr. Betando's depth of experience both as a Superintendent and his other leadership position, joined with his expertise in leadership development and capacity building are key reasons why the Board of Trustees selected him as the Interim Superintendent," said Board Presi-

dent Chris Corpus. "Under his leadership, our district continues to offer excellent educational programs and prioritize student and staff safety with COVID-19, and continues to advance our equity initiatives," he continued.

An educator with 37 years of experience, Mr. Betando got his professional start as a classroom teacher at Kennedy Elementary in the Franklin-McKinley School District. His varied experience as a teacher (elementary, secondary, higher education) and as a site administrator, includes eight years as a principal. His district administrator experience consists of assistant superintendent positions over three divisions (Education Services, Human Resources, and Business Services), along with eight years' service as a Superintendent. Over the course of his career, Mr. Betando presented before State

and Federal legislative bodies to influence law change in support of public education. He taught for new teacher induction programs, courses on Education Finance and Law for the University of the Pacific, and a variety of other seminars and workshops at State and National conferences.

Betando has his Bachelor of Arts in Psychology with a minor in Special Education, as well as a Master of Arts in Education, Administration, and Supervision. He is an alumnus from San Jose State University, and he did his graduate work at California State University, Stanislaus, and the University of the Pacific. As an active supporter of proactive groups for community benefit, Mr. Betando is also an advocate for the visual and performing arts, health-related causes, and environmental advocacy.



Minimum wage in Silicon Valley going up in January

Paychecks for minimum wage earners will increase effective Jan 1, 2022 in San Jose when hourly rates go from \$15.45 to \$16.20.

After voters approved Measure D to bring wages from \$8 to \$10 in 2012, six other cities in Santa Clara County also adopted their own increases. A decade later, San Jose is trailing behind all of them—almost \$1 less than the highest rate in the region.

Palo Alto will hike its minimum wage to \$16.45, while Santa Clara, Los Altos and Cupertino all raise the pay floor to \$16.40. Both cities had a minimum wage of \$15.65 in 2020.

Seven other cities in the county—Campbell, Morgan Hill, Gilroy, Monte Sereno, Los Altos Hills, Saratoga and Los Gatos—are lockstep with the state's wage hike, which bumps the \$14 hourly rate to \$15 at businesses with 25 or more employees.

While the increased wages might help local businesses hire and retain more people, the new wage increase could also drive some employers to cut positions to accommodate the increased expenses. Others are worried about an increase in prices due to higher wages, adding to the recent rise of inflation.

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Times Community News

Board of Supervisors appoints Tshaka Campbell as 2022-23 Santa Clara County Poet Laureate

Campbell becomes the seventh person to serve in this honorary role

The Board of Supervisors for the County of Santa Clara has appointed San José resident **Tshaka Campbell** to the honorary post of Santa Clara County Poet Laureate for a two-year term ending Dec. 31, 2023.

"Poetry inspires us, as well as sheds light upon the emotional side of the human condition," said County Librarian Jennifer Weeks. "The Library is a repository for the written word as well as a public space for poets to perform their work and future poets to learn the art form. We look forward to hosting poetry events with Tshaka during his term as County Poet Laureate."

Campbell is the curator of "Beautiful Black Books" as part of Poetry Center San José. He also conducts lectures, workshops in creative writings, spiritual verse, and other related topics. He is a talented poet, author, and musician.

"Words hold great power to entertain, to inform, and to help us grow," said Supervisor Mike Wasserman, President of the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors and Chair of the Library Joint Powers Authority Board. "The County of Santa Clara welcomes our new Poet Laureate and we look forward to the important contributions he brings to inspire a love and appreciation for poetry in our communities."

Campbell was recommended to the Board following the call for applications, and a two-step review process organized by the County of Santa Clara, Silicon Valley Creates (SVCreatates), and the Santa Clara County Library District (SCCLD).



"SVCreatates is a proud partner in Santa Clara County's Poet Laureate program and has been since its inception. This is one of several SVCreatates programs that highlight the importance of the arts in our community and works to ensure access to arts experiences for all in our county," said Connie Martinez, Chief Executive Officer of Silicon Valley Creates. "We are thrilled that Tshaka Campbell has been selected this year to demonstrate the power of poetry and its relevance to contemporary lives."

Campbell has authored four books (Tarman, Muted Whispers, Tunnel Vision and Stuff) and released three music albums (One, Bloodlines, and Skin vol.1). Campbell has collaborated on a number of musical projects in the House, Jazz, and Blues genres, as well as appeared in national commercials.

"I am standing on the shoulders of those who have held the post in the past, so I am both honored and humbled to be chosen," Campbell said.

Campbell is the seventh poet laureate to be appointed by the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors. Nils Peterson was the County's first Poet Laureate (2009-2011), followed by Sally Ashton (2012-13), David Perez (2014-2015), Arlene Biala (2016-17), Mike McGee (2018-19), and Janice Lobo Sapigao (2020-21).

Campbell looks forward to implementing multiple programs aimed at spreading and socializing the impact of poetry within our communities. One of these initiatives, "In Our Words", will invite local youth/students to write poems that capture the impact the last two years have had on them. Their work will be published in an anthology and displayed at select installments around the county.

A presentation will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 8 during the Board of Supervisors' meeting to formally introduce Campbell. He will read a selection of his work as part of the invocation.

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"We want to support projects that bring change and make a difference in our communities," said Gary Kremen, Chair of Valley Water's Board of Directors. "Through our Grants & Partnerships Program, we are able to work with Santa Clara County residents toward a common goal of protecting and enhancing our water resources."

The Grants & Partnerships Program is part of the Safe, Clean Water and Natural Flood Protection Program, a parcel tax Santa Clara County voters overwhelmingly renewed in November 2020. For 2022, Valley Water has a total of \$1.4 million available to award, with no minimum or maximum amount for projects that fit into the following categories:

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Valley Water highly encourages applications from those working on projects that promote equity and would reach areas that have been historically underserved. Valley Water is also interested in first-time applicants, and applicants that demonstrate financial stability.

Applications are due by March 4, 2022.

Valley Water will host two virtual informational workshops, where applicants can learn more about the available grants and their requirements: January 25 from 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. (RSVP – <https://bit.ly/Grants2022Jan25>)

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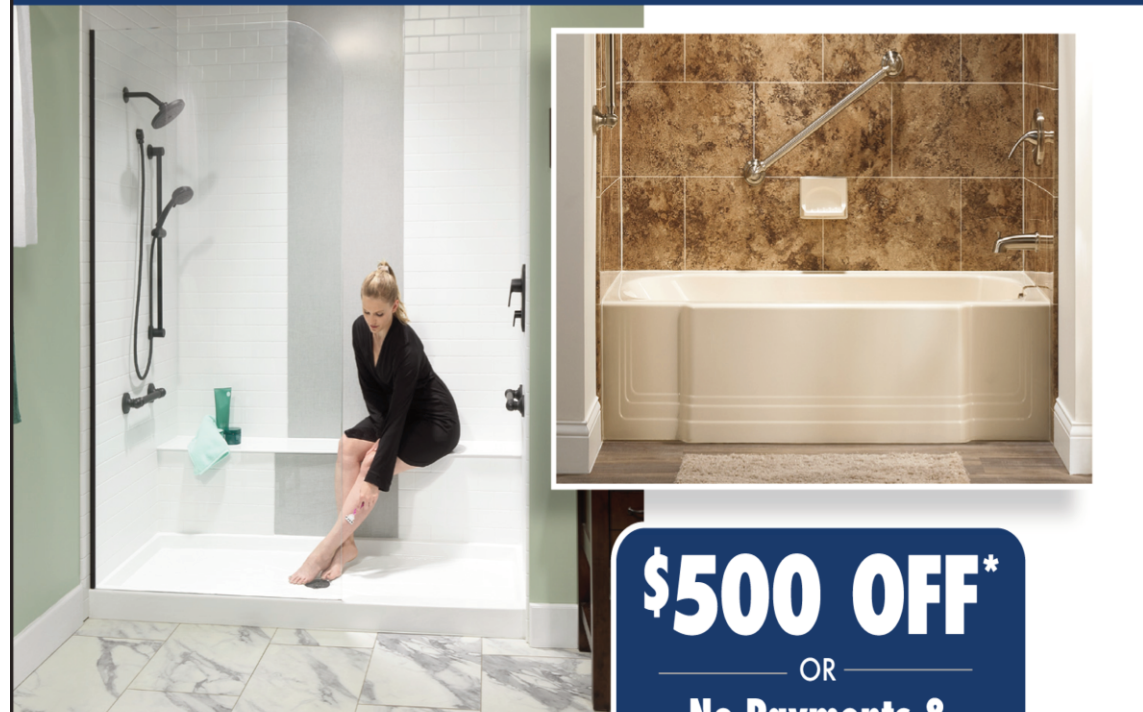
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